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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 ~ 8 & 10 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II

Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome to Advent Episcopal Church. Our worship service follows the Book of Common Prayer and includes Holy Communion in which all may receive the bread and wine of Christ's Body and Blood. Hymn numbers preceded by the letter "H" are found in the blue 1982 Hymnal. Hymn numbers preceded by the letter "W" are found in the blue Worship and Rejoice hymnal. Acknowledging the people of the land, the Hohokam and other indigenous people as the original stewards of this land, we give thanks for their ancestors, elders and for all indigenous people, we pray for unity and peace together. Thank you for joining us for worship today!

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN W 23, Vs. 1, 3, & 5

All standing, the Celebrant says:

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.**

GLORIA 8 AM Said/10 AM Sung 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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**(PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN INSERT FOR TODAY'S
READINGS, PSALM, AND GOSPEL)**

SEQUENCE HYMN H 397

SERMON Rev. Beverley Rader

NICENE CREED Said By All 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 worshipped 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

Form III

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Jennifer, our Bishop; for Beverley, Debbie, Geoffrey, Janet, Meg, Janice, and Gabe, our clergy; for our Lay Pastoral Care Ministers; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and all other ministers.

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and sacraments.

Leader: We honor and pray for our Indigenous neighbors.

People: That we may dwell together in respectful harmony.

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

CONCLUDING COLLECT

DEACON: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Celebrant: 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.**

PEACE *All stand as able*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

(Ministers and People greet one another sharing peace)

BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, AND TRAVELERS' BLESSINGS

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE (2 Cor. 9:7)

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

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BREAD AND WINE (*The people stand as able. People sit during offertory music.*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

THE PRESENTATION AND BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

(The people stand as able.)

8 AM: (Said)

**All things come of thee, O Lord.
And of thine own have we given thee.**

10 AM: (Sung by all)

**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

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 God 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.

(Celebrant recites selected Proper Preface)

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 8 AM Said/10 AM Sung S-129

**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: 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 had died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: 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,

**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)

8 AM: (Said)

*Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ or Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

AGNUS DEI 10 AM: (Sung) 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.***

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
Please come to the altar rail when directed by an
usher, receive the bread, and may intinct the bread
in the chalice at the end of the alter; consume it and
return to their seat.*

COMMUNION HYMN H 336

Celebrant Let us pray.

**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

CLOSING HYMN:

W 59

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE



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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.*



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A READING FROM EZEKIEL (33:7-11)

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

PSALM 119:33-40

Read Responsively by Half Verse

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

³⁵ Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

³⁶ Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

³⁷ Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

³⁸ Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

³⁹ Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

A READING FROM ROMANS (13:8-14)

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

H 397

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (18:15-20)

Deacon: The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that

every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**