

Saturday, June 29, 2013:

Chapel Readings



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Each week of the liturgical year, a reading from Second Advent Scripture is delivered as part of the Saturday Communion of Fellowship Service held in the Chapel of the Holy Child. This reading follows the Sacred Calendar of the Church; that is, Prophecies and Revelations that have been received by The Church on sacred dates are recalled in a liturgical context during the appropriate season each year. This reading is delivered by the Officiant of the Communion Service (that is, Bishop Gene Savoy, or occasionally in his stead, Bishop Sean Savoy) just before the final blessings. Each service also includes a reading from the ancient scriptures, prayers, or wisdom sayings of various world religions past and present and is usually thematically related to the Second Advent Reading. This reading is delivered by the Reader right after the announcements that begin the service and is thus the first reading of the service. An audio recording of the reading from Second Advent Scripture delivered on the date above is

provided here below together with a transcript of the first reading of the service that day.

SECOND ADVENT PROPHECY AND REVELATION

A Reading from Book II of the Book of God's Revelation, "The Seal of God's New Law" (pp.130-138):

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ANCIENT SCRIPTURE AND WISDOM SAYINGS

A Reading from the Gospel of Thomas 38-56:

(38) Jesus said, Often you wanted to hear these sayings I am telling you, and you have no one else from whom to hear them. There will be days when you will seek me and you will not find me. (39)...the Pharisees and the scholars have taken the keys of knowledge and have hidden them. They have not entered, nor have they allowed those who want to enter to go inside. You should be shrewd as snakes and innocent as doves.

(40) A grapevine has been planted far from the father...(41)...Whoever has something in hand will be given more and whoever has nothing will be deprived...(42) Come into being as you pass away. (46) ...whoever among you becomes a child will know the kingdom...(49)...Blessings on you who are alone and chosen, for you will find the kingdom. You have come from it and will return there again.

(50) If they say to you, "Where have you come from?" say to them, "We have come from the light, from the place where the light came into being by itself, established itself, and appeared in their image." If they say to you, "Is it you?" say, "We are its children and the chosen of the living father." If they ask you, "What is the evidence of your father in you?" say to them, "It is motion and rest."

(51) His students said to him, When will...the new world come? (And) he said to them, What you look for has come but you do not know it. (54) Blessings on you the poor, for yours is the kingdom of heaven. (55) Those who do not (shun) their father and mother cannot be my students, and those who do not (shun) their brothers and sisters and bear the cross as I do will not be worthy of me.

(56) Whoever has come to know the world has discovered a carcass....(57) The father's kingdom is like someone with good seed....(58) Blessings upon the person who has labored and found life. (59) Look to the living one as long as you live or you (will) die...and you will not be able to see.