

St. Barnabas Anglican Church

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 30, 2008

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Book of Common Prayer p. 67

Collect, Epistle and Gospel

Presiding: The Rev. Jagdutt Singh

Lay Assistant: Jacqueline Heaton

Sidesman: Susan Flewelling

*Following the worship please join us for refreshments in the
Lower Hall.*

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## Advent Festival of Readings and Music

### Advent 1

Hymns From "*Common Praise*"

November 30, 2008 10:15 am

**Processional Hymn No.89** vss. 1-4

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

(Veni Emmanuel)

**Blessing of the Advent Wreath and Lighting of the First  
Candle** *(see p. 1 of insert)*

**Hymn**

**Celebrate Emmanuel**

(Refrain)

Ring those bells, lift your voice,  
let creation's heart rejoice.  
God will come; with us dwell.  
Celebrate Emmanuel!

**Choir Anthem:** "Advent Celebration" (Paige)

**A Bidding for Advent**

My sisters and brothers in Christ, in these days of shadow and of hope let it be our duty and delight to listen to the story of our faith, and hear again the prophets' words of blessing and doom. And, as we prepare to celebrate again the birth of Jesus Christ as a baby, let us remember that he also comes to judge the just and the unjust, and to establish the reign of equity and peace.

Let us remember that the Lord of Glory experienced the pain of life and death, and pray for the sick, the poor, the oppressed, the anxious, the weary, and the bereaved.

And remembering the promise that he shall reign for ever and ever, let us pray for the rulers of the nations, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church, that we may be a sign of the age to come.

With longing in our hearts for God's reign of peace, let us hear again the story of Christ's coming, and join with Mary and Joseph, and all our forebears in faith, in offering our worship.

*Silence may be kept before the first reading.*

**The Readings:**

1 *Genesis 3.1-20 (The eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked)* **Yvonne Clode**

**Prayer**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Silence*

**Choir Anthem:** "Christmas Eve" Hood/Morrow



### **Prayer**

Holy God, centre of life and goodness, touch our lips with the cleansing fire of your Word, that we may speak peace to warriors, and words of care to those who waste the treasure of creation. Assist us to proclaim to people everywhere the way of selfless love, offered and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Silence*

**Choir Anthem:** "Hymn of Advent" arr. Larson

6 *Micah 6.6-8 (To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God)* **Suzanne Roberts**

### **Prayer**

God of our longing, we cannot earn the wholeness we desire, nor win your healing grace by offering back the bounty we receive. Give us, we pray, hearts to learn your will, and wills to do your pleasure in works of justice and of peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen** *Silence*

**Solo:** "Joy Shall Come" arr. Wedd

7 *Isaiah 35:1-10 (The desert shall rejoice and blossom)*  
**Doug Noullett**

### **Prayer**

Creating and renewing God, giving life in all its fullness, bring, we pray, all the children of this earth to the freedom of your holy purpose. May we see your beauty and glory in seas and lakes washed clean, in fields of plenty and forests strong, and in humanity made whole in body, mind, and mutual care, in the pattern of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.** *Silence*

### **Hymn No. 91**

"People, Look East! The Time is Near" (Besançon)

**Choir Anthem:** "A Madrigal for Advent" Dengler/Dengler

8 *Baruch 4.36—5.9 (See your children gathered from west and east, at the word of the Holy One)*  
**Pedro Goncalves**

### **Prayer**

God of pilgrims, look with tender pity on your daughters and sons dispersed by selfishness and greed, and lead us from war and want by the pathways of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Silence*

**Choir Anthem:** "Carol for Advent" Price/Besig

9 *John 1.1-14 (The Word became flesh and lived among us . . . full of grace and truth)* **Cheryl Shiels**

### **Reflection on the Readings**

*Silence*

### **Prayer**

Eternal Wisdom, creating, ordering, and saving, we give thanks that we have seen you in the selfless love of Jesus Christ.

Now reign within our minds and hearts, and mobilize our wills, that by your power and through our hands this world may be re-made to be the garden and the city of your glory.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Silence*

**Duet:** "The Prayer" Sager/Foster

### **Advent Litany\***

(In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer, saying, "Lord Jesus, come soon!")

O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

**Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

**Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.

**Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison.

**Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

**Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.

**Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and save us, Lord our God.

**Lord Jesus, come soon!**

*Silence*

**Collect**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Offertory Hymn No. 116**      "Your Kingdom Come"      (Irish)

*Leader*      And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All**      **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,**

thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Blessing**

Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn No. 89** vss. 4 - 7

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(Veni Emmanuel)

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Following the service please join us for refreshments in the Lower Hall.

Liturgical Ministers

Presider:	The Rev. Jagdutt Singh
Organist:	Margaret Kosa St. Barnabas Choir
Duet:	Dianne Quinton and Andrew Dickinson
Solo:	Dianne Quinton
Sunday School Coord.:	Alethea Power
Crucifer:	Suzanne Roberts
Sidespeople:	Tim Holgate's Team
Altar Guild:	Marian Standing, Susan Marasco, and Kay Robertson.

INTERCESSIONS

LET US PRAY FOR CHRIST'S HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH:

We pray for the Diocese of Kitale in Kenya.

In our Diocesan prayer calendar we pray for the Church of the Epiphany, Rimbey and for their priest, The Rev. David Holmes.

We rejoice and give thanks with Jagdutt for his ordination to the Diaconate on The Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, November 30, 1973 and for his ordination to the Priesthood on The First Sunday in Advent, December 1, 1974.

