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HOLY EUCHARIST ~ RITE II ~ 4:00 PM

with Healing Service

November 15, 2023

Herman of Alaska

Missionary, 1837

*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.

Almighty God, who raised up your servant Herman to be a light in the world, and to preach the Gospel to the people of Alaska: Illuminate our hearts, that we also in our own generation may show forth your praise, who called us out of darkness and into your marvelous light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A READING FROM 2ND KINGS [4:38-41]

When Elisha returned to Gilgal, there was a famine in the land. As the company of prophets was sitting before him, he said to his servant, "Put the large pot on, and make some stew for the company of prophets." One of them went out into the field to gather herbs; he found a wild vine and gathered from it a lapful of wild gourds, and came and cut them up into the pot of stew, not knowing what they were. They served some for the men to eat. But while they were eating the stew, they cried out, "O man of God, there is death in the pot!" They could not eat it. He said, "Then bring some flour." He threw it into the pot, and said, "Serve the people and let them eat." And there was nothing harmful in the pot.

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

PSALM 148:7-14 *Said in unison*

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

⁸ Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

⁹ Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

¹² Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.

¹³ Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴ He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near
him.
Hallelujah!

Priest THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO LUKE [9:46-48]

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

An argument arose among the disciples as to which one of them was the greatest. But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, and said to them, "Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest."

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

THE HOMILY

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 confess that some illnesses stem from our own fault, while others are beyond our control.

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.

Minister

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 have been 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.*

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 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 then stand, as able.

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.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions 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 *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.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant 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

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Priest 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 God, the Merciful, pour love into your heart
and make it one with the heart of Christ;
May Christ's compassion find a home in you,
and through you bring hope and healing to others;
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain
with you always. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God



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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.*