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HOLY EUCHARIST ~ RITE II ~ 4:00 PM

with Healing Service

September 27, 2023

Euphrosyne/Smaragdus of Alexandria

Monastic, 5th century

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.

Merciful God, who looks not with outward eyes but discerns the heart of each: we confess that those whom we love the most are often strangers to us. Give to all parents and children, we pray, the grace to see one another as they truly are and as you have called them to be. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our only mediator and advocate. Amen.

A READING FROM JUDGES

[11:32-40]

Jephthah crossed over to the Ammonites to fight against them; and the Lord gave them into his hand. He inflicted a massive defeat on them from Aroer to the neighborhood of Minnith, twenty towns, and as far as Abel-keramim. So the Ammonites were subdued before the people of Israel. Then Jephthah came to his home at Mizpah; and there was his daughter coming out to meet him with timbrels and with dancing. She was his only child; he had no son or daughter except her. When he saw her, he tore his clothes, and said, "Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low; you have become the cause of great trouble to me. For I have opened my mouth to the Lord, and I cannot take back my vow." She said to him, "My father, if you have opened your mouth to the Lord, do to me according to what has gone out of your mouth, now that the Lord has given you vengeance against your enemies, the Ammonites." And she said to her

father, "Let this thing be done for me: Grant me two months, so that I may go and wander on the mountains, and bewail my virginity, my companions and I." "Go," he said and sent her away for two months. So she departed, she and her companions, and bewailed her virginity on the mountains. At the end of two months, she returned to her father, who did with her according to the vow he had made. She had never slept with a man. So there arose an Israelite custom that for four days every year the daughters of Israel would go out to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite.

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

PSALM 19

Said in unison

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- ² One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- ³ Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- ⁴ Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- ⁵ In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- ⁶ It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- ⁸ The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- ⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *

the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³ Above all, keep your servant from
presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Priest THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO LUKE [14:25-33]

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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 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

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.