We pray for our companion Diocese, the Windward Isles.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING GIFTS:

Eva David, Doris Ford, The Rev. Mervin Wolfleg,
The Rev. Canon John Flagler, Chyrine (COR-REEN)
Thompson, Donald Sawatzky, Taylor James,
Elizabeth Hardcastle, Elizabeth Finlayson, Robert Darwent,
Margaret Baird, Willy, Doris Piper, Darrell, Jim Watts, Mark,
Linda, Matthew and Laura Curran, Eddie and Joan Norris,
John Mallinson, Coralie Arthur, Larry Hewitt, Veronica White,
Russell des Cognets, Parvati Narain, Jean Spencer,
Cathy King, Mandy Leet, Paul and Daphne Bennett,
Kiera Peters, Suzanne Roberts, Grace Hart, Mark Dickinson,
Bernie Baird, Hari and Kamla Singh, Sharon Crockett,
Reta Lee, Cam Fahrner, Benjamin, Claire Flynn, Ed Yates,
Neil McKenzie, Fran Wilshaw, Greg Johnston,
Beverly Roberts, Terry Penelhum, and Gwen Coupland.

UPCOMING AT ST. BARNABAS

TODAY	“In Between Times” at 9:20 am in the Upper Hall. Last day for donations to Pregnancy Care .
Wednesday, December 3	Soup and Scripture at 6 pm in the Lower Hall.
Thursday, December 4	Eucharist at 10 am followed by Bible Study. Theology for all of us from 1:30 to 3 pm in the Undercroft room. Choir Practice at 7:30 pm – everyone is welcome.
Sunday, December 7	The Second Sunday of Advent Eucharist: 8:30 am – Eucharist at 10:15 am Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8 Readers: Isobel Attrell and Elaine Cole



Needed: On December 11 or 12th we need someone with a truck to pick up 3 Christmas trees from Golden Acre Garden Centre, deliver them to the Church and assist in putting them in their stands.

Please contact Pat Gregory at 403-289-8884 or Alice King at 403-275-2727 if you can help.

An Undercroft Outreach Update

Three campaigns are planned for 2009. The winter campaign will benefit **Inn From the Cold**; items will be collected in January. The spring initiative is for **The Women’s Shelter**; items will be collected in May. Fall will see us collecting for the **St. Barnabas Food Bank** and **Rector’s resources**; the collection will be in September. For the **Women’s Shelter** we will be collecting toiletries. We request that if you are traveling between now and May, please remember to bring home the hotel provided toiletries (unopened). Thank you.

Participants are needed to play roles in our annual **Christmas pageant** on Sunday, December 14th at 10:15 am. No acting experience is necessary.



Readers for the lessons are also required. This is a well loved, long standing tradition and its success depends on the efforts of volunteers. If you are able to lend your support to this

initiative, please contact Dianne Quinton at (403) 201-1187. Thank you.

SOUP AND SCRIPTURE



Every Wednesday during Advent (Dec. 3, 10, and 17th) Jagdutt will be hosting a soup and scripture night. Please come to the parish hall at 6 pm and join us for a bowl of soup and fellowship. We will then move to the Chapel

for a time of reflection and the opportunity to share in the Eucharist.

On Friday January 9th, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. we will be hosting a **dinner and silent auction** in the Lower Hall. This is an event open to all Church members, as well as friends and family! It will be a night of fun, fundraising and fellowship. We will need volunteers and silent auction items. Please contact Joe or Rebecca Jacobs @ 403 234 0262 or 403 617 9123 for more information, to volunteer, or to purchase tickets. Tickets are available for \$15.00 per person.

Snowflake Tea & Bazaar - The congregation of St. Mark and St. Philip's Anglican Church is pleased to invite you to its annual Snowflake Tea and Bazaar on Saturday December 6th from 1.00-3.30 pm. Come and shop for baking, jams, jellies, books, knitting and crafts. The tea costs \$4.00 per person and everyone is welcome. You can find the church at 1802-33rd Avenue SW. See you there!

COSAD Several people have inquired as to how they can make personal donations to COSAD. You can do so on the web site www.cosad.org or, if you wish to have a tax receipt you can donate the money to St Barnabas and clearly label that it is designated for COSAD.

Christmas ideas: it costs \$100 to supply a goat. The goat contract, signed when a goat is given, includes a clause stating that the parents will use profits to send their children to school and not to keep them home to care for the goat. It costs \$100 per year to send a child to primary school, \$20 school fees and \$80 for a uniform and school supplies.

We have received the following letter from Smart:

Dear St. Barnabas Trinity Women,

Warm Greetings and Blessings to you!

On behalf of COSAD friends and especially on behalf of the Bukoba people in Tanzania and on my own behalf I am writing to express our profound gratitude and many thanks for your generosity, love and support.

I thank you so much for your full scholarship to sponsor a nurse under COSAD's CHAI (Community Health Awareness Initiative). Your support is a huge contribution and will result into a huge everlasting impact with broad benefit.

In December we will begin selection of the candidate for August 2009 intake. We will be sending you regular progress reports on "St. Barnabas Trinity Women Nursing Scholarship".

Lastly but not least, we request that we continue to partner and work together for the sake of God's glory and wellbeing of God's people. I also take this opportunity to invite you to Bukoba Tanzania. Karibu!

Thank you Very Much,

God Bless you all.

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