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THE 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 10, 2026

8:00 & 10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II

Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome to Advent Episcopal Church. Our worship service follows the Book of Common Prayer and includes Holy Communion in which all may receive the bread and wine of Christ's Body and Blood. Hymn numbers preceded by the letter "H" are found in the blue 1982 Hymnal. Hymn numbers preceded by the letter "W" are found in the blue Worship and Rejoice hymnal. Acknowledging the people of the land, the Hohokam and other indigenous people as the original stewards of this land, we give thanks for their ancestors, elders and for all indigenous people, we pray for unity and peace together. Thank you for joining us for worship today!

PRELUDE (10 AM only)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

H 291

All standing, the Celebrant says

BCP 355

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Celebrant 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.*

HYMN sung by all

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad new we bring;

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES [17:22-31]

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in

it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by he who is Lord of heaven and earth, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:7-18

⁷ Bless our God, you peoples; *

make the voice of his praise to be heard;

⁸ Who holds our souls in life, *

and will not allow our feet to slip.

⁹ For you, O God, have proved us; *

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹⁰ You brought us into the snare; *

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

¹¹ You let enemies ride over our heads;

we went through fire and water; *

but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹² I will enter your house with burnt-offerings

and will pay you my vows, *

which I promised with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹³ I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts

with the smoke of rams; *

I will give you oxen and goats.

- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

A READING FROM THE 1ST LETTER OF PETER [3:13-22]

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN H 400 vs 1,7

GOSPEL

Deacon THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO JOHN [14:15-21]

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day

you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Beverley Rader

NICENE CREED

Said by all

BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE,

Leader That Christ's holy and lifegiving Resurrection may fill our lives with peace and joy, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader That the Church may boldly proclaim the Gospel and minister in love to all people. We pray especially for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean our Presiding Bishop; Jennifer our Bishop; and the clergy and lay leaders of this parish, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter Gospel, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader That we live in peace and harmony, and seek unity and justice for all of Arizona's indigenous people, let us pray to the Lord:

People Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader That the leaders of the world will work for justice and peace, and promote the dignity of every human being, and especially the President of the United States, the Governor of Arizona, and all elected and appointed leaders in our nation, let us pray to the Lord:

People Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader That the peace of God which passes all understanding may comfort and strengthen the sick, the suffering, and the dying, let us pray to the Lord:

People Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader That the faithful departed may rest in peace and rise in glory, let us pray to the Lord:

People Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

People *Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

PEACE (All Stand)

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, AND TRAVELER'S BLESSINGS

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE *Said by all* (2 Cor. 9:7)

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BREAD AND WINE – (The people stand as able. People sit during offertory music.)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE *Said by all* (2 Cor. 9:7)

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THE PRESENTATION AND BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

(All Stand as Able)

(8 AM) *All things come of thee, O Lord.
And of thine own have we given thee.*

(10 am) Sung by all

*Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let
peace begin with me;
let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace
eternally,
Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me.*

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.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 *Said/Sung in unison* S-129

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.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant 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

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

10 AM *sung by all* S158

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come to the altar rail when directed by an usher. The People come forward single file, one at a time to a communion station to receive the bread, and may intinct the bread in the chalice at the gate, consume it and return to their seat.

COMMUNION HYMN

W 471, W 472

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness
and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

H 409

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in
the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE



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Acknowledging the people of the land, the Hohokam and other indigenous people as the original stewards of this land, we give thanks for our ancestors, our elders, and for all indigenous people, we pray for unity and peace today.