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The First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2015

The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering music

Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

1. Prepare the way for the Lord. Make a straight path for God.

Wait for the Lord...

2. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

Wait for the Lord...

3. All the earth will see the Lord.

Wait for the Lord...

4. Rejoice in the Lord always. God is at hand.

Wait for the Lord...

5. Seek first the kingdom of God, seek and you shall find.

Wait for the Lord...

6. Prepare the way for the Lord.

Wait for the Lord...

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Procession to the Altar Hymn #57

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria, said at 8am;

Benedictus es, Domine, sung at 10am

(printed on page 9 of the Worship Guide)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious

majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from Jeremiah (33:14-16)

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 25:1-9 (Read in unison after the first asterisk)

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *let me not
be humiliated, nor let my enemies
triumph over me.**
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to
shame; *let the treacherous be
disappointed in their schemes.**
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *and teach
me your paths.**
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *for
you are the God of my salvation; in you
have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion
and love, *for they are from everlasting.**
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and
my transgressions; *remember me
according to your love and for the sake of
your goodness, O LORD.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD;
*therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**

**8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

**9 All the paths of the LORD are love and
faithfulness *to those who keep his
covenant and his testimonies.**

A Reading from 1 Thessalonians (3:9-13)

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn #56 vs. 1

O come, o come, Emmanuel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (21:25-36)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is

already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Gradual Hymn #56 vs. 2

O come, o come Emmanuel

The Sermon

Fr. Haynes

Silence for reflection

The Nicene Creed (Standing, as able.)

We believe in one God, / **the Father, the Almighty, / maker of heaven and earth, / of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, / the only Son of God, / eternally begotten of the Father, / God from God, Light from Light. / true God from true God, / begotten, not made, / of one Being with the Father. / Through him all things were made. / For us and for our salvation / he came down from heaven: / by the power of the Holy Spirit / he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. / For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; / he suffered death and was buried. / On the third day he rose again / in accordance with the Scriptures; / he ascended into heaven / and is seated at the right hand of the Father. / He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, / and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, / who proceeds from the Father and the Son. / With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. / He has spoken through the Prophets. / We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. / We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. / We look for the resurrection of the dead, / and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

As a people in darkness waiting for the coming of the light of Christ, let us pray to the Lord,
Lord hear our prayer.

For the Unity of Christ's One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, let us pray to the Lord,
Lord hear our prayer.

For Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Francis, Bishop of Rome, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our presiding bishop, Greg our bishop; for priests, deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God, let us pray to the Lord,
Lord hear our prayer

For the Anglican Communion, especially the West Malaysia - (South East Asia); our diocese, especially Transfiguration, Darrington, and St. Martin-St. Francis, Rockport; and our parish, especially for our parishioners Kathy Sanders; Claire Scharmach; Jim & Ginny Sloan, let us pray to the Lord,
Lord hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, especially Barack our President in the ways of justice and peace; for our armed forces and those who are deployed especially for those we now name...,
Lord hear our prayer.

For the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, the unemployed, those in prison, and for the sick and suffering; praying for all those on our prayer list and those in our hearts, especially especially Lyn, Areewