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Saint Barnabas**

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We warmly welcome all visitors this morning. If you are new to St. Barnabas or would like to participate more fully, please complete the yellow form on the back of the pews and put it on the collection plate.

**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
THE REIGN OF CHRIST**

November 23, 2008

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Book of Common Prayer p. 67
Collect, Epistle and Gospel (*the readings are printed below*)

Presiding: The Rev. Jagdutt Singh
Lay Assistant: Jerremie Clyde
Sidesman: Joan Kelter

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the life and ministry of The Rev. Canon J.W. (Bill) Way from Ruth and family and given in loving memory of Bill Ryans Jr.

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**10:15 am Holy Baptism and Eucharist**

The Liturgy is provided; Hymns from *Common Praise*

**The Gathering of the Community**

**Opening Hymn No. 378**

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

(Diademata)

Children's Time

**Hymn**

**I've Got a Voice**

I've got a voice to sing out loud, I've got a voice to praise our God.  
I've got a voice to sing out loud, I've got a voice for praising.  
"La la la – ing" to the end.

I've got a hand to help someone, I've got a hand to praise our God.  
I've got a hand to help someone, I've got a hand for praising.  
"La la la - ing" to the end.

I've got a heart to share God's love, I've got a heart to praise our God.  
I've got a heart to share God's love, I've got a heart for praising.  
"La la la - ing" to the end.

I've got a voice to sing out loud, I've got a hand to help someone.  
I've got a heart to share God's love, I've got a voice for praising.  
"La la la - ing" to the end.

*(Children leave for Sunday School)*

Priest: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
God is love, God gives us life. We love because God first loved us. In Baptism  
God declares that love; in Christ God calls us to respond.

The Collect of the Day: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things  
in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now  
divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and  
loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Listen to God: The Bible has two parts. The Old Testament was written before Jesus  
was born. The New Testament was written after Jesus was born.

***The Old Testament Lesson is from Ezekiel.*** (Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24)

<sup>11</sup> For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.

<sup>12</sup> As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I  
will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been  
scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup> I will bring them out from the peoples  
and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will  
feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts  
of the land. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall  
be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on  
rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep,  
and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, and I will  
bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but  
the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, thus says  
the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>  
Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with

your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup> I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup> I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

*At the conclusion of the passage the reader says,*

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**All: Thanks be to God**

***The New Testament Lesson is from Ephesians*** (Ephesians 1:15-23) <sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**Choir Anthem:** "O Taste and See" Williams

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Matthew 25:31-46** <sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and

welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?' <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

*At the conclusion of the Gospel the reader says,*

Reader:           The Gospel of Christ.

All:                **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **The Presentation for Baptism**

*Each candidate for Baptism is presented individually.*

*Parent/Godparent/Sponsor say:*

**I present (Name) to receive the sacrament of Baptism, and made a member of the body of Christ, the Church.**

Priest: From the beginning the Church has received believers by baptism. Believers' children have also been baptized so that with help and encouragement they should grow up in Christ and by the grace of God serve Christ all the days of their life.

On the day the apostles first preached the Gospel of Christ's resurrection, Peter urged his hearers, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus the Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children and to all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God may call."

How do you respond to this promise?

*The parents and Godparents of each child reply:*

**We hear God's call and ask for baptism.**

Priest: Do you renounce all evil influences and powers that rebel against God?

*The parents and Godparents reply:*

**I renounce all evil.**

Priest: Do you trust in Christ's victory which brings forgiveness, freedom and life?

*The parents and Godparents reply:*

**In faith I turn to Christ, my way, my truth, my life, as I care for this child.**

**All the People (congregation): May God keep you in the way you have chosen.**

Priest: Praise God who made heaven and earth.

**All: Who endures for ever.**

### **Prayers of the People**

Priest: God and Father of us all, in Christ you give us one Lord, one faith, one baptism: look in your love upon the Church, the fellowship of the baptized, and renew her life in unity and peace.  
In faith we pray.

**All: We pray to you our God.**

Your Christ has commanded us to go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: look in your love upon the world, remembering especially The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain and the Windward Isles, redeemed by his blood, and work out your purpose for the whole creation.  
In faith we pray.

**All: We pray to you our God.**

As a mother brings her child to birth in pain and yet in joy, you bring us to new birth in the waters of baptism and make us your own by adoption and grace: look in your love upon each one of your children, and bless with your presence every home and every family, remembering especially in our Diocesan family the parish of St. Luke, Red Deer.  
In faith we pray.

**All: We pray to you our God.**

We have accepted the baptism with which Christ was baptized, your children suffer various trials, testing their faith, as they await the salvation of their souls: look in your love upon those who walk in deep darkness and those who suffer beyond endurance.

In faith we pray.

**All: We pray to you our God.**

Christ is risen, the first-fruits of the harvest of the dead. In baptism we die with him in order that we may be alive with him: look in your love on all who are passing through the deep waters of death. May they walk in newness of life.

In faith we pray.

**All: We pray to you our God.**

Grant, Lord, that we who are baptized into the death of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ may continually put to death our evil desires and be buried with him; that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; through his merits, who died and was buried and rose again for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

In faith we pray.

**All: We pray to you our God.**

### **The Baptism**

Priest: We thank you God for your love in all creation, especially for your gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. We thank you for your covenant with your people Israel; through the Red Sea waters you led them to freedom in the Promised Land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. Through the deep waters of death Jesus fulfilled his baptism. He died to set us free and was raised to be exalted Lord of all. It is Christ who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

**All: Amen. Come Holy Spirit.**

Priest: We thank you that through the waters of baptism you cleanse us, renew us by your Spirit and raise us to new life. In the new covenant we are made members of your Church and share in your eternal kingdom. Through your Holy Spirit fulfill once your promises in this water of rebirth, set apart in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power and might, be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!**

### **The Baptismal Covenant**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**All: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**All: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**All: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**All: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**All: I will, with God's help.**

### **The Baptism**

*Each candidate is presented by name to the celebrant who then immerses, or pours water upon the candidates, saying "N, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Amen.*

*The celebrant makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each one (using chrism if desired) saying to each,*

*I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.*

*The celebrant, at a place in the full sight of the congregation, prays over the newly baptized, saying,*

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Following the Baptism: *"You have put on Christ, in him you have been baptized. Alleluia, Alleluia."* (repeated)

### **The Giving of the Light**

*One of the ministers may then give to each of the newly baptized a lighted candle, saying,*

Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

*When all of the newly baptized have received candles, the **people** say,*

**Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.  
**All: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

**Outreach Information:** Mr. Smart P. Baitani

### **Confession and Absolution**

Priest: Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

Priest: Most merciful God,  
**All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Share God's love and exchange the peace with those around you.

**Offertory Hymn:**

“Lord of the Dance”

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.           **Refrain**

**Refrain**

Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
They came with me and the dance went on. **Refrain**

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,  
The holy people said it was a shame;  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;  
And they left me there on a cross to die.   **Refrain**

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the dance and I still go on.       **Refrain**

They cut me down and I leap up high,  
I am the life that will never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.       **Refrain**

**Prayer over the Gifts**

God of glory, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ Jesus, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love in action. Increase in us that true and perfect gift of love, justice and mercy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## The Great Thanksgiving

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Priest: It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit has made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; who renews that mystery in bread and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

"Drink this all of you:

This is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."

Priest: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Priest: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All: 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 for ever. Amen.**

### **Come to the Lord's Table**

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Priest: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Communion Hymns:**

**No. 600** "You Call Us Out to Praise You"

(Briggs)

**No. 520** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

(Dominus Regit Me)

**No. 383** "Jesus Shall Reign"

(Duke Street)

### **Prayer After Communion:**

Priest: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood within your family. Make known Jesus' love through us as we serve others so that the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who reigns in our lives. Amen.

**All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of**

**his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with  
gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**The Blessing**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God be with us all for evermore.

**Recessional Hymn No. 379**

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

(Darwall)

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ministry of The Rev. Canon J.W. (Bill) Way from Ruth and family
and given in loving memory of Bill Ryans Jr.***

*Today we welcome to the Christian Community
through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism:*

Sydney Laine Walcheske

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Presiding:	The Rev'd Jagdutt Singh
Organist:	Margaret Kosa St. Barnabas Choir
Soloist:	Dianne Quinton
Sunday School Coord.:	Alethea Power
Lay Assistant:	Mark Cluett
Reader:	John Myles
Server & Crucifer:	Emily Marasco
Altar Guild:	Mary Douglas and Dorothy Hopkins
Sidespeople:	Ron Butler Sr.'s Team

