



Advent

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The 3rd Sunday of Easter ~ April 19, 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 Hymnal 1982. Hymn numbers preceded by the letter "W" are found in the blue hymnal Worship and 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. Thank you for joining us for worship today!

PRELUDE (10 AM only)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN (10 AM only) W 315

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.

HYMN H 205 (vs.1)

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
 Now is the triumph of our King!
 To all the world glad news 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, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES [2:14, 36-41]
 Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17 (8 am said in unison; 10 am sung)

¹ I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
 because he has inclined his ear to me
 whenever I called upon him.

² The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
 I came to grief and sorrow.

³ Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
 "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

¹⁰ How shall I repay the Lord *
 for all the good things he has done for me?

¹¹ I will lift up the cup of salvation *
 and call upon the Name of the Lord.

¹² I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
 in the presence of all his people.

¹³ Precious in the sight of the Lord *
 is the death of his servants.

- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
 I am your servant and the child of your
 handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
 and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
 in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
 in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
 Hallelujah!

A READING FROM THE I PETER [1:17-23]

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN W 521, vs. 1&5

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
 Christ according to Luke [24:13-35]

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of

them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

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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 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, 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.

PEACE *All standing, as able.*

The Celebrant then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE *(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*

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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 Celebrant continues

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,

Celebrant and People:

**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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM

10 AM *Sung*

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**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.**

