

December 24, 2017

Reverence

Advent Week 4

Salutation

Call to Worship

from Isaiah 9:6 - 7, Exodus 29:45, Rev Matt Bostrom

Song of Invocation

Joy to the World

Prayer of Invocation

Advent Reading

Various Scripture, The Ween family

Reconciliation

Scripture of Confession

from Psalm 25, Kern Jackson

Confession of Sin

Song of Confession

Man of Sorrows

Assurance of God's Grace

Titus 3:4-7, 2:11-14, Rev J Kyle Parker

Song of Assurance

Good Christian Men Rejoice

Revelation

Prayers of the People

Don Admire

Jude Doxology

Sermon

Luke 2:22 - 38, Rev J Kyle Parker

22 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 29 "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation 31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." 33 And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed 35 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." 36 And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, 37 and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

"God travels wonderful ways with human beings, but he does not comply with the views and opinions of people. God does not go the way that people want to prescribe for him; rather, his way is beyond all comprehension, free and selfdetermined beyond all proof. Where reason is indignant, where our nature rebels, where our piety anxiously keeps us away: that is precisely where God loves to be. There he confounds the reason of the reasonable; there he aggravates our nature, our piety—that is where he wants to be, and no one can keep him from it. Only the humble believe him and rejoice that God is so free and so marvelous that he does wonders where people despair; that he takes what is little and lowly and makes it marvelous. And that is the wonder of all wonders, that God loves the lowly... God is not ashamed of the lowliness of human beings. God marches right in. He chooses people as his instruments and performs his wonders where one would least expect them. God is near to lowliness; he loves the lost, the neglected, the unseemly, the excluded, the weak and broken."
-- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern."
-- Mother Teresa

There is nothing so secular that it cannot be sacred, and that is one of the deepest messages of the incarnation.
-- Madeleine L'Engle

*A Child in a foul stable,
Where the beasts feed
and foam;
Only where He was
homeless
Are you and I at home;"*
-- G.K. Chesterton

Announcements

Men's Study & Prayer ...

Tuesdays @ 6:30A
My Fresh Basket

Young Adult Study ...

NO Study until 2018!

Ladies' Tuesday walk...

Tuesdays @ 9A

Meet @ Manito Park Cafe

Ladies' Study...

NO Study until 2018!

Christmas Eve Skate
gathering...

Sunday Dec 24th @1-4:30P

The Everett home
3316 W Eagles Nest Lane

Bring a snack to share!

We will have a pizza lunch
available for a small donation
per family

Christmas Eve Service...

Sunday Dec 24th @ 6:15P
Jefferson Elementary School

Leadership Class...

Sunday, January 14th @ 5:45P

My Fresh Basket

Education Hour...

NO Education Hour
December 24th - January 7th

Purpose Statement

Coram Deo signifies "life in the presence of God." A relationship possible only by Jesus Christ's rescuing humanity through his gracious sacrifice. Christ's grace is evidenced in our ability to love God and man with:

- Convinced minds
- Cleansed hearts
- Captivated souls
- Committed hands

The community of Coram Deo desires to extend Christ to Spokane and equip the saints to serve.



Response

Song of Response

Angels We Have Heard on High

Confession of Faith

from Hebrews 1:1 - 10, Anna Sproule

Tithes and Offering

2 Corinthians 9:6 - 8

Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful

Renewal

Lord's Supper

Invitation and Prayer

We suspend the supper on Christmas to bring

Words of Institution

rightful bearing on the

Congregational Response

incarnation of Jesus.

Distribution of the Elements

Hymn

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Rest

Benediction

Relevance

The Benediction and Dismissal.

At the very end of the service are two small, yet significant elements of the liturgy, the benediction and the dismissal. The word benediction comes from the Latin word for "good saying." In worship we partake of the mercy and grace of God, and thus as we go forth from the service, we go forth with the peace and blessing of God upon us. Just as the priests in Old Testament Israel and the Apostles in their letters to the New Testament churches pronounced this blessing on the people, so for centuries the Church has also practiced this. Because of the grace of God which is given us in Christ, we may indeed enjoy a "good saying" of blessing after we have worshipped.

Likewise the Dismissal is immensely significant, for it is here that the Christian Church sets itself apart from other religions. In the Dismissal we are called to take the message of God's mercy into the world. As Thomas Howard has said, "Whereas the central mysteries of other religions have beckoned the faithful farther and farther into the murk of the shrine, away from the plain light of humdrum human daily life, the Christian mysteries land us immediately back in that plain light." Christ gave himself for the life of the world, and our worship becomes meaningless, if not a sacrilege, if we do not go forth into the world to serve and minister in Christ's name.