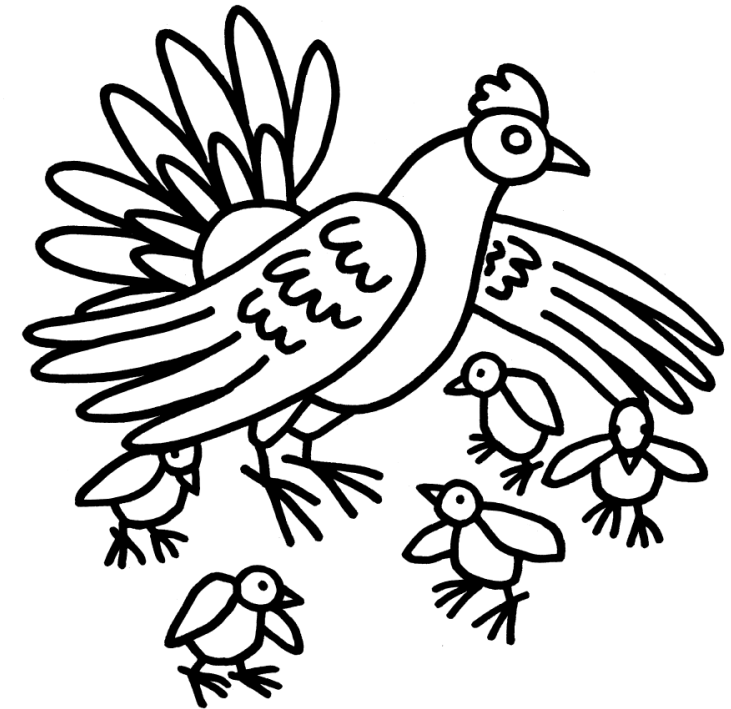




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**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 28, 2010**

Lenten Schedule



March 28 Palm/Passion Sunday
Begins at St. Thomas, 10:30
Procession to FLC

April 1 Maundy Thursday at FLC
with St. Thomas
Meal at 6:30 pm; Liturgy at 7:30 pm

April 2 Good Friday with St. Thomas
Begins at FLC, 10:30 am
Procession to St. Thomas



April 4 Easter Sunrise Service
at St. Thomas, 7:00 am
Easter Breakfast at FLC, 8:30 am
Festival Worship at FLC, 10:30 am



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After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

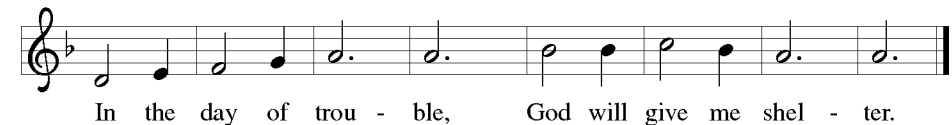
¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Response after reading: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27

In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. (Ps. 27:5)

Refrain:



¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then ¹ shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I ¹ be afraid?

²When evildoers close in against me to de- ¹ vour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- ¹ ble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart ¹ will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will ¹ not be shaken.

⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one ¹ thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God ¹ in the temple. R

⁵For in the day of trouble God will ¹ give me shelter,
 hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- ¹ on a rock.
⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies ¹ who surround me.
 Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make
 music ¹ to the LORD.
⁷**Hear my voice, O LORD, ¹ when I call;**
have mercy on me and ¹ answer me.
⁸**My heart speaks your message— ¹ "Seek my face."**
Your face, O LORD, ¹ I will seek. R
⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- ¹ vant in anger.
 Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of ¹ my salvation.
¹⁰Though my father and my moth- ¹ er forsake me,
 the LORD will ¹ take me in.
¹¹**Teach me your ¹ way, O LORD;**
lead me on a level path, because of ¹ my oppressors.
¹²**Subject me not to the will ¹ of my foes,**
for they rise up against me, false witnesses ¹ breathing violence.
¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness ¹ of the LORD
 in the land ¹ of the living!
¹⁴Wait for the LORD ¹ and be strong.
 Take heart and wait ¹ for the LORD! R

Tone:



SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17—4:1

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

World Day of Prayer 2010

**Friday, March 5th, 2010
 1:00 pm**

Wilson Heights United Church
 1634 E. 41st Ave., Vancouver
 (at Argyle)

Participating Churches:
 United
 Anglican
 Catholic
 Lutheran
 First United Mennonite

For more details please call
 604 325-9944.



**For past, present and future
 confirmands (and parents)**

Please note that that Confirmation
 Camp at Nanoose Bay
 (near Nanaimo) will be
Monday, June 28 to Friday, July 2.

Cost is **\$275 per person** and
 registration deadline is **June 13.**

Cousellors are also needed.
 For more info contact Pr. Kristen
 Steele at kristen.svlc@shaw.ca

“A Company of Instruments” —
 a baroque orchestra will present a
**Benefit Concert for the
 Lennikov family.**

The event titled “Mostly Mozart”
 will also feature 3 guest vocal soloists.

One performance will be at Redeemer
 Lutheran on Tuesday, March 23 at 7:30 pm;
 a second performance will be here at
FLC on Friday, March 26 at 7:00 pm.

A reception will follow the Friday concert.

Admission by donation. All funds raised to go
 to the “Lennikov Legal Fund.”

More info on the posters on the
 narthex bulletin board.



SENDING

BLESSING

p. 115

SENDING HYMN #327 "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow" (v.3 - unaccompanied)

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE *Koraal*

Flor Peeters

Announcements

This Week

Monday

Worship and Music, 9:30 am
Confirmation, 7:00 pm

Wednesday

Book Study, 7:00 pm

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:15 am
Worship, 10:30 am

FLC's Annual General Meeting (AGM) Friday, March 19, 2010

6:00 Set up
6:30 Potluck Dinner
7:15 Meeting

Details to follow.

Please note that today is the deadline for
submitting reports for the AGM booklet!!!!



Happy Birthday

Let us all wish Pr. Ann
the best as she celebrates
her 80th birthday
next Sunday, March 7.

Happy birthday Pr. Ann!!!

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

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

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

Response after announcement: **Glory to you, O God.**

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY #326 "Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

NICENE CREED

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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly human.
 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,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Gathered by the Spirit, let us return to the Lord our God and pray for the church, the world,
 and all who yearn for new life. *A brief silence.*

God of promise, raise up leaders in your church who place their trust in you. Give them vision
 and sustain them with your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open our eyes to the goodness of the universe you created. Guide us in our care for the earth
 that we may bear witness to your love for all that is yours. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Shed the light of your mercy and peace among us and to the far corners of the world *especially*
 Haiti, Iraq, Afghanistan, Sudan and the Congo. Protect all people from suffering,
 and lead us in the path of justice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and sustain those who suffer in any way—those known to us *especially*...
 and those whose needs are known only to you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renew us during this time of preparation. Strengthen our faith and be with all who pray,
 fast, study your word, and undertake acts of mercy in your name. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all who have died and are gathered under your wings *especially*...
 Cast out our doubts and fears, and teach us to trust in your promise of everlasting life.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have commanded us to pray, and you promise to hear us. Hear the prayers
 of your people and grant us all that we need, for the sake of the one in whose name we pray,
 Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen* Traditional

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*All rise*) p. 107

MEAL

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

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” p. 108

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts) p. 111

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

“LAMB OF GOD” p. 112



*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 communing.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

#754 *Jesus, the Very Thought of You*
Watch and Pray

J.S. Bach

“NOW, LORD, YOU LET YOUR SERVANT” p. 113

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*All rise*)