

St. Barnabas Anglican Church

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 29, 2009

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Book of Common Prayer pg. 67
Collect, Epistle and Gospel – Advent I – pg. 95

Presiding: The Rev. Jagdutt Singh
Lay Assistant: Jacqueline Heaton
Sidesman: Shelagh Gregory

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

The flowers are given in loving memory of

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**Advent Festival of Readings and Music**

**Advent 1**

Hymns From "*Common Praise*"  
November 29, 2009 10:15 am

**Processional Hymn No. 89** vss. 1 - 3  
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Veni Emmanuel)

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

*Children leave for Sunday School*

**Hymn No. 109**  
"When the King Shall Come Again" (Tempus Adest Floridum)

**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:**

The First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11 *The Prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile* Reader: Dianne Dickinson

**Prayer**

God our hope, hear again the cry of exiles, imprisoned in a dark land of war, hunger, and intolerance. Come among us with strength and healing and bring us back to the world of your just and holy purpose. We ask this through Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Silence*

**Hymn No. 106**

"There's a Voice in the Wilderness" (Ascension)

The Second Lesson: Jeremiah 23:5-6 *The Lord promises to send his people a righteous King* Reader: Kudzai Ngwerume

**Prayer**

God of new beginnings, write your law within our hearts that we may love as freely as we think and breathe, and serve as naturally as children play. Make us heralds of your new creation, made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

**Amen.**

*Silence*

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

The Third Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-10 *The Lord promises that the King will come to Israel in peace.* Reader: Yvonne Clode

**Prayer**

God of our exile, we pray for peace in a world of war, for health in a world of hunger, for harmony in a world of discord. Bring us home to the world as you would have it be, subject to the reign of your love and grounded in the mutual care of your children. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Silence*

**Canticle** (sung): "Surge Illuminare" BCP p.28

The Fourth Lesson: Haggai 2:6-9 *The Prophet foretells the Advent of the desire of all nations.* Reader: Andrew Dickinson

**Prayer**

O just Judge of all the world, when the dark power of evil threatens your creation, may we, through your strength within us, maintain the sure knowledge of your love and mercy, which we see in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Silence*

**Choir Anthem:** "Where Is the Saviour" Purifoy

The Fifth Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-6 *The Prophet foretells the glory of the Kingdom of God.* Reader: Douglas 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*

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

The Sixth Lesson: Micah 6:6-8 *To do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God* Reader: Mark Cluett

**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*

**Hymn No. 91**

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

The Seventh Lesson: Baruch 4:36 – 5:9 *See your children gathered from West and East at the word of the Holy One.*

Reader: Isobel Attrell

**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*

**Hymn No. 95**

“O Come, Divine Messiah” (Venez, Divin Messie)

The Eighth Lesson: Luke 1:26-35, 38 *The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Reader: Rebecca Jacobs

**Prayer**

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Silence*

**Choir Anthem:** “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

Praetorius/Baker

**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*

**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. 114**

“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending” (Helmsley)

*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

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

(Veni Emmanuel)

## **Liturgical Ministers**

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| Presiding:            | The Rev. Jagdutt Singh                            |
| Organist:             | Margaret Kosa<br>St. Barnabas Choir               |
| Sunday School Coord.: | Alethea Power                                     |
| Lay Assistant:        | Suzanne Roberts                                   |
| Server:               | Eryn Collyer                                      |
| Crucifer:             | Suzanne Roberts                                   |
| Sidespeople:          | Mark Cluett's Team                                |
| Altar Guild:          | Isobel Attrell, Gerry Morris, Joyce<br>Freckelton |

## **INTERCESSIONS**

### **LET US PRAY FOR CHRIST'S HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH:**

*We Pray for Christ's Holy Catholic Church:*

In our Diocesan Prayer Calendar we pray for the parish of St. John the Divine, Siksika, The Rev. Margaret Waterchief and Larry Waterchief, Lay Pastor; St. Barnabas, Tsuu T'ina, The Rev. Dr. Roy Darcus

*We pray for our companion Diocese of the Windward Isles:*

St. Paul, Calliaqua with St. John, Belair, The Ven. Sylvanus Regisford

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

Doris Ford, Chyrine (COR-REEN) Thompson, Donald Sawatsky, Elizabeth Hardcastle, Elizabeth Finlayson, Margaret Baird, Willy, Darrell, Jim Watts, Eddie & Joan Norris, John Mallinson, Larry Hewitt, Russell des Cognets, Jean Spencer, Cathy King, Reta Lee, Claire Flynn, Gwen Coupland, Karen K., Cathie Morris, Linda Stevenson, Karen Norton, Win Saunders, Lisa Allison, Kay

Robertson, Howard Patterson, Fay Milne, Neil McKenzie, Michele Mallinson, Esther Burgess, Lyn Innes, Don Freckelton, Sally, Daniel Eros, Sam Quinton, Janet Beattie, and Purdy Mackenzie

We give thanks for the life of Nicole Jennifer Creig and pray for members of her family in their time of grief.

### **UPCOMING AT ST. BARNABAS**

Wednesday, December 2     **Soup & Scripture** at 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
in the Lower Hall.

Thursday, December 3     **Eucharist** at 10 am followed by  
Bible Study.

Sunday, December 6     **The Second Sunday of Advent**  
Eucharist: 8:30 am  
Baptism 10:15 am

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COSAD:** When you consider your Christmas giving, please keep the people of rural Tanzania high on your list. The Sewing Singers programme started last year by COSAD has been a huge hit. Nearly every grandmother in the community wants to participate, so many sewing machines are needed (\$200 each). This programme not only supplies uniforms so children can attend school, it gives the caregivers a means of earning a small living. Money is also needed to provide fabrics and to train those who cannot use a machine. COSAD is also in need of funds to provide veterinary services and supplies for the goats and rainwater collection barrels and guttering. Every contribution made to COSAD goes directly to help the Tanzanians currently there are no administrative costs. In addition a donor has pledged to match every donation made before May 2010, so your contribution goes twice as far as usual. For more details on COSAD see [www.cosad.ca](http://www.cosad.ca)

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** Participants are needed to play roles in our annual Christmas pageant on Sunday, December 13th 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 Gloria McCracken at (403) 230-4080 or Dianne Quinton at (403) 201-1187. Thank you.

**2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MID-WINTER FEAST AND SILENT AUCTION:** Will be held Saturday, February 20, 2010. Volunteers and auction items are needed! Tickets will go on sale shortly for \$25.00 and will include a full roast beef dinner and an evening of fun and fellowship. Seating is limited and only 100 tickets will go on sale. Please call Joe or Rebecca Jacobs for more details  
403-234-0262 ~ Joe ~

**DINNER AND A MOVIE:**

Beginning January 2010 and running until June 2010 Jerremie & Rita Clyde will be hosting "Dinner and a Movie" at the church. It will be on a Friday evening once a month (more details to follow). We will enjoy a potluck dinner together then the adults will watch the movie and have discussion afterward, looking at what the films say about God, our relationship with God, nature of good and evil, etc. Participants will have the opportunity to nominate a film, and then help lead the discussion afterward. Free Child Care will be provided at the church.