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Advent 2011

the Sursum Corda

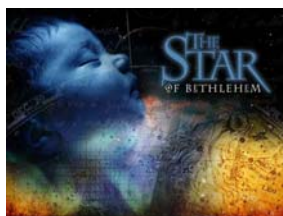
News & Inspiration from EAF~Boulder



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Mary's Song



A poem by Luci Shaw
Blue homespun and the
bend of my breast
keep warm this small hot
naked star
fallen to my arms. (Rest...
you who have had so far to
come.)

Now nearness satisfies
the body of God sweetly.
Quiet he lies
whose vigor hurled a
universe.
He sleeps
whose eyelids have not
closed before.
His breath (so light it seems
no breath at all) once
ruffled the dark deeps
to sprout a world.

Charmed by doves' voices,
the whisper of straw, he
dreams,
hearing no music from his
other spheres.
Breath, mouth, ears, eyes,
he is curtailed who
overflowed all skies, all
years.

Older than eternity, now he
is new.
Now native to earth as I am,
nailed

Fr. Dick+ and Debbie:



Slow Down. Quiet! It's Advent.

ADVENT CELEBRATION

Sundays in Advent:

Advent Wreath Candles:

Advent 1: The Prophets

Advent 2: The Angels

Advent 3: Mary the Virgin

Advent 4: The Shepherds

*Advent sermons are based on passages from
the Older Testament lectionary.*

Children and their families will be assisting Fr. Miller
in the services as they lead us in the lighting of each
Advent candle in worship.

Advent Calendars for the children will be available in the Noah's Park education program on Nov. 27!



to my poor planet, caught
that I might be free, blind in
my womb
to know my darkness
ended,
brought to this birth for me
to be new-born,
and for him to see me
mended

I must see him torn.

We Are EAF~Boulder

*We are evangelical in
faith and sacramental
in worship style, rooted
in ancient Nicene and
Apostles' creeds, and
eager to engage the
modern culture. We do
not believe in insulating
our faith or retreating
into a safe place of non-
engagement.*

*We are here
for the sake of others.*

*We are old and
young, ancient and
modern, black, white,
brown, male and female.
We look forward to
church-planting,
outreach,
and discipleship
opportunities in
our future.*

*We are spreading the
"Good News" in
incarnational ways.*

*We are always aware
that we are sinners
in need of God's
redeeming and
only unworthy servants
even after we have done
all required of us.*

"Advent is a time of expectation and preparation. The season embraces both a period of preparation for the coming of Christmas and the call to be ready for the final in-breaking of the kingdom in power as Christ comes again in glory as judge and king...In Christian spirituality, Advent has embraced *three comings*: the great mystery of the coming of the Word made flesh at Christmas, the final coming or parousia of the Son of Man at the consummation of all things, and the great truth that Christ *comes* in word, in sacrament, in the hearts and lives of Christians and by the power of the Holy Spirit. The great Aramaic cry of the earliest Christian communities, *Marana - tha -- (Come, Lord)*, is as much a cry for today as for the future."

-David Kennedy in *Using Common Worship:Times & Seasons*

EAF~Boulder Calender

Nov. 27 Advent 1
Nov. 30 **St Andrew, apostle**
Dec. 4 Advent 2 and John of Damascus, A.D. 760
Dec. 5 Clement of Alexandria, 210
Dec. 6 Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, 342
Dec. 8 Richard Baxter, priest and writer, 1691
Dec. 10 Karl Barth, pastor and theologian, 1968
Dec. 11 Advent 3
Dec. 14 John of the Cross, mystic and writer, 1591
Dec. 18 Advent 4; 6pm Christmas caroling at Manor Care followed by refreshments at Roberts home
Dec. 21 **St Thomas, apostle**
Dec. 24 Joint candlelight service with Boulder 7th-Day Baptist
Dec. 25 **BIRTH of OUR LORD (Christmas Day)**
Dec. 26 **St Stephen, deacon and martyr**
Dec. 27 **St John, apostle and evangelist**
Dec. 28 Slaughter of the Innocents
Dec. 29 Thomas`a Becket, 1170, Canterbury
Jan. 1, 2012 Christmas 2
Jan. 6 Epiphany Season Service at EAF~Boulder
Jan. 14 Training for Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Advent Messages

1st Advent Sunday (27 Nov.) Isaiah 64.1-9 "**God's Bus Stop**"

2nd Advent Sunday (4 Dec.) Isa. 40.1-11 "**Slow Train Coming**"

3rd Advent Sunday (11 Dec.) Isa. 61.1-4;8-11 "**Dodging a Bullet**"

4th Advent Sunday (18 Dec.) II Samuel 7.1-11, "**Where Does God Live?**"

All, including your Christmas guests, neighbours and roommates, are invited to the **candlelight Christmas Eve service** at the church. This is a **joint worship service** with our Seventh-Day Baptist friends. Holy

Communion will be celebrated at **5.30pm** followed by a service of candles and carols at 6pm. We will then share a holiday meal with the homeless of Boulder in the church kitchen.

Upcoming Events

- * Fr. Schackenberg returns to preach on December 11 (Advent 3) at the 10.15 worship service!
- * Candlelight communion Christmas Eve service @ 5.30p
- * Epiphany Service on Friday evening, January 6
- * Next EAF~Boulder community potluck dinner: January 29 at 12 noon. Invite a friend!

Our EAF~Boulder Mission Statement

(Reflecting Our Church's
Own Statement)

To know Jesus and to make Him known in an authentic community. What is authentic community? It's sincere worship, genuine hospitality, meaningful faith development, risky mission, and gracious generosity.

EAF~Boulder is only one of four congregations compositely known as "Epiphany Anglican Fellowship" a church plant of the Anglican Mission in the Americas, a mission arm of the Anglican Church of Rwanda. We are led by our Senior Priest Gerry+ Schnackenberg and church administrator, KC Schwarz. Congregations operate on separate campuses along the Front Range of Colorado so that ministry, worship and outreach can be tailored to local needs.



2011 NEWBIES

We welcomed 11 new people to our congregation in 2011. (Left to right) Lyna Trinh, James Peter Boele (held by mom, Amy) Jan Zacharisen, Danielle Washington, Stephanie Finlay, Lisa Guinther (middle), Jim & Erin Keefer with Ebenezar and Tsega (Not pictured: David Hall). What attracts these newcomers? "Authentic community!"

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