UPCOMING AT ST. BARNABAS

TODAY	Altar Guild meeting following the 10:15 am service in the Board Room.
Tuesday,	Newcomer's Reception at 5:30 pm in the Lower Hall.
Thursday, November 27	Vestry Meeting at 7 pm in the Undercroft room. Eucharist at 10 am followed by Bible Study. Theology for all of us from 1:30 to 3 pm in the Undercroft room.
Saturday, November 29	Choir Practice at 7:30 pm – everyone is welcome. Family Advent Event from 10 am to 1 pm. Youth Group Bowling – please contact Alethea at (403)383-2885
Sunday, November 30	The First Sunday of Advent Eucharist: 8:30 am – Eucharist at 10:15 am Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37 Readers: Cathy and Doug Noullett

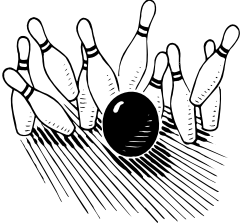
The minutes from the Trinity Women's Meeting held on November 17 are available on the circular rack in the narthex.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Fourteen shawls have been distributed during the month of November and our stock is now very low. Please keep clicking those needles all you knitters and crocheters. We have a collection of wool and yarn and patterns available for use. See Shelagh at coffee hour on Sunday. A newsletter on Dec.7 will publish the wonderful thank you cards we have received.

Thanks to all who have so generously contributed to our **Pregnancy Care** Christmas gift box. This agency offers free and confidential services to birth moms and is a member of the Canadian Council of Christian Charities. The following is a list of acceptable new gift items for clients at their Christmas party: journals, disposable cameras, picture frames and albums, travel size hand and body lotion, baby clothing, gift certificates for local restaurants and activities. The final date for collection of items (in the box in the narthex) will be **next Sunday, November 30.**

Advent Event: On **November 29th**, the Saturday before Advent 1, we will be hosting a **family advent event** from 10am-1pm. There will be carols, wreath-making, cookie decorating and more. There will also be a soup and sandwich luncheon. There is a sign up list in the link for both participants and volunteers. Hope to see you there!!!

Our next **NEWCOMER'S RECEPTION** will take place on Tuesday, November 25th in the Lower Parish Hall, 5:30 - 6:45 pm. Invitations to Newcomers to St. Barnabas since May were mailed out this week. This is a family friendly event and pizza and cake will be served. **Parishioners are most welcome to attend** as well, so please RSVP to Purdy Mackenzie by phone at 403.284.3963 or by email at purdymackenzie@shaw.ca. The vestry meeting will take place immediately following at 7pm so all vestry members are encouraged to attend as well.



Youth Group: The next joint youth group event will be on Saturday November 29th. We will be bowling at Chinook Bowladrome. There will be a \$2 charge for shoes. Please feel free to bring a friend. RSVP to Alethea at (403)383-2885. (We can make arrangements for transportation, if that is a concern).

Volunteer Driver: We may need a volunteer driver for the above event. If you are able to drive, please call Alethea: (403)383-2885.



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.

Noah's Excuses For Not Completing His Ark On Time

And the Lord said unto Noah: 'Where is the ark which I have commanded thee to build?'

And Noah said unto the Lord, 'Verily, I have had three carpenters off ill. The gopherwood supplier hath let me down---yea, even though the gopherwood hath been on order for nigh upon 12 months. What can I do O'Lord?'

And God said unto Noah: 'I want that ark finished even after seven days and seven nights.'

And Noah said: 'It will be so.' And it was not so.

And the Lord said unto Noah: 'What seemeth to be the trouble this time?'

And Noah said unto the Lord: 'Mine subcontractor hath gone bankrupt. The pitch which Thou commandest me to put on the outside of the ark hath not arrived. The plumber hath gone on strike. Shem, my son who helpeth me on the ark side of the business, hath formed a pop group with his brothers Ham and Japeth. Lord, I am undone. '

And the Lord grew angry and said: 'And what about the animals, the male and female of every sort that I ordered to come unto thee to keep their seed upon the face of the earth?'

And Noah said: 'They have been delivered unto the wrong address but should arriveth on Friday.'

And the Lord said: 'How about the unicorns, and the fowls of the air by seven?'

And Noah wrung his hands and wept, saying: 'Lord, unicorns are a discontinued line, thou canst not get them for love or money. And fowls of the air are sold only in half-dozens. Lord, Lord, Thou knowest how it is.'

And the Lord in his wisdom said: 'Noah, my son, I knowest, Why else dost thou think I have caused a flood to descend upon the earth?'