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The 4th Sunday of Easter ~ May 11, 2025

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 Hymnal 1982. Hymn numbers preceded by the letter "L" are found in the red and black hymnal Life Every Voice and Sing II.

Thank you for joining us for worship today!

PRELUDE (10 AM only)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN (10 AM only) H 544

All standing, the Celebrant says

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 H 205 (vs.1)

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news 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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES [9:36-43]

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near

Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

R: The Word of the Lord. P: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 23 (8 am said in unison; 10 am sung)

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- ³ He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- ⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- ⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

R: The Word of the Lord. P: *Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN L 108

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John [10:22-30]
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

THE MOTHER’S DAY PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader We remember before you this day all women who have inspired, nurtured and supported us in their efforts to make a more just and peaceful world. Following their examples, let us commit ourselves to break down the barriers which divide people one from another, to heal the divisions of our land, and to uphold the dignity of every human being. Loving God,
Bless all women.

People

Leader Merciful Creator, you set us to live in families. Bless our homes that your love may rest upon us, and that your presence may be with us. Loving God,
Bless all families.

People

Leader Give all mothers calm strength and patient wisdom. May they teach their children to grow in grace and in the knowledge of you, our Lord and Savior. Loving God,
Bless all mothers.

People

Leader Strengthen all parents with the power of your presence to bind together and to heal when hurt and sorrow threaten family life. Teach them to love one another as you love us. Loving God,
Bless all parents.

People

Leader Knit together in enduring affection those who have become one in marriage, and grant them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life. Loving God,
Bless all spouses.

People

Leader Guard the laughter of children and bring them safely through injury and illness. Give them strength and guidance to continue in your love and service all the days of their lives. Loving God,
Bless all children.

People

Leader Heal the sick, comfort the sorrowful,
and extend to all who suffer your mercy
and grace. Loving God,
People **Bless the afflicted.**

Leader Bring the departed to your loving
presence where they may receive life
and pardon for all eternity. Loving God,
People **Bless the dying.**

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

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through our
Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy
Spirit keep you in eternal life.
People **Amen.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with
you.
All **And also with you.**

PEACE *All standing, as able.*
The Celebrant then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

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 people stand as able while the offerings of bread,
wine, and money are presented and placed on the
Altar.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC
The people remain standing.

THE PRESENTATION AND BLESSING OF THE GIFTS
(8 AM) All things come of thee, O Lord.

And of thine own have we given thee.
(10 AM) *sung*
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.
*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* S 130

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

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

10 AM *sung* S 158

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.
and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized 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, returning to their seat after consuming it.

COMMUNION HYMN H 645

After communion the Celebrant says

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 494

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.

POSTLUDE