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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

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. So the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Peace Be With You
Deo Gracias

Garth Edmundson
arr. David N. Johnson

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GATHERING HYMN

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord **Amen**

WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 1:4–20

This story introduces us to Elkanah, a devout Israelite, and his wife, Hannah, who is barren. God grants Hannah's prayer and she bears a son, Samuel, who will be an important figure in Israel's history. Samuel, the last of Israel's judges, anoints the first two kings of Israel, Saul and David.



Our prayers for a speedy recovery are with Elina's father, **Esko Niemi**, who is recovering from a heart attack.

You are invited to
Our Saviour Lutheran Church's

Evening of Music featuring the

Surrey Children's Choir
Surrey Youth Chorus
Surrey Youth Chamber choir

Sunday, December 13, 2009
7:00 pm

Tickets \$10.00

Our Saviour is located at
6340 No. 4 Road, Richmond, BC
Phone: 604 270-0085

Wordweavings –

together we can lift up our voices

a series of art and music events in collaboration with Brigitte Potter-Mael, Catherine Fern Lewis and First Lutheran Church, Vancouver

Friday, November 20th at 7:30 to 9:00 pm: Catherine Fern Lewis will lead a “site-specific exploration” in which all youth and adults are invited to explore breath, chanting and the sound of voices. Her approach takes into account that there are no “wrong notes”. The music components created will serve to provide an additional dimension to Brigitte's scrolls.

Sunday, November 22nd

9:15 am: Catherine Fern Lewis is going to work with the Sunday School children, so that they too can participate in the closing music performance at the end of the Worship Service later that morning.

10:30 am: at the closing of the Worship Service, Catherine will lead the Congregation through a musical performance as we bring this exhibition to a conclusion. Some of the music and sounds created during the Friday night workshop and the Sunday School session will be incorporated into this celebration.

For more information please contact

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for further updates.

Announcements

This Week

Monday

Confirmation, 7:00 pm

Thursday

Ministerial, Mt. Zion, 11:00 am
Choir, 7:30 pm

Friday

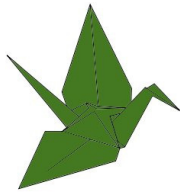
Workshop with Brigitte and Catherine (see info next page)

Next Sunday

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

The Pathfinders will have a display and sell chocolate mint cookies (\$4/box) **next Sunday, November 22** during coffee hour. They will share information about Camp Olave Girl Guide Camp's 2010 property tax bill of \$133,000. In previous years, the property tax was fully exempted by the District of Sechelt. In 2010 it will be 50% exempt. Girl Guides have a letter campaign to the provincial government to request a 100 % provincial tax exemption for all non-profit camps.

Origami Paper Cranes



Today during the coffee hour, any and all are invited to participate in learning about and making "origami cranes." The information below comes from Bill McMichael, a professor in UBC's Language and Literacy Education Department and a friend of Mikhail Lennikov. With the blessing of Mikhail, Pr. Hergy and others, Bill is arranging this special occasion.

"Making *origami* (folded paper) cranes is easy, especially with a little help. In fact, 100,000,000 Japanese can do them in their sleep! I promise the people of First Lutheran the finest of artistic assistance: 19 and 20 year old Japanese 3rd year international exchange students at UBC, all of whom are talented, charming and beautiful human beings. Several of them will be coming to church on Sunday, November 15, to show us how to do it.

"The display we are planning is a hanging "bouquet" of one thousand (*sen*) origami paper cranes (*zuru*) held together by strings. In Japan the *senbazuru* is regarded as just about the best thing one can do to help a friend in need. It embodies the deepest best wishes of the sender to the recipient. The Japanese believe that they compel the cranes of the world to make a wish come true. Cranes, you see, are very powerful, magical creatures in Japanese mythology and they live for 1000 years. That's why you see *senbazuru* all over the place in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, where they are symbols of enduring peace and goodwill.

"Though students at UBC and others have already contributed some 300 cranes to the *senbazuru*, we have set aside the most beautiful paper for the ones that would be constructed by the congregation. We think that if we can inspire and mobilize an army of origami artists to help us make a *senbazuru* for the church, we might also inspire a positive outcome for Mikhail and his family."

