

## Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2026

*Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, 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 Hymnal 1982. The hymn numbers preceded by the letter "W" are found in the blue hymnal Worship & Rejoice.*

*Thank you for joining us for worship today!*

*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 together.*

# Prelude

**Processional Hymn** H 7

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**All 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.**

All Song of Praise S236

1. Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
2. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
3. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;  
on the throne of you majesty, glory to you.
4. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
5. Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
6. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
**People**        **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### The First Lesson    Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
    have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
    on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
    you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
    as with joy at the harvest,  
    as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
    and the bar across their shoulders,  
    the rod of their oppressor,  
    you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

### Psalm 27:1, 5-13 *(8am spoken, 10am sung)*

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
    whom then shall I fear? \*  
    the LORD is the strength of my life;  
    of whom then shall I be afraid?
- <sup>5</sup> One thing have I asked of the LORD;  
    one thing I seek; \*  
    that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- <sup>6</sup> To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
    and to seek him in his temple.
- <sup>7</sup> For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
    he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
    and set me high upon a rock.
- <sup>8</sup> Even now he lifts up my head \*  
    above my enemies round about me.
- <sup>9</sup> Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
    with sounds of great gladness; \*  
    I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- <sup>10</sup> Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  
    have mercy on me and answer me.
- <sup>11</sup> You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
    Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- <sup>12</sup> Hide not your face from me, \*  
    nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

<sup>13</sup> You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

## **The Second Lesson    1 Corinthians 1:10-17**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

**Gospel Hymn        W 234**

Deacon            The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**People            Glory to you, Lord Christ**

**Gospel            Matthew 4:12-23**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

    "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
        on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness  
        have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
        light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Deacon            The Gospel of the Lord.  
People            **Praise to you, Lord Christ**  
Sermon            The Rev. Dr. Beverley Rader

### **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father 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 and 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.**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Leader            O Christ, your light shines upon us, giving us the fullness of salvation. Help us to shine our light upon the world that all people may know the love of Jesus. Lord of glory,

People            **Hear our prayer.**

Leader            O Christ, by your baptism you opened the door of new life into the Church. Make us servants of your Gospel, and we pray especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer our Bishop, and the clergy of our parish. Lord of glory,

People            **Hear our prayer.**

Leader            O Christ, you were a servant to us and called us to serve one another. Give us grace that we may be faithful and courageous Christians in the world, and we pray especially for the President of the United States, the Governor of Arizona, and all First Nations tribal leaders. Lord of glory,

People            **Hear our prayer.**

Leader            You ministered to the poor, the weak and the suffering. Comfort the sick, console the sorrowful, and raise the hearts of those who are burdened by any grief or trouble. Lord of glory,

People            **Hear our prayer.**

Leader            O Christ, you are the resurrection and the life. We pray for all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone. Lord of glory,

People            **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant        Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People            **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All** Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, in what we have done, and in 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 upon 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.

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

**All** And also with you.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Music

**All** Wren Doxology (10am sung)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low; alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

*BCP 367*

*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.

*The Celebrant proceeds:*

It is a right and good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

**All** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are 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.

*S125*

*The Celebrant continues:*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in your 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,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

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 all the saints, we may enter into 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 are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*All* **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Fraction Anthem**

*Agnus Dei*

*S164*

**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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are welcome to the Lord's Table to receive the bread and wine of Christ's Body and Blood. The wine will be offered by intinction, which means that you may dip the wafer into the small cup offered by the Lay Assistant. Please do not put your fingers into the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, just receive the wafer and return to your seat. The Church teaches that you receive the full Christ in either the bread or wine. There is no requirement to receive both. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

Communion Music

*Celebrant*                      The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.  
**Communicant**                **Amen.**

*Deacon*                        The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.  
**Communicant**                **Amen.**

**Hymn**                        H 321

## CLOSING PRAYER

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.  
**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 the 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 Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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**            H 381

Deacon:                      Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.

Dismissal Response: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia**

Postlude



*The flowers on the altar today  
have been given in remembrance of Robert (Bob) Elmiger.*