



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT – APRIL 6, 2025

8:00 & 10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist – Rite II

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN H 701

All standing, the Celebrant says BCP 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Minister and People

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

TRISAGION (8am said, 10am sung, 3 times) S-102

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH [43:16-21]
Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

PSALM 126 (8 AM said in unison, 10 AM sung)

- ¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- ² Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- ³ Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- ⁴ The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- ⁵ Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- ⁶ Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- ⁷ Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS
[3:4b-14]

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN H 313

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
 Christ according to John [12:1-8]
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

SERMON

Foolish Love
The Rev. Dr. Gary Nicolosi

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BCP 358

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

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer our Bishop, for the clergy of this parish, and for all church leaders, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the President of the United States, the Governor of Arizona, and for all elected and appointed officials in our nation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and refugees, and for all nurses, teachers and social providers, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for widows and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, that we may faithfully serve you in this life and rejoice with you in the life to come.

To you, O Lord our God.

Celebrant Almighty God, by the power and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, follow in his way, and come to share in his glory; in the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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.

BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY & TRAVELERS BLESSING

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE *Said by the Celebrant*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The people stand as able while the offerings of bread, wine, and money are presented and placed on the Altar.

THE PRESENTATION AND BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

(8 AM) All things come of thee, O Lord.

And of thine own have we given thee.

(10 AM sung)

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father, brothers all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

SANCTUS *(8am spoken, 10am sung)* S124

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.

Celebrant: 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.*

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 *(omit 'Alleluias' in Lent)*

8AM *(said)* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

10AM *(sung)* S-158

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

All persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come to the altar rail when directed by an usher.

COMMUNION HYMN H 441

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

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

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DISMISSAL

Priest Let us bless the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

POSTLUDE



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