

PRAYING THE WORD PSALM 29

The LORD be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory of His name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the LORD,
over mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in His temple all say, “Glory!”**

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

**May the LORD give strength to His people!
May the LORD bless His people with peace!**

We look to you, Jesus, Son of God. Amen.



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MORE INFORMATION

Please visit hollywoodsda.org/weekly-e-mail for weekly updates or wearehollywood.org for blog entries on what we're doing here at the Purple Church. You can join our group on Facebook or follow us on Twitter (twitter.com/adventhollywood).

Audio or video recordings of our worship services are not permitted without prior written consent from the church office. Podcasts of this morning's sermon are available online.

We are the proud recipient of the 2010 "Innovative Church of the Year" award, sponsored by Vervent (the NAD Church Resource Center), and the Kettering Hospital "Innovation of the Year" award.

PASTOR'S JOURNAL

An "epiphany," according to the New Oxford American Dictionary, is a moment of sudden realization or insight. It is a revelation of something hidden. The season of Epiphany in the church calendar is a time when the church focuses on Jesus' revelation as the Messiah and his mission in the world. The biblical episodes that highlight these revelations are the story of the Magi from the East, Jesus' Baptism, the calling of the disciples and the early events of Jesus' ministry. Others are discovering the true nature of this child, Jesus. But Jesus is also discovering for himself who he is and what his unique mission is to be. Today as we look at the story of Jesus' baptism we see this moment of understanding. It is not just John the Baptist who discovers something about Jesus. It seems that Jesus is also discovering in a very personal way who he is and what is his calling.

This is also a season in which, as a church family, we think again about how Jesus' mission shapes our own. We are a community of

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FIRST SABBATH OF EPIPHANY

Jan 8, 2011



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Amanda Newton

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Surprised by Jesus *Ryan Bell*

Fairest Lord Jesus

READING THE PROPHETS **ISAIAH 42:1–9**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON NOTES

READING THE GOSPELS **MATTHEW 3:13–17**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SABBATH-MORNING SERVING

Have you been wanting to connect deeper to this church? Are you looking for ways to get more involved?

Our church runs on people. Without volunteers, we don't function well (it's like running with a limp). With volunteers, it's a thing of beauty.

There are many ways you can help out on Sabbath mornings with the worship of this church. Some ways will bring you up front, other ways let you help behind the scenes. If you are interested, please contact Scott via email (scott@hollywoodsda.org) or text/cell (951-961-7694).

VISIBLE VOLUNTEERS

- Musicians (voice, instruments)
- Hollywood Life
- Scripture Reading
- Front-door Greeters
- Prelude Music
- Collecting Tithe and Offerings

INVISIBLE VOLUNTEERS

- Placing tithe envelopes and connections cards in pews before worship
(this is a great need right now! Please help if you can!)
- Running Audio and Visual Equipment
- Helping set-up and take-down stage equipment and decoration
- Communion and Foot-Washing (baking bread, pouring juice, set-up and take-down)
- Volunteer Coordinator

THIS SABBATH

- **ADULT QUARTERLY, 9:30 A.M.** Study and discussion in the Prayer Chapel.
- **CHILDREN'S CLASSES, 10:00 A.M.** Beginners (babies thru 5). Juniors (6-12). Teen Cafe (13+).
- **SABBATH WORSHIP, 11:00 A.M.**

EVERY WEEK

AL-ANON, outside classrooms, Tuesdays and Fridays, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY, On hiatus.

ARTISTS' WORKSHOPS

- Visual Arts. See Elysabeth Bell for info.

COMMUNITY GARDEN, 5620 Fountain Ave.

- Weds and Thurs, 2:00–4:00 p.m.
- Sabbaths, 3:00–5:00 p.m.,
- Sundays, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ninette Marquez-Combs, 1/13

Kirsten Salvador, 1/15

Wayne Jones, 1/19

Sylvestre Keme Jr., 1/25

Sylvestre Keme, 1/29

SUNSET

TONIGHT 4:59 p.m., **FRIDAY** 5:05 p.m.

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A Farm in the City: *How did Los Angeles fall from being one of the top agricultural-producing counties in the United States a century ago to being one of the worst today? What is a food desert? How do we reclaim our urban land to grow food? In this podcast, we meet a man who is trying to answer those questions by literally getting his hands dirty. We visit a modest, 67-plot community garden in the heart of Hollywood, where kale, chard, and broccoli grow in abundance.*

CROSSROADS AT HOLLYWOOD

We have found a way to complete our mural! It will be painted on the exterior of our West wall facing the 101 and Hollywood Boulevard. The only thing we need now is \$7,000 for materials. If you know of a philanthropist or art enthusiast that would have an interest in changing and beautifying the landscape of Hollywood through a donation please speak with Ryan or Nathan.

SCC CONSTITUENCY DELEGATES

The Church Board has chosen Amanda Newton, Nathan French, Brian Lauritzen, Leslie Foster, and Scott Arany to serve as the five regular delegates to the Southern California Conference Constituency session, to be held on Sunday, May 15, 2011. They were chosen because the Board felt they could represent the Hollywood church to the Conference, along with appreciating how leadership and policy decisions made at the Conference level affect us here at the Hollywood Church. Ryan Bell and Neville Salvador will serve as delegates-at-large because Ryan is our Senior Pastor and Neville is a member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee of the Conference.

Second reading.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

Jessy Easton—transferring in to the Hollywood Adventist Church from the Mt. Pleasant Adventist Church in Mt. Pleasant, MI. **First reading.**

Karen Yates—transferring out from Hollywood Adventist Church to the Canoga Park Community Adventist Church in Winnetka, CA. **First reading.**

PASTOR'S JOURNAL, CONT'D...

Jesus' followers, brought together by our common baptism—our adoption into one family—in Christ. Many in our community have been baptized. For you this is a season of remembrance and recommitment to the vows you made in your baptism. There are a couple of people here who are planning to be baptized very soon. For you this is a season of preparation for your baptism. Others of you have not made a decision to follow Jesus in baptism. For you this may be a time of weighing your loyalties and your commitments. What have you truly committed your life to? Perhaps God is calling you to make a decision to cast your lot in with Jesus and be his follower.

As a church community this is also an important time. It's the beginning of a new year and we follow the early steps of Jesus' life and ministry, we should be reminded of our calling, as a congregation, to be a sign and a foretaste of God's kingdom that is present and coming. What does that mean for the way we shape our life together, as a congregation? What priorities should we have? What is your individual role in this? These are the things we'll be considering together over the next few weeks.

I'm so glad you're along on this journey!

—RYAN