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THE 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 17, 2026

8:00 & 10:00 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!

OPENING HYMN W 106

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

All standing, the Celebrant says BCP 355

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

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.*

HYMN *Sung by all*

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad new we bring;

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES [1:6-14]

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up

toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36 *(8 AM said in unison; at 10 AM Sung)*

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered,*
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives
it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked
perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;*
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who
rides upon the heavens;*
YAHWEY is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows,*
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God give the solitary a home and brings forth
prisoners into freedom;*
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people,*
when you marched through the wilderness.

- ⁸ The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,*
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- ⁹ You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- ¹⁰ Your people found their home in it;*
in your goodness, O God, you have made provisions for the poor.
- ³³ Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.
- ³⁴ He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;*
he sends his voice, his mighty voice.
- ³⁵ Ascribe power to God;*
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.
- ³⁶ How wonderful is God in his holy places!*
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his People! Blessed be God!

A READING FROM THE 1ST LETTER OF PETER [4:12-14; 5:6-11]

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN W 148

Deacon THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO JOHN [17:1-11]

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only

true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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

SERMON THE REV. DR. BEVERLEY RADER

NICENE CREED 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

Leader That Christ's holy and lifegiving Resurrection may fill our lives with peace and joy, let us pray to the Lord:

People *Hear us, Lord of glory!*

Leader That the Church may boldly proclaim the Gospel and minister in love to all people. We pray especially for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean our Presiding Bishop; Jennifer our Bishop; and the clergy and lay leaders of this parish, let us pray to the Lord:

People *Hear us, Lord of glory!*

Leader That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter Gospel, let us pray to the Lord:

People *Hear us, Lord of glory!*

Leader That we live in peace and harmony, and seek unity and justice for all of Arizona's indigenous people, let us pray to the Lord:

People *Hear us, Lord of glory!*

Leader That the leaders of the world will work for justice and peace, and promote the dignity of every human being, and especially the President of the United States, the Governor of Arizona, and all elected and appointed leaders in our nation, let us pray to the Lord:

People *Hear us, Lord of glory!*

Leader That the peace of God which passes all understanding may comfort and strengthen the sick, the suffering, and the dying, let us pray to the Lord:

People *Hear us, Lord of glory!*

Leader That the faithful departed may rest in peace and rise in glory, let us pray to the Lord:

People *Hear us, Lord of glory!*

Leader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

People *Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE PEACE *All stand*

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, AND TRAVELER'S BLESSINGS

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 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) *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 B*

The People all standing as able, the Celebrant says,

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. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. 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 in unison (at 10 AM S-130)*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, 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

8 AM Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

10 AM Sung by all S158

*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.*

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. The People come forward single file, one at a
time to a communion station to receive the bread,
and may intinct the bread in the chalice at the gate,
consume it and return to their seat.*

COMMUNION HYMN

W 447

Celebrant 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

CLOSING HYMN

W 66

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the
power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

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.*