



7th ANNUAL ADVENT VIGIL
For the Silenced

Join us in a Silent Stand for Justice for those who are Silenced – the Homeless or pushed out - the Hungry - the Unemployed – the Forgotten.

Our faith traditions call us to stand with the poor, the vulnerable and the oppressed and bear witness to the hope that is implicit in this Advent season.

Everyone is invited to join us
These Wednesday noon hours in Advent - All Gather at:

- 12/1 @ St. Andrews-Wesley United Church - N.W. corner Burrard & Nelson
- 12/8 @ Corner 1st Ave & Commercial Drive
- 12/17 @ Downtown Main Library Branch - Robson Street Entrance
- 12/24 @ Cathedral Square, N. E. corner Richards & Dunsmuir
(Opposite Holy Rosary Cathedral)

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LUMS Concert 2010

Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2010
 Time: 7:30 P.M.
 Conductor: Tak Maeda
 Featuring: SEA TO SKY WIND ENSEMBLE
 Place: Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church
 1700 Mountain Highway
 North Vancouver
 Admission: By Donation
 Proceeds: To The Lutheran Urban Mission Society



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Holy Communion, Setting I

Worshippers may wish to light a votive candle in memory of a loved one or for meditation. This may be done at any time before or during the liturgy except during community prayers, readings or homily. Since the number of candles is limited and to avoid mishaps, parents and caregivers are asked to be attentive when allowing children to light one.

INTRODUCTION

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the light of Christ's coming. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

PRELUDE

What Is This Lovely Fragrance
Prepare the Royal Highway

Paul Manz
 Robert Hobby

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CALL TO WORSHIP *“Come Now O Prince of Peace” (Women’s Choir)*
Two candles on the Advent wreath are lit during the singing

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GATHERING HYMN #255 *“There’s a Voice in the Wilderness”*

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN’S TIME *(Part of this will be the singing of this song)*

Jesus, our brother, kind and good,
 was humbly born in a stable rude;
 and the friendly beasts around Him stood.
 Jesus, our brother, kind and good.

Announcements

This Week

Monday
 Church Council, 6:30 pm

Next Sunday
 Sunday School, 9:15 am
 Advent III Worship , 10:30 am

This morning we welcome John the Baptist on his annual Advent visit to First Lutheran Church. Although his message is always hard for us to listen to, his call to repent is a needed one.



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- December 12** Third Advent Worship, 10:30 am (December birthdays celebrated)
- December 19** Fourth Advent, 10:30 am, Children’s Presentation, Dessert Potluck
- December 24** Carol and Candlelight, 7:30 pm
- December 25** Eucharist, 10:30 am
- December 26** Sunday after Christmas, 10:30 am
- January 2** Epiphany Worship AT St. Thomas Anglican , 10 am, followed by potluck lunch.
 (address at: 2444 41st Ave E Vancouver Tel: 604-434-6111)

Please remember our dessert potluck after worship on December 19th. Bring some Christmas baking (or store-bought goodies) to add to our table of lovely, tasty and non-nutritious desserts. Thanks.



Confirmands:
 Please remember to attend our last 2010 session next Monday, December 13 at 7 pm.



MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING (*The three-fold exchange is sung unaccompanied*)

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts)

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LORD’S PRAYER

“LAMB OF GOD”

FRACTION The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**



It is Christ himself who invites all the baptized members of God’s family — and all our guests —to come to his table where he gives his body and blood, along with the gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation under the forms of bread and wine. During Advent, the wafer is received in the open palm. All may drink from the first (common) cup or, instinct (dip) the wafer into the second (pouring) cup. Those who desire prayer and anointing for the healing of any illness or brokenness in mind, body or spirit are invited to receive these blessings after communion.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

#256 “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”
How Beautiful Are the Feet

George Frederic Handel

“NOW, LORD, YOU LET YOUR SERVANT”

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*All rise*)

SENDING

BLESSING (*Threefold Blessing*)

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SENDING HYMN **#246 “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”**

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE *Soon and Very Soon*

arr. Jack Schraeder

“I”, said the Donkey, shaggy and brown,
“I carried His mother up hill and down;
I carried His mother to Bethlehem town.”
“I”, said the Donkey, shaggy and brown.

“I”, said the Cow, all white and red,
“I gave Him my manger for His bed;
I gave Him my hay to pillow His head.”
“I”, said the Cow, all white and red.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1–10

In today’s reading the prophet describes the ideal ruler who will come in the future as a green shoot springing from a dead stump (David’s royal line) of Jesse (David’s father). Gifted by the Spirit, this messiah will seek justice for the poor, and the reign of this monarch will be experienced as paradise regained.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Response after the reading: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19

May the righteous flourish; let there be an abundance of peace. (Ps. 72:7)

Refrain

May the righ - teous flour - ish;
let there be an a - bun - dance of peace.

Tone

- ¹Give the king your jus-¹tice, O God,
and your righteousness to ¹the king's son;
²**that he may rule your ¹people righteously
and the ¹poor with justice;**
³that the mountains may bring prosperity ¹to the people,
and the ¹hills, in righteousness.
⁴**Let him defend the needy a- ¹mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush ¹the oppressor. R**
⁵May he live as long as the sun and ¹moon endure,
from one generation ¹to another.
⁶**Let him come down like rain upon ¹the mown field,
like showers that wa- ¹ter the earth.**
⁷In his time may the ¹righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall ¹be no more.
¹⁸**Blessed are you, LORD God, the ¹God of Israel;
you alone do ¹wondrous deeds!**
¹⁹And blessed be your glorious ¹name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A- ¹men. Amen. R

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Waiting for the fulfillment of our hope in Christ's promised coming, we pray for the church,
those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

Kindle a Flame to Lighten the Dark

Kin - dle a flame to light - en the dark and
take all fear a - way.

Holy and blessed God, build unity in the body of Christ. Give harmony to our voices of praise
and yearning, so that all peoples may know your abundant goodness. Lord, in your mercy...
Sing the response

Renew your creation, and establish peace throughout lands and seas. Give cleansing waters
and nourishing soil to plants and animals, and make ecosystems thrive under your care.
Lord, in your mercy... *Sing the response*

Defend the cause of those who live in poverty. Extend your righteousness to all nations.
Let no one be neglected or denied the opportunity to live in dignity. Shower your grace
upon all who long to receive your mercy. Deliver those who are bound by extended illness,
grief, loneliness, or oppression (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy... *Sing the response*

As we remember the lives of the saints, sustain us also by your Spirit until we receive in full
the promises that have joined all generations to you through Christ. Lord, in your mercy...
Sing the response

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY (FLUTE SOLO) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Anne Krantz Organ

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*All rise*)

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

¹⁰Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Response to conclusion of reading: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Come to Set Us Free" Lloyd Larson/Jean Shaffermann

HYMN OF THE DAY #249 "On Jordan's Bank", v.2-women; v.3-men; v.4-organ

HOMILY

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and dead.**

**In believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

¹⁰and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

¹¹and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

¹²and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Response after the reading: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Let Your Steadfast Love" (Sing before and after reading) p. 103

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.

Response after announcement: Glory to you, O God

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"