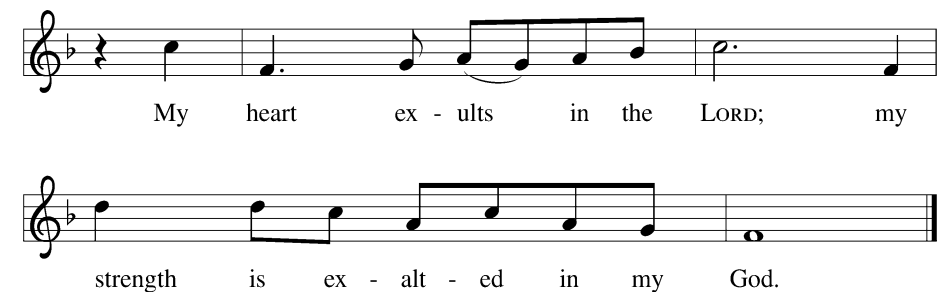
⁴On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; ⁵but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. ⁶Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. ⁷So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. ⁸Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" ⁹After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. ¹⁰She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. ¹¹She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

¹²As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. ¹⁴So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." ¹⁵But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. ¹⁶Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." ¹⁷Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." ¹⁸And she said, "Let your servant find favour in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. ¹⁹They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

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

PSALM 1 Samuel 2:1–10 (*Sung responsively*) *Cantor signs refrain first; then all sing refrain*
My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God. (1 Sam. 2:1)

Refrain:



¹My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted ¹in my God.
 My mouth derides my enemies, because I re-¹joice in my victory.

²**There is no Holy One like the LORD, no ¹one besides you;
 there is no Rock ¹like our God.**

³Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come ¹from your mouth;
 for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by the LORD ac-¹tions are weighed.

⁴**The bows of the might-¹y are broken,
 but the feeble ¹gird on strength. R**

⁵Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
 but those who were hungry are ¹fat with spoil.
 The barren has borne seven,
 but she who has many children ¹is forlorn.

⁶**The LORD kills and ¹brings to life;
 the LORD brings down to Sheol and ¹raises up.**

⁷The LORD makes poor ¹and makes rich;
 brings low, and al-¹so exalts.

⁸**The LORD raises up the poor from the dust;
 lifting the needy from the ash heap,
 to make them sit with princes and inherit a ¹seat of honour.
 For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
 and on them God has ¹set the world. R**

⁹You, LORD, will guard the feet of your ¹faithful ones,
 but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
 for not by might does ¹one prevail.

¹⁰**The LORD's adversaries shall be shattered;
 the Most High will thun-¹der in heaven.
 O LORD, you will judge the ends of the earth;
 you will give strength to your king,
 and exalt the power of ¹your anointed. R**

Tone:



SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11–14[15–18] 19–25

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

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“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*response below are sung*) p. 207

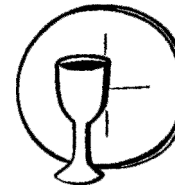
...let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again...Amen.

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

“LAMB OF GOD” p. 208



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

#624 “Jesus Still Lead On”

Children of the Heavenly Father

Don Hustad

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*All rise*)

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN #327 “Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow” vv. 3-4

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Fanfare*

George Philip Telemann

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY #396 “*Spirit of Gentleness*” (v. 2 - women; v. 3 - men)

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Gathered together with all the saints, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in any need. *A brief silence.*

You call us, Lord God, to trust in you when chaos surrounds us. Grant us the faith we need to walk where you lead us. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call us, Lord God, to be faithful stewards of your creation. Cure our complacency, and give us the knowledge and commitment to restore that which has been harmed through our neglect. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call us, Lord God, to work for peace and hope in our troubled world. Help us to hear the needs of all who suffer throughout the world, that we might respond in compassionate action. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call us, Lord God, to visit the sick and care for the hurting. Lead us as we open our hearts to the poor, the lonely, the outcast, and all those in any need this day, *especially...* God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call us, Lord God, to be agents of reconciliation in a divided world. Teach us how to love all people, even those most different from us. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call us, Lord God, to cherish and celebrate the gift of life. Guide us as we seek to make all families safe and loving. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call us, Lord God, as you called the saints who have gone before us, *especially...* Strengthen us to be your living witnesses, that the world might know your love. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY “*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*” arr. Jack Schraeder

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*All rise*)

¹¹And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, ¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," ¹⁷he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

CHOIR AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN “*I’ve Got a Voice*” David MacGregor
(*To be sung before and after the Gospel reading*)

GOSPEL: Mark 13:1–8

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

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

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ²Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." ³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished? ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

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