

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

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Andrew Reed, 1829; alt.

Johann Crüger, 1647



1. Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers, And make this house Your home;
2. Come as the light; to us re - veal Our emp - ti - ness and woe;
3. Come as the fire and purge our hearts Like sac - ri - fi - cial flame;
4. Come as the dove and spread Your wings, The wings of peace - ful love;



- De - scend with all Your gra - cious powers; O come, great Spir - it, come!
And lead us in those paths of life Where all the righ - teous go.
Let our whole soul an of - fering be To our Re - deem - er's name.
And let the church on earth be - come Blest as the church a - bove.



5. Spirit divine, attend our prayers;
Make a lost world Your home;
Descend with all Your gracious powers;
O come, great Spirit, come!

Good.
Do no Harm.
Do Good.
Stay in love with God.
God.

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2010

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Spirit Divine, attend us and our prayers, this day.
Many: Bring good from our hearts into this space we share.

One: Spirit Divine, descend upon us with your gracious powers.
Many: Strengthen us to stay in love with you,

All: loving all in your name. O come, great Spirit, come!
God knows we need you. Amen.

*** Hymn #325 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers**

Call to Confession in Unison

Good. Do No Harm. Stay in Love with God. Do Good. How do we forget?
Which of these simple practices of living into faith slip by us each day?
Which ones have we forgotten in the unfolding moments of our lives? As
we enter more deeply into Advent and waiting, actively waiting, let us ask
for forgiveness for the times we forget. Let us pray for healing and
reconciliation for our own selves and all our brethren, one and all. Amen.

A Time for Silent Prayer...

Assurance of God's Love & Forgiveness

One: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel,
Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***The Passing of the Peace**

Let us offer one another a sign of the goodness and love of peace!
One: God's great peace be with you!
All: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 11: 1- 10

A Green Shoot from Jesse's Stump

A green Shoot will sprout from Jesse's stump, from his roots a budding Branch.
The life-giving Spirit of God will hover over him,
the Spirit that brings wisdom and understanding,
The Spirit that gives direction and builds strength,
the Spirit that instills knowledge and Fear-of-God.
Fear-of-God
will be all his joy and delight.
He won't judge by appearances,
won't decide on the basis of hearsay.
He'll judge the needy by what is right,
render decisions on earth's poor with justice.
His words will bring everyone to awed attention.
A mere breath from his lips will topple the wicked.
Each morning he'll pull on sturdy work clothes and boots,
and build righteousness and faithfulness in the land.

A Living Knowledge of God

The wolf will romp with the lamb,
the leopard sleep with the kid.
Calf and lion will eat from the same trough,
and a little child will tend them.
Cow and bear will graze the same pasture,
their calves and cubs grow up together,
and the lion eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child will crawl over rattlesnake dens,
the toddler stick his hand down the hole of a serpent.
Neither animal nor human will hurt or kill
on my holy mountain.
The whole earth will be brimming with knowing God-Alive,
a living knowledge of God ocean-deep, ocean-wide.
On that day, Jesse's Root will be raised high, posted as a rallying banner for the
peoples. The nations will all come to him. His headquarters will be glorious.

Gospel Matthew 3: 1 - 12

Thunder in the Desert!

While Jesus was living in the Galilean hills, John, called "the Baptizer," was preaching in the desert country of Judea. His message was simple and austere, like his desert surroundings: "Change your life. God's kindom is here."

John and his message were authorized by Isaiah's prophecy:

Thunder in the desert!
Prepare for God's arrival!
Make the road smooth and straight!

John dressed in a camel-hair habit tied at the waist by a leather strap. He lived on a diet of locusts and wild field honey. People poured out of Jerusalem, Judea, and the Jordanian countryside to hear and see him in action. There at the Jordan River those who came to confess their sins were baptized into a changed life.

When John realized that a lot of Pharisees and Sadducees were showing up for a baptismal experience because it was becoming the popular thing to do, he exploded: "Brood of snakes! What do you think you're doing slithering down here to the river? Do you think a little water on your snakeskins is going to make any difference? It's your life that must change, not your skin! And don't think you can pull rank by claiming Abraham as father. Being a descendant of Abraham is neither here nor there. Descendants of Abraham are a dime a dozen. What counts is your life. Is it green and blossoming? Because if it's deadwood, it goes on the fire.

