



# Advent

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ APRIL 21, 2024

8:00 & 10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II

Welcome to Advent Episcopal Church, providing worship to the Northwest Valley. Our service follows the Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer* and includes lessons from scripture, intercessory prayer, hymns, a sermon, and the administration of Holy Communion, outlined in this bulletin. Hymn numbers preceded by the letter "H" indicate they are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982*; hymn numbers preceded by the letter "L" are found in the red and black hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

## OPENING HYMN

H 179

All standing, the Celebrant says

BCP 355

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Celebrant says

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.*

GLORIA *Said in unison (At 10 AM S 280)*

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.

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 [4:5-12]

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in

their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is `the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

## PSALM 23 (sung)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his  
Name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN H 490

*Deacon*

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN [10:11-18]

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

SERMON

Love Is Known Through Action  
*The Rev. Canon Bruce Jackson*

*Deacon:* 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, *Form III*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

*We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;*

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We honor and pray for our Indigenous neighbors.

***That we may dwell together in respectful harmony.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

*It is traditional to omit the General Confession of Sin during the Great Fifty Days of Easter.*

PEACE (*All Stand*)

*The Celebrant says to the people*

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 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 WREN DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures high and low;

alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia,

alleluia, alleluia!

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 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 Said 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.

*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 S171

*The choir sings the antiphon once, then the people sing it,  
and again after each verse.*

ANTIPHON: *Be known to us, Lord Jesus,  
in the breaking of the Bread.*

Choir The bread which we break, alleluia, is the  
communion of the body of Christ. [Ant.]

Choir One body are we, alleluia, for though many we  
share one bread. [Ant.]

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 are welcome to come forward for 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 304

*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 544

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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