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April 7, 2021

5:00 PM ~ Evening Prayer ~ Rite II

Tikhon, Bishop and Ecumenist, 1925

Welcome to Advent Episcopal Church, offering worship of The Episcopal Church to the Northwest Valley. Tonight's service is a combination of in-person and livestream worship; up to 90 persons are welcome or you can join us on Advent's Facebook page or on Advent's YouTube channel. Our worship follows the Holy Eucharist according to the *Book of Common Prayer* with a brief homily. Following the Litany of Healing, healing prayers will be offered for those who desire it.

We hope you enjoy the service!

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Holy Eucharist

Opening music

All standing, the Celebrant says BCP 355

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: ***The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!***

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria (8:00 said) (10:00 S280)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Holy God, holy and mighty, you call us together into one communion and fellowship: Open our eyes, we pray, as you opened the eyes of your servant Tikhon, that we may see the faithfulness of others as we strive

Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be glory and praise unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:10–14

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 72

- ¹ Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- ² That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- ³ That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- ⁴ He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- ⁵ He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.

⁶ He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *

like showers that water the earth.

⁷ In his time shall the righteous flourish; *

there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

⁸ He shall rule from sea to sea, *

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

⁹ His foes shall bow down before him, *

and his enemies lick the dust.

¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *

and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

¹¹ All kings shall bow down before him, *

and all the nations do him service.

¹² For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *

and the oppressed who has no helper.

¹³ He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

¹⁴ He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *

and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

¹⁵ Long may he live!

and may there be given to him gold from Arabia; *

**may prayer be made for him always,
and may they bless him all the day long.**

¹⁶ May there be abundance of grain on the earth, growing thick even on the hilltops; *

**may its fruit flourish like Lebanon,
and its grain like grass upon the earth.**

¹⁷ May his Name remain for ever

and be established as long as the sun endures; *

**may all the nations bless themselves in him
and call him blessed.**

¹⁸ Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!

¹⁹ And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
**and may all the earth be filled with his
glory. Amen. Amen.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John. [17:20-23]

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may

they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Litany of Healing (See insert...)

Celebrant Let us name before God those for whom we wish to pray.

A moment of silence is observed

Lector: Holy God, source of health and salvation,
Here and after each bidding, the People respond,

"Hear and have mercy."

Following the Litany, the Celebrant says a concluding Collect.

The Celebrant now invites those who wish to receive prayers for healing to stand. The following anthem is said

Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood
you have redeemed us;

Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

The Celebrant says the following blessing over those who are standing

The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Celebrant now invites those who wish to receive prayers for healing to come one at a time, single file, and then extends hands over each person and says one of the following:

N., I extend my hands over you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beseeching him to uphold you and fill you with his grace, that you may know the healing power of his love. **Amen.**

Lay persons with a gift of healing may join the celebrant in the extending hands in prayer at a second station. After all have been blessed the following prayer is said:

Celebrant O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Peace (All Stand) *The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Maintaining proper social distance, the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory Sentence

Offerings of bread and wine, given by the People, are placed on the Altar.

The people then stand.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *Celebrant and People* S125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the

remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept

Fraction Anthem

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ
died for you, and feed on him in your
hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

An Act of Spiritual Communion *(When livestreaming)*

The celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion music

The ministers at the altar receive the Sacrament and then deliver it to the People. The People come forward single file, one at a time at each communion station to receive the bread, returning to their seat before lifting their face mask to consume it.

In place of the usual postcommunion prayer the following prayer is said

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in
the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



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