



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.

God of the prophets, we give you thanks for calling Barbara Clementine Harris to the office of bishop. Open our eyes to behold the wondrous works you have prepared for your church in calling women to share in the ministry of the episcopate. May we, inspired by their example as faithful shepherds, wise teachers, courageous prophets, and guardians of the faith, proclaim the Good News and carry out the works of Jesus Christ in the world; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH 58:6-12

Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;

you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

PSALM 33:18-22

¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who
fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,

¹⁹ To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.

²⁰ Our soul waits for the Lord; *
he is our help and our shield.

²¹ Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.

²² Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE (18:1-8)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

C: The Gospel of the Lord. P: 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 this broken world, forgive our
sins and bring us to everlasting life. Hear us, O Lord of
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.**

Celebrant: 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 whole-
ness 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.*

Maintaining proper social distance, 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 everywhere 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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 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
and into our doors once again;

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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