



Advent

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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

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Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever. 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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**(SEE INSERT FOR TODAY'S COLLECT,
READING, PSALM, AND GOSPEL)**

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 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 this broken world, forgive our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

Heal us, and make us whole.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and console all those who are suffering in mind, body or spirit. Be present to them in their weakness and restore them to health that they may praise your holy Name and live in the fullness of your love and truth. We pray this in the name of Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

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: May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *All standing, as able.*

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

People: **And also with you.**

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds;

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where 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:

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:

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:

*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.

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:

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have
graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and
you have fed us with spiritual food in the
Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us
now into the world in peace, and grant us
strength and courage to love and serve
you with gladness and singleness of
heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May the Lord of love keep us all in peace,
transform our conflict into the beauty of his
grace, and give us joyful hearts to do his will.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

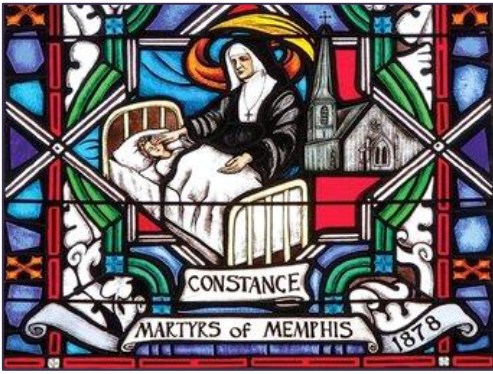
DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



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THE COLLECT
We give you thanks and praise, O God of compassion, for the heroic witness of the Martyrs of Memphis,

who, in a time of plague and pestilence, were steadfast in their care for the sick and dying, and loved not their own lives, even unto death; Inspire in us a like love and commitment to those in need, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A LESSON FROM JEREMIAH (18:1-11)

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against

you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

PSALM 17:6-10 (Said Together)

- ⁶ I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- ⁷ Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.
- ⁸ Keep me as the apple of your eye; *
hide me under the shadow of your wings,
- ⁹ From the wicked who assault me, *
from my deadly enemies who surround me.
- ¹⁰ They have closed their heart to pity, *
and their mouth speaks proud things.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO JOHN (12:24-28)**

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

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life will lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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