

*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" 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!

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

H 128

All standing, the Celebrant says

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

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.*

GLORIA *(8 AM said in unison, 10 AM sung to 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.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH [43:1-7]

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have

redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29 *(said in unison)*

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *

worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;

the God of glory thunders; *

the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴ The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *

the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;

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the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;

the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *

the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁸ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

⁹ And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

¹¹ The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing
of peace.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES [8:14-17]

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN H 513

Deacon **THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO LUKE [3:15-17, 21-22]**

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased. "

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

SERMON Baptism – Boarding Pass To A
Lifetime With Jesus
The Rev. Canon Bruce Jackson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: Humbled by the bounty and grace of our lives, let us pray without ceasing, saying Spirit of truth, set us free!

Lector: For all the followers of Jesus around the world, that we may be united in sharing God's unfailing love and forgiveness.

People: Spirit of truth, set us free!

Lector: For the priesthood of all believers, and the ministry of all lay people who are the cornerstone of your holy Church; for all bishops, priests and deacons; that our hearts be opened to God's desire for our future.

People: Spirit of truth, set us free!

Lector: For our world and our nation, that all who govern and lead, may tend to peace in the land and work for the common good.

People: Spirit of truth, set us free!

Lector: For our neighbors who live with hunger and without shelter, and for all who feel alone, that we may bear witness to God's love for them.

People: Spirit of truth, set us free!

Lector: For all who suffer violence at the hands of others and for those who live with addiction and mental illness... may we ourselves, our voices, and our community provide safety, hope, and compassion for all people.

People: Spirit of truth, set us free!

Lector: For all the who have died and who we remember today, that they may be welcomed into glory with all the saints.

People: Spirit of truth, set us free!

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

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

God who sets our hearts on fire, we offer these prayers to you. Accept them as our offering of love and the pledge of our hearts to seek and serve you in all that we do. Through Christ, who is all and in all. **Amen.**

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 priest stands and pronounces an absolution

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. *Amen.*

BAPTISMS OF VIOLET NICHOLE MONTROYA OCHOA AND CAMERON WILLIAM JAMES MCFARLANE *(see Holy Baptism insert)*

PEACE *All standing, as able.*

The Celebrant then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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

THE PRESENTATION AND BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

WREN DOXOLOGY *(10 AM sung)*

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.

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.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (8 AM said; 10 AM S-125)

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 people stand or kneel.

Then 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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;

The Celebrant continues

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 *on* 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,

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 (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.

*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

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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; Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

H 616

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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