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Holy Communion, Setting Ten

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

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of the glory of God to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at the baptism of Jesus—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people "as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride." By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356 — One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labour.

Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346 — Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

*Air and Variations
Andante (Concerto No. 1)*

Eric Thiman
G. F. Handel

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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GATHERING HYMN *#310 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"*

GREETING/KYRIE

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"GLORY TO GOD"

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

CLWR Issues Emergency Appeal for Haiti

Winnipeg – January 13, 2010

Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) is appealing to Canadians for financial support for relief operations underway to assist the people of Haiti following an earthquake on Tuesday, January 12. CLWR is working in partnership with other members of Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance to address people's basic needs and support rehabilitation efforts.

Initial reports received from ACT indicate that the 7.0 magnitude quake has buried alive hundreds, maybe thousands, of people in Port au Prince, Haiti's capital city. Tens of thousands of people have lost their homes. The city is without electricity and the telephone network has broken down.

Donations to the appeal may be made through CLWR in the following ways.

- Online at www.clwr.org/donate. In the process of completing the form, you will come across a pull-down menu that allows you to designate a specific project. Choose Haiti Earthquake.
- By calling our toll-free number: 1.800.661.2597. If you do not need to use a toll-free line or are calling locally from the Winnipeg area, you can reach CLWR at 204.694.5602.
- By sending a cheque made payable to CLWR to CLWR, 302-393 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 3H6. Please indicate in your correspondence that you wish to contribute to the Haiti Earthquake Appeal.

CLWR will be forwarding immediately to ACT an initial contribution of \$10,000 to support the first phase of the emergency operations.

More information about the situation in Haiti and the response by ACT may be found at www.act-intl.org/.

Announcements

This Week

Monday

Council, 7:00 pm

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Worship, 10:30 am

Please note that Barbara S. would be happy to receive donations of used stamps and Campbell soup labels.



Please sign up on the worship leaders list for February and March 2010! Thank you!



Multicultural Dinner for All Ages

Wednesday, February 3rd, 5:00 pm
Confederation Seniors Centre
4585 Albert St, Burnaby

Cost: \$4:00

Register in person at Eileen Dailly Pool or call 604 298-7946 or 604 294-1936 quoting event # 196312.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride; and the people are called to the celebration.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.
²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.
³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.
⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

PSALM 36:5-10 (Sung responsively: Cantor first; then assembly)
We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)

Refrain:

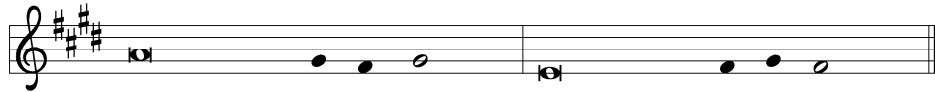


We feast up - on the a - bun - dance of your house, O LORD.

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches ¹ to the heavens, and your faithfulness ¹ to the clouds.
⁶**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like ¹ the great deep; you save humankind and ani- ¹ mals, O LORD. R**
⁷How priceless is your ¹ love, O God!
All people take refuge under the shadow ¹ of your wings.
⁸**They feast upon the abundance ¹ of your house; you give them drink from the river of ¹ your delights.**
⁹For with you is the ¹ well of life, and in your light ¹ we see light.

¹⁰Continue your lovingkindness to ¹ those who know you,
and your favour to those who are ¹ true of heart. R

Tone:



SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1–11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing one another's spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(sing before and after reading)*

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GOSPEL: John 2:1–11

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us;

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

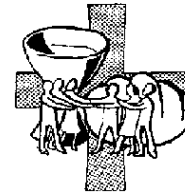
For the is the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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

"LAMB OF GOD"

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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. After receiving the bread into the open, upraised palm, all may drink from the first (common) cup or if desired, have an individual glass filled from the second (pouring) cup.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

#467 "We Place Upon Your Table, Lord"

Communion

Jacob Arcadelt

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(All rise)*

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN #569 "The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Promenade*

Modest Moussorgsky

We give you thanks for the world around us. Equip us to care for our environment, to add to its beauty and wonder, especially in those places marred by war and abuse. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for our homes and the communities in which we live. Bind us to our neighbours in this place and throughout the world, making us brothers and sisters to one another. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for your healing word. Write it on the bodies, hearts, and minds of those who suffer physically, mentally, or spiritually *especially...*, so that your Spirit might give them relief from their pain. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the gift of relationships founded in you. Bless the commitments and promises we have made to one another, and bring wholeness to those whose relationships are broken. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the great feast you have prepared for us to share with *Antony of Egypt, Pachomius, name/s, and...* all the saints. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Good and gracious God, we ask all these things and whatever else you see that we need with a sure and certain hope in your goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *In Eudoxia* Garth Edmundson

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*All rise*)

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 206

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts)
...let us proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again...

"Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY #576 “*We are All in One Mission*”

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 the dead.**

**I 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Drawn to the light of Christ, made bold in the waters of baptism, and filled with the Spirit, we lift up our prayers in confidence that God loves and listens to us. *A brief silence.*

We give you thanks for the gift of your church, where we are fed and hear your word. Strengthen us with your Spirit so that we might be gifts to others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**