



# Advent

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The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ~ May 9, 2021

8:00 & 10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II

**Welcome to Advent Episcopal Church**, offering worship in the Episcopal tradition to the Northwest Valley. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, worship is presently limited to 90 persons indoors at 8 AM and 10 AM, as well as livestreamed through the Advent Facebook page and on our YouTube channel. **Wearing facemasks and social distancing are required at all services.** The Holy Eucharist as outlined in this service bulletin is according to the Book of Common Prayer with a sermon. Thank you for being with us for worship today, and again: *Welcome to Advent!*

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Processional hymn

H-291

*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.**

**Gloria** (8:00, said; 10:00, sung 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, 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 [10:44-48]

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 98

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song, \*

**for he has done marvelous things.**

<sup>2</sup> With his right hand and his holy arm \*

**has he won for himself the victory.**

<sup>3</sup> The LORD has made known his victory; \*

**his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>4</sup> He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*

**and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

<sup>5</sup> Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*

**lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>6</sup> Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*

**with the harp and the voice of song.**

<sup>7</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*

**shout with joy before the King, the LORD.**

<sup>8</sup> Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*

**the lands and those who dwell therein.**

<sup>9</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, \*

**and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,**

**when he comes to judge the earth.**

<sup>10</sup> In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
**and the peoples with equity.**

A reading from the First letter of John [5:1-6]

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

**Sequence hymn** (10:00 only) H-455

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. [15:9-17]

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

## Nicene Creed

BCP 358

*Deacon:* Sisters and brothers, it is only when we love one another that we can truly say:

***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 Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Jennifer, our Bishop; for Debbie, Gary, Janet, Janice, Meg and Timothy, our clergy; for Sharon, our Licensed Lay Pastoral Care Minister; and 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.**

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

**The Offertory Sentence and Music**

*Offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, given by the People, are presented, and placed on the Altar.*

*The people remain standing.*

**Presentation and blessing of the gifts**

*Celebrant and People*

**All things come of thee, O Lord.**

**And of thine own have we given thee.**

**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** *(8:00 said; 10:00, sung, 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.**

*In keeping with the tradition of the Early Church since the 4th Century, we invite you to stand—as you are able—throughout the Eucharistic prayer, and especially for the Post-communion prayer.*

*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.

#### **Communion hymn** H-345

*The ministers at the altar receive the Sacrament and then deliver it to the People. Maintaining a safe social distance from each other, 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.*

*After communion the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

***Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

#### **The Blessing**

**Retiring procession hymn**

H-400

#### **Dismissal**

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

*People*      ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

#### **Postlude**



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