



# Advent

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 12, 2026

8:00 & 10:00 AM

*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. 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. 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.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN (10 AM only) W 298

*All standing, the Celebrant says*  
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.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES [2:14a, 22-32]

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with

outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I  
will not be shaken;  
therefore, my heart was glad, and my  
tongue rejoiced;  
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to  
Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience  
corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of  
life;  
you will make me full of gladness  
with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience  
corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

R: The Word of the Lord. P: *Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 16** (8 am said in unison; 10 am sung)

- <sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."
- <sup>2</sup> All my delight is upon the godly that are in  
the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the  
people.
- <sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- <sup>4</sup> Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my  
lips.
- <sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- <sup>6</sup> My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- <sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- <sup>8</sup> I have set the LORD always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not  
fall.
- <sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit  
rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- <sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for  
evermore.

**A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST. PETER (1:3-9)** *BLESSED* be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness

of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

R: The Word of the Lord. P: *Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN

W299

**THE GOSPEL**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [20:19-31]

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Beverley Rader

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**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 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.**

#### 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 Sean our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer our Bishop, 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 may live in justice with the Indigenous people who were the original stewards of this land, 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 First Nation leaders, 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.

**THE CONCLUDING COLLECT**

Celebrant Gracious God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

**PEACE** *All standing, as able.*

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

*People* **And also with you.**

**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 people stand as able while the offerings of bread, wine, and money are presented and placed on the Altar.*

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

**THE PRESENTATION AND BLESSING OF THE GIFTS**

(8 AM) ALL things come of thee, O Lord.

And of thine own have we given thee

(10 AM) *(sung)*

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*

*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.**

*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.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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** *Celebrant and People* S 130

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.

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**

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**

8 AM Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People: Therefore let us keep the feast.***

***Alleluia.***

10 AM FRACTION ANTHEM

*(sung)* S 158

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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,

and feed him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome at the Table of God. The People come forward single file, one at a time to a communion station to receive the bread in the palm of their hand. Then they intinct (dip) the bread in the chalice at the end of the altar, returning to their seat after consuming it.*

COMMUNION HYMN

W 414

*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 W310

DISMISSAL

*Priest* 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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