



# Advent

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HOLY EUCHARIST ~ RITE II ~ 4:00 PM

with Healing Service

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Welcome to Advent Episcopal Church, offering worship of The Episcopal Church to the Northwest Valley. Everyone is welcome to come in person or you can join us on-line on Advent's Facebook page or Advent's YouTube channel. Our worship follows the Holy Eucharist according to the *Book of Common Prayer* with a brief homily. Following the Litany of Healing, healing prayers will be offered for those who desire it. *We hope you enjoy the service!*

All standing, 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.*

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: *Christ, have mercy.*

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Loving God, who called Anna Alexander as a deaconess in your church: Grant us the wisdom to teach the gospel of Christ to whomever we meet, by word and by example, that all may come to the enlightenment that you intend for your people; through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior. *Amen.*

## A READING FROM 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

## PSALM 78:1-7 Said by half verse

<sup>1</sup> Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

<sup>3</sup> That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.

<sup>4</sup> We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.

<sup>5</sup> He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, \*  
which he commanded them to teach their children;

<sup>6</sup> That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; \*  
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

<sup>7</sup> So that they might put their trust in God, \*  
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING  
TO MATTHEW 11:25-30

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

THE HOMILY

THE REV. CANON BRUCE JACKSON

A LITANY OF HEALING

*The Celebrant introduces the Litany with this bidding*

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

*The People audibly name those for whom they are interceding. A Person appointed then leads the Litany*

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

*We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

*We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

*We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

*We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

You are the Lord who does wonders:

*You have declared your power among the peoples.*

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

*And in your light we see light.*

Hear us, O Lord of life:

*Heal us, and make us whole.*

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant concludes the Prayers with a suitable Collect*

CONFESSION OF NEED

*Instead of the Confession of Sin, the following confession of need may be used. The minister introduces the prayer with these or similar words:*

Let us confess our need for God's healing grace.

*Silence*

*Minister and People:*

Compassionate God,

We confess our weaknesses and our need for your strengthening touch.

We turn to you, source of life,

and ask in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ

for the gifts of true healing and life in you. *Amen.*

*Celebrant:*

May the God of love visit you in your times of trial and weakness, and raise you to newness of life, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*The minister may introduce the laying on of hands and anointing with these or similar words.*

The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other. In the laying on of hands and anointing we proclaim the Good News that God desires us to be healthy and one in the body of Christ.

You are invited to offer yourself, whatever your sickness of spirit, mind, or body, and ask for healing and wholeness in the Name of the holy and undivided Trinity.

*The minister then lays hands upon the person and anoints the person. Laypersons with a gift of healing may join the celebrant in extending hands in prayer at a second station. After all have been blessed, the following prayer is said:*

*Celebrant:* As you are outwardly anointed with this holy oil, so may our loving God give you the inward anointing of the Holy Spirit. Of God's bounty, may your suffering be relieved, and your spirit, mind, and body restored to grace and peace. May all of us in the frailty of our flesh know God's healing and resurrecting power. *Amen.*

God of all mercy: help us who minister with the sick and dying to remember that though we may appear healthy, we, too, suffer from the universal human condition in a fallen world. Flesh withers, and we must all die to the life we know. Therefore, O God our help, teach us to be aware of our own infirmities, the better to make others understand they are not alone in their illness. Restore us all in the love of the holy and undivided Trinity which is our true health and salvation. *Amen.*

THE PEACE *All standing, as able.*

*Celebrant:* 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 GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

*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.

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:

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*Celebrant and People:*

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:* BCP 362

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People:*

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

*The Celebrant continues:*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption,  
O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.  
Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we  
offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your  
people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy  
food and drink of new and unending life in him.  
Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this  
holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy,  
and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your  
saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

*The People come forward single file, one at a time at  
each communion station to receive the bread and  
intinct the wine at the nearest chalice station. In place  
of the usual post-communion prayer, the following  
prayer is said:*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this  
Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved  
Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we  
pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength  
in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,  
wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness,  
protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing  
at the wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing  
once again into our doors;

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,  
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you  
and remain with you always. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* Thanks be to God.



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