

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2009

PRELUDE

Masters in the Hall (8:00 & 9:00 a.m.)
He Comes To Us As One Unknown (10:30 a.m.) Powell/Callahan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* #257

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

The Sun of righteousness shall rise
with shining beams of healing.
Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Almighty God,
we confess that we have sinned against you, and against our sisters and brothers.
Our words and deeds have not proclaimed
your reign of justice and truth.
We have failed to watch and pray
for the signs of your advent among us.
Forgive our sin,
and come quickly to save us.
Amen.

In the advent of Christ,
the dawn from on high breaks upon us
with light and healing.
Through Jesus Christ,
God looks with favor upon you,
and forgives you all your sins.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG	<i>Savior of the Nations, Come</i>	# 263
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GREETING

ANTHEM	<i>He Came Down (9:00 a.m.)</i>	Cameroon Melody
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HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Glory to God</i>	p. 139
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might,
free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you
always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON	Micah 5:2-5a	Pew Bible p. 966 (OT)
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SECOND LESSON	Hebrews 10:5-10	Pew Bible p. 240-241 (NT)
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION		p. 142
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GOSPEL	Luke 1:39-55	Pew Bible p. 58 (NT)
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SERMON	"Sing!"	
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HYMN	<i>My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness</i>	# 251
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APOSTLES' CREED

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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.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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Lord in your mercy...
Hear our prayer.

RECOGNITION: PR. RICHARD BECKER'S 45TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY (9:00 a.m.)

PEACE

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OFFERING

Un Flambeau, Jeanette, Isabella (8:00 & 9:00 a.m.)
Magnificat (10:30 a.m.)

Traditional
Vaughan Williams

***OFFERTORY**

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*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.*

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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LORD'S PRAYER

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LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION SONGS

Every Valley (10:30 a.m.)
Comfort, Comfort Now My People
Canticle of Turning

Beck

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BLESSING

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***SONG AFTER COMMUNION**

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*Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
Send us with your promises and lead your people
forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

Joy to the World

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DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

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WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Bethany welcomes all baptized Christians who have celebrated their first communion to join in receiving the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion.

An usher will direct you when to come forward for the distribution.

You will receive the wafer in your hand which you may then dip in the wine.

A communion station with alcohol free wine and gluten free wafers is available at every communion service at the center aisle.

We are glad that you joined us for worship today!

Please let us know how we may serve you by filling out a Welcome Card found in the pew rack. If you would like information about the ministries of Bethany, visit the Hospitality Center located in the narthex

or our website at www.bethany-denver.org.

We invite you to stay after worship for refreshments served in the Fellowship Hall.

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHER	Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
PRESIDER	Pastor Ron Glusenkamp
INTERIM ORGANIST	Sheree Weverstad
LECTORS	Brenda Greenwald (8:00 a.m.) Bradley Torgerson (9:00 a.m.) Leslie Stevenson (10:30 a.m.)
ADVENT CANDLELIGHTERS	David & Linda Sather (8:00 a.m.) Jim, Cheryl, & Alexandra Katschke (9:00 a.m.) Pat, Julie, Jacob & Elise Rethman (10:30 a.m.)
MUSICIANS	Carillons, Director: Lisa Lewis (8:00 & 9:00 a.m.) Chancel Choir, Director: Dan Grace (10:30 a.m.)
CANTORS	Lisa Lewis (8:00 & 9:00 a.m.) Lindsey Whitaker (10:30 a.m.)
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Jeannette Arps Manos, Bev Van Kirk Caitlin Trussell (8:00 a.m.) Peggy Furgason, Laurie Jeddelloh Caitlin Trussell, Dick Rankin (9:00 a.m.) Sarah Hulslander, Jean Lindsey (10:30 a.m.)
ACOLYTES	Mikaela Eppard & Mary Cleveland (8:00 a.m.) Gary Schlatter & Nicole Schlatter (9:00 a.m.) Caya Bahr & Katie Jeddelloh (10:30 a.m.)
USHERS	Gary Miller, Steve Esterline, Scott Scholbe David Scott, Bud Setzer, Richard Will (8:00 a.m.) Neal Schuessler, Gary Steckler, Lee Engelbart David Admire, Nancy Admire, Bill Hermann Kevin McAuliffe, Jeanette Thorsen, Bruce Thorsen (9:00 a.m.) Bill King, Ben King, Dan Spencers Lowell Palmquist, Fred Kluppel (10:30 a.m.)
SOUND TECHNICIAN	Michael Bevers
DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD	Kathy Good, Millie Hock, Carol Rankin Gwen Smith, Mona Palmquist
DECEMBER SACRISTANS	Dave Malucky, John Brayton
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Katie Dragseth, Laura Weber-Meyers Kathy Shearer, Lori Braden, Hilda Mohseni

- ❖ The page number **p.** refers to the Order of Service in the front of the ELW.
- ❖ The **#** symbol refers to hymns and service music found after the Psalms.
- ❖ The ***** indicates liturgy that is omitted at the 8:00 a.m. service.
- ❖ Large print version available at the Hospitality Center.

Bethany's Mission, Vision & Goals Worship Meaningfully; Grow Spiritually; Serve Purposefully; Share Fellowship; Witness Intentionally

Please pick up a Bethany calendar of events at the Hospitality Center for an overview of activities in 2010!