"I'm baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kindom life. The real action comes next: The main character in this drama—compared to him I'm a mere stagehand—will ignite the kindom life within you, a fire within you, the Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside out. He's going to clean house—make a clean sweep of your lives. He'll place everything true in its proper place before God; everything false he'll put out with the trash to be burned."

Provocation: "What tickles the back of your mind?" Ray Bagnuolo

* Hymn #508 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice 409

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Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989

Joseph Parry, 1879

1. Wild and lone the proph-et's voice Ech - oes through the des - ert still,
2. "Bear the fruit re - pent - ance sows: Lives of jus - tice, truth, and love.
3. With such preach - ing stark and bold John pro - claimed sal - va - tion near,

Call - ing us to make a choice, Bid - ding us to do God's will:
Trust no oth - er claim than those; Set your heart on things a - bove.
And his time - less warn - ings hold Words of hope to all who hear.

"Turn from sin and be bap - tized; Cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
Soon the Lord will come in power, Burn - ing clean the thresh - ing floor:
So we dare to jour - ney on, Led by faith through ways un - trod,

Quit - ting all the sins you prized, Yield your life to God's con - trol.
Then will flames the chaff de - vour; Wheat a - lone shall fill God's store."
Till we come at last like John To be - hold the Lamb of God.

Preparing for the Offering

One: In this world, someone has too much.

Many: Someone has barely enough, someone has nothing at all.

One: When we share our commitment and financial support, we act on the imagination of Jesus.

Many: Jesus, who sees enough bread to go around, enough courage to speak the truth, and enough love to overcome all things.

One: O God, to those of us who have hunger, give bread. And to those of us who have bread, give the hunger for justice.

Many: When the 5,000 were hungry, the disciples came to Jesus and said: "Send the people away, so they may get something to eat."

One: Jesus answered: "You give them something to eat."

Offertory Music

Blessing the Offering

One: And the people reached in their pockets and pulled out the bread and the fishes and shared them, and there was abundance for all, and even more.

Many: Amen.

Announcements & Prayers of the People

Please remember Jerry Brody, recovering from heart surgery; Mark on his way to Hawaii, the congregation and Session of Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House and all who are in any way connected to us; your prayers...

The Lord's Supper: Come to the Table, One and All!

Musical notation for the offertory. It consists of three staves of music in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise." The notation includes dynamic markings: *One* and *All*.

One: It is right, and it is good, and it is joyful to give thanks to you, God of mystery and miracle. And so we sing your praise, joining our voices to all who sing on earth and to the whole company of heaven:

Musical notation for the offertory hymn. It consists of four staves of music in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow-er and might. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!"

One: Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

Musical notation for the offertory hymn. It consists of three staves of music in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!"

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit on your children gathered here and on these gifts bread and wine of earth to body and blood of heaven our frail flesh and blood to your holy people, that we might show Christ to your world.

All: By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes once again and we feast at his heavenly table.

And now, with the confidence of the children and creation of God, let us pray:

The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us (In Unison)

Creator God, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

"Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night in which he was betrayed, took the bread, gave thanks, and broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, 'Take; eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way he also took the cup after the supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them and said, 'Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the New Covenant in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'"

Communion of the People

The gifts of God for the people of God

We pass the elements to each other, saying: "The bread of life," and "the cup of blessing."

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison)

Most gracious God, source of all blessing, we give you thanks for inviting us to share this meal as your family. Strengthen us to be a blessing to one another and to all people, glorifying you in everything we do and say, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Sung Blessing (in English or Czech)

Christians rise and act your creed,
Let your prayer be in your deed;
Seek the right, perform the true,
Raise your work and life anew.
Come then law divine and reign,
Freest faith assailed in vain.
Perfect love, bereft of fear,
born in heaven and radiant here. Amen.

Amen to pozehnani prijdiz na nas vsecky,
Abychom po skonani vesli v raj nebesky,
A tam s angelskou risi, boha take ctilli,
Dejz nam to; o Jezisi, spasitely mily.
Amen.

