



*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 their ancestors, 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 138

*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

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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

THE FIRST LESSON

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (7:55-60)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven

and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

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

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; \*

deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; \*

make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*

for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \* for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*

for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

My times are in your hand; \*

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, \* and in your loving-kindness save me.



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.**

PEACE *All standing, as able.*

*The Celebrant then says:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Blessings of birthdays, anniversaries and travelers.*

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.

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

**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,

*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 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.***

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
*may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome at the table of the Lord. 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 end of the altar rail, returning to their seat after consuming it.*

COMMUNION HYMN

H-47, Vs 1,2+6

*After communion the Celebrant says*

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

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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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