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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1981

10:30 A.M.

Morning Worship
Second Sunday in Advent

(Heard

ORGAN PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP
HYMN NO. 389 (132) "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
INVOCATION
ADVENT CANDLE
SCRIPTURE LESSON
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
ABSOLUTION
MINISTRY OF MUSIC
SCRIPTURE LESSONS
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Marianna Harris
HYMN NO. 395 (54) "Hark the Glad Sound"
SERMON Mr. Derek Evans
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION
ANNOUNCEMENTS
OFFERING: Prayer, Offertory, Doxology
HYMN NO. 396 "Creator of the Stars of Night"
BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

Derek Evans is a member of the B. C. Conference Staff as well as a member of our worshipping community. We thank him for leading in morning worship.

Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah	40: 1 - 11
II Peter	3: 8 - 14
Mark	1: 1 - 8

Next Sunday December 13

10:30 A.M.	Mr. Bill Bruce
7:00 P.M.	Rev. John Cashore

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HYMN NO. 397 "Th
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HYMN NO. 363 "G
BENEDICTION
ORGAN POSTLUDE

The Vancouver Men's
sals. A group from
of our Advent Serv
The group will be

It is agreed that
Christmas Eve. Mon
the time will be 7

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BROADCASTTHE GLORY OF THE LORD SHALL BE REVEALEDSentence 1

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sentence 2 : 2 quotations from Hebrew scriptures

Behold I send my messenger before thy face
 who shall prepare the way;
 The voice of one crying "In the wilderness
 Prepare the way of the Lord
 Make his paths straight."

In two ~~Sentences~~ Mark has plunged deep into the
 business of recording the Gospel story
 of Jesus Christ.

his second sentence picks up a passage
 from Malachi & from Isaiah

The lesson from Hebrew scriptures tonight is
 the Isaiah Passage, from which Mark's
 quotation was taken - Chapter 40 :-

Comfort Comfort my people & say to her
 speak tenderly to Jerusalem and say to her
 that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned
 that she has received from the Lord's hand
 double for all her sins.

A voice cries, "In the wilderness prepare the way
 of the Lord - make straight in the desert
 a highway for our God - Every valley shall
 be lifted up and every Mountain and hill be made low"

One of the ways we humans can be very revealing
of our inner depths - of what is powerful within
us - is by the ideas we associate together.

if I say chair + you say Table } we haven't
or I say bed + you say sheep } learned much
about you

But if I say Book + Keep - message is
that connection - accountant.

~~~~~ involve at library { Christ had  
been taught  
philosophy

Gospel lesson - 2nd Sunday is advent.

Mark - " (what is he recording)

(Stokes) Beginning of the Good news of Jesus Christ.  
(associates two passages) →

\* Comfort - Comfort to my people says your God

is so straight in the desert & highway for our God.

he will feed his flock like sheep and he will gather the lambs in  
his arms.

\* But who can endure the day of his  
coming, and who can stand when  
he appears.

for he is like a Refiner's Fire.

[ Coming of our Salvation -  
Beginning of the Good news - <sup>then who</sup> can't  
be called son of God ]

Puts } Comfort - comfort to my people +  
together } But who can endure the day of his coming }

making that kind of associations.  
not unique to Mark.

Luke → describes the Beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a set of notivity stories and poems unique to him →

+ These include the story of Simeon. old man waiting & waiting for the Messiah of Israel  
- When he saw Jesus Mother Mary here to the temple → eight days old →

"Now let it be done to thee the sword of sorrow in peace

- For mine eyes have seen thy salvation →  
→ This Child is set for the rise and fall of many in Israel - and a sign that is spoken against — that the thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed, (and a sword shall pierce through your heart also.)

Matth. . Begins the Gospel of Jesus Christ with notivity stories unique to him →

These include the story of troubled Herod's rage - Flight of the Holy Family to Egypt: - slaughter of the innocents,

Quote Jeremiah - Rachel was refusing to be comforted,

I am occasion when just such a connection is good news to me: .

at a cheerful card service during a depressing Advent. I think it was the mid 60's. I was a university chaplain. The academic world - forefront of the whole western world rocked self doubt. Finally at the end of an age, → all that cheer up singing seemed totally out of place.

Part way through the sing song there was a solo - Ours From Heavly Messah - Malachi ready →

"The messenger of the covenant,  
in whom you delight,  
Behold he is coming."

But who can endure the day of his coming?  
and who can stand when he appears?

That aria made all the other singing O.K.

① When grief is the appropriate state, don't cheer me up, →

Can it be that grief comforts? - do all of us know a little about that. → ?

I have had long periods of hardness of heart - where soulfully life / light from pain has cut off my love of life - other → what a welcome change after that to find oneself able to grieve again.

② Don't cheer me up with cheap comfort

- Power Power where there is no power.  
- doesn't get to the bottom of the desire

Don't let the daughter of my People slight.  
 Who can vent into a peace that is unreal  
 - full of hidden violence and injustice.  
 Jesus said - My Peace I give unto you  
 not as the world giveth peace  
 unto you.

3 Only Comfort - genuine comfort - one  
 gets to the bottom of the distress,  
 Refiners Fire  
 Fuller's soap.

uncovers a new inner adventurous stuff.

4. Glory of the Lord - to be revealed. →  
 Comfort of People  
 +  
 Refiners Fire } Comfort of a God  
 who bears his own  
WRATH.

love ↔ oppose  
 world +

Bear all the UN LOVE of the world.

5. GLORY OF THE LORD, fully revealed  
 Victorious Embrocity PAIN.

6. - Pretty Other Worldly →

Marks: - The one coming off me - So far above  
 and beyond anything that I - I believed you will with -  
 associated. He with H.S.  
 Way the <sup>salvation</sup> path to is very wonderful - Jesus came from Nazareth  
 & was baptised of John