Charge to the People

As God's own,
clothe yourselves with compassion,
kindness and patience,
forgiving each other
as God has forgiven all of us,
and crown all these things with love,
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

***Closing Hymn: # 273:** O God the Creator

O God the Creator

KASTAAK Irregular

Elizabeth Haile and Cecil Corbett, 1977

Joy F. Patterson, 1989

1. O God the Cre - a - tor, the Three in One, The Cre -
 2. (For the) earth is our moth - er, where all things grow, And her
 3. (We are) one in the Spir - it, in the great mys - ter - y, Walk to -
 4. (Send a) sense of Your pres - ence as we seek lead - er - ship. Pray that

a - tor of earth and moon and sun, You have
 val - leys are green where the wa - ters flow, Gen - tle
 geth - er in beau - ty as we dwell in har - mo - ny, Bring - ing
 God will join us in our vi - sion quest. Wel - come

loved and pro - tect - ed us since time first be - gun,
 deer and the ea - gle and the might - y buf - fa - lo, And we're
 all of God's chil - dren in - to one com - mu - ni - ty,
 God to come in - to our hearts as our guest,

broth - ers and sis - ters in God's love, in God's love, And we're
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 2. For the
 3. We are
 4. Send a
 love.

Blessing

May the God of hope
 fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
 so that you may abound in hope
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

Please join us for fellowship meal following the Postlude. Our deck is open for gathering and enjoying Stan & Brian's preparation.

Announcements

Advent and Christmas Schedule

Sunday, Nov. 28:	First Sunday in Advent 1:00 P.M. Composer's Voice Concert (Free)
Sunday, Dec. 5:	Second Sunday in Advent; Communion Sunday
Sunday, Dec. 12:	Third Sunday in Advent
Saturday, Dec. 18:	Amahl and the Nigh Visitors (See next page)
Sunday, Dec. 19:	Fourth Sunday in Advent
Friday, Dec. 24:	6:30 P.M. Christmas Eve Service
Christmas Day	10:30 A.M. Morning Christmas Service
Sunday, Dec. 26	11:00 A.M. Worship

Friday, Saturday Dec. 10: **Christmas Variety Show – Spotlight On**

Join us for the benefit evening of fun and a bit of raucousness in support of the Homeless Outreach of Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House. Admission is \$20. Some scholarships available. Please see Ray.

DONATIONS for the AUCTION NEEDED!

The Show: Friday, December 10, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Featuring: Frank Calo, Teresa Fischer, Myles Cohen, Ellie Weiler Krach, Renee Flemings, Icky House Club, Patrick O'Hare, Mo Pula, Bridget Trama, and the Royal Squirrel Puppet Theatre.

Reservations: spotlightonfest@msn.com 732-379-2334



Saturday, December 18th
Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House

Produced and Directed and Performed by
Christian McLeer and the
Remarkable Theatre Brigade
7:00 P.M.

No Admission. Donations for the Homeless Outreach Welcome

Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House
"A Spiritual Home in the Real World"

Since 1888, the doors of this church have been open to those who seek a new way to engage with the Spirit and share at the table Jesus has set for us all. In those early years, Jan Hus served the needs of the Czech immigrants who founded the church and named it after the Czech reformer and martyr Jan Hus.

Today, our mission has expanded to include people from many different walks in life; people who want to share this stage of their journey with others in a God centered community. We continue to honor our Czech founders, as well, by singing our closing hymn in the Czech language each Sunday.

Worship at Jan Hus is a time for the Body of Christ to affirm God's vision for the world and witness the Gospel of Hope. We believe that God is greater than human language or experience, and to more fully experience the wonder of God, we embrace language that acknowledges God the Mother and God the Father.

We hold fast to the tenets of the Reformation that call for the priesthood of all believers, therefore ours is a shared pulpit. This is a place in which we hear the Scriptures interpreted by clergy and laity, alike, reflecting our congregation and community as a diverse expression of the presence of God in each believer. We strive for sermons that are conversations which give us an opportunity to hear how God's voice speaks to each of us. Often, we are invited into new ways of seeing and hearing God, deepening and affirming those beliefs we hold most true.

It is possible that Jan Hus may seem different than what you expect in church, for surely God loves to challenge us all with the unexpected!

However you may find us, please know that you are most welcome here as one who carries within you the Spirit of God who loves us all. *Namasthe!*



Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House
"Where you are welcome, long before you arrive."

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