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Setting Eight

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

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the altar, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, died around 540

Benedict is known as the father of the Western monastic movement. Educated in Rome, he went to live as a hermit, and eventually gathered a community of monks around him. He wrote a rule for living in monasteries that is used by Benedictines and adapted by others.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

O God Thou Faithful God
Andante Religioso

Flor Peeters
Alex Rowley

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

#522 "As We Gather at Your Table"

GREETING

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbours with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their

George Maurer in concert

Thursday, July 15 at 7:00pm, Chapel of the Epiphany, Vancouver School of Theology.

Admission by donation. A portion of the proceeds will go to benefit the Native Ministries Consortium Summer School.

George has performed many different venues. As a rock'n'roll pianist, Maurer has performed with Eric Clapton, filled in for Elvis' pianist in concert with Buddy Holly's The Crickets, gigged with Vince Neill of Motley Crue, Dick Clark, Bobby Vee, Prudence Johnson and Garrison Keillor of A Prairie Home Companion, and has arranged, written for, and performed with the Chiffons, the Shirelles, and with numerous other international performers. Check out his website www.georgemaurer.com

Youth Director Position

Nelson Ave Community Church (Burnaby, B.C.) is looking for a part-time (14 hours per week) Director Of Youth And Young Adult Ministries. For more information, a job description or to send a resume please contact the church office (nacc@shaw.ca, 604.435.4123).

Application deadline: August 10, 2010.

FUNDRAISING

The BC Synod in convention has authorized a special fundraising appeal to address the current financial shortcoming of the synod.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Synod's "Season of Pentecost Synod Fund" using the BC Synod envelopes in the narthex.

THE CUP-BOARDS ARE ALMOST BARE



Please help us restock our food pantry with non-perishable food items so that we might continue to help those in need.

Babysitting in a Day is an interactive and fun course that teaches youth aged 11 to 15 years the business of babysitting. Learn the responsibilities of a babysitter, how to get along and care for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and school-aged children, and how to handle emergencies and provide first aid. Cost: \$55 (includes the Canadian Red Cross Babysitter's Manual & Babysitter's participation card). Courses: **Wed. July 7; Tues. July 13; Wed. July 21; Thurs. July 29; Thurs. August 5; Tues. August 10; & Wed. August 18, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm @ St. Andrew's United Church, 1044 St. Georges & 11th in North Vancouver.** Info/registration: Please contact Sean Brennan at 604-985-0408 or email office@st-andrews-united.ca

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(All rise)*

God our creator, at this table you have satisfied us with the good things of your grace. Fix our hearts on your mercy and truth, that our lives may reflect your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN #729 *“The Church of Christ”*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Sortie

Arcangelo Corelli

Announcements

Update

Pastor Hergy had his second eye surgery this past Tuesday. He reports that it went well and that he looks forward to returning in August.

Please continue to keep Pr. Hergy and Trudy in your prayers.

A special thank-you to Jeanette Price and June Schramm for their hard work cleaning up and organizing the church office. The place looks great!

FLC’s Community Potluck Dinner

**Friday, July 16th, 2010
6:30 PM**

Any and all are invited.



ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's own hearts.

⁹and the LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹²It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹⁴No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

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

PSALM 82 (sing responsively)

Arise, O God, and rule the earth. (Ps. 82:8)

Refrain

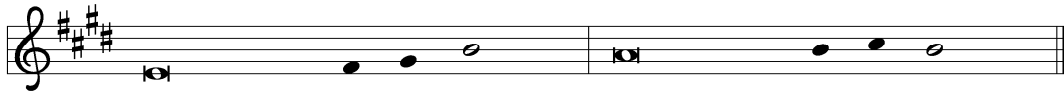


- ¹God stands to charge the divine coun-¹ cil assembled, giving judgment in the midst¹ of the gods:
- ²**"How long will you¹ judge unjustly, and show favor¹ to the wicked?"**
- ³Save the weak¹ and the orphan; defend the hum-¹ ble and needy;
- ⁴**rescue the weak¹ and the poor; deliver them from the power¹ of the wicked. R**
- ⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander a-¹ bout in darkness; all the foundations of the¹ earth are shaken.
- ⁶**Now I say to you,¹ 'You are gods, and all of you children of¹ the Most High;**

⁷nevertheless, you shall ¹die like mortals,
and fall like ¹any prince."

⁸**Arise, O God, and ¹rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations ¹for your own. R**

Tone



SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1–14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage from Paul.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Response after the reading: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Sing Alleluia verse before and after reading*)

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Response after announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Mothering Earth

David Cherwien

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*All Rise*)

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (Prayer over the gifts)

LORD'S PRAYER

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**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 kingdom, the power

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION (as the bread is broken)

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. 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.

“LAMB OF GOD”

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HYMN

#712 “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”
Meditation

Jacob Arcadelt

**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

Gathered together as God's people in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

Holy, loving God, spread your mercy to all corners of your church, and unite all traditions and peoples in Christ's mission. Bind us together in a spirit of service to you and love toward others. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Soften the impact of storms that batter coastlines in this season. Give early warning through people who watch the weather and quick recovery through those who respond to disasters. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Foster goodwill among all tribes and peoples. Foster in us a spirit of loving care and concern for all who inhabit the earth, and help us come to the aid of those who are not like us. Grant us a vision of your reign as we see people working in cooperation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Attend to the needs of all who live in fear, injury, and uncertainty (*especially*). Give them peace by surrounding them with caring helpers who extend fullness of life through their love of God and neighbour. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Open the hearts of this congregation to all who come seeking Christ. Lead us to extend hospitality to all visitors (*as did Benedict of Nursia, abbot of Monte Cassino, whom we commemorate today*), as Christ welcomes us into his presence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the lives of the faithful departed (*especially*), give us a full measure of the love you have for all the saints. Make us bear fruit as witnesses to your goodness for all people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:25–37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. Jesus tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Response to the reading: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY #808 "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

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.**