

*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 an "L" are found in the red and black hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*.*

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (10 AM only) H 72

*All standing, as able, the Celebrant says* BCP 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.*

*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.*

CANTICLE 13 (8 AM; in unison; 10 AM sung to S-236)

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 35:1-10*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

"Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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



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PSALM 146:4-9 (8 AM; in unison; 10 AM simple chant to S-415)

- <sup>4</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob  
for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- <sup>5</sup> Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and  
all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;
- <sup>6</sup> Who gives justice to those who are  
oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed  
down;
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD loves the righteous;  
the LORD cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- <sup>9</sup> The LORD shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all  
generations.  
Hallelujah!

THE EPISTLE

*James 5:7-10*

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN (10 AM only)

H 76

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew [11:2-11]

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John

what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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

SERMON

NICENE CREED      *Said by all*      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 V and Enriching Our Worship*

*After each bidding, the Lector says*

...we pray to you, O God.

*People Christ, have mercy.*

*After the prayers, the Celebrant says a concluding Collect.*

CONFESSION OF SIN *The Deacon or Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant pronounces an absolution*

PEACE *All standing, as able.*

*The Celebrant then says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People And also with you.*

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

BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, & TRAVELERS BLESSING

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.

OFFERTORY MUSIC *(10 AM only)*

*The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar. The people remain standing.*

PRESENTATION AND BLESSING OF THE GIFTS *(8 AM said)*

All things come of thee, O Lord.

And of thine own have we given thee.

PRESENTATION ANTHEM *(10 AM sung) FOREST GREEN*

With gratitude and humble trust  
we bring our best to thee  
to serve thy cause and share thy love  
with all humanity.

O thou who gavest us thyself  
in Jesus Christ thy Son,  
help us to give ourselves each day  
until life's work is done.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer C*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

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 God thanks and praise.*

*The Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us.*

*By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn: *(At 10 AM, 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.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
*We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord God of our forebears; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion (✠) make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *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

8:00 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

10:00 sung S-164

Jesus, Lamb of God:  
Have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins:  
Have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer  
of the world:  
Give us your peace.  
Give us your peace.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
*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.*

CHOIR ANTHEM *(10 AM only)*

COMMUNION HYMN *(10 AM only)* H 437

*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 704

DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let bless the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

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 who pray for unity and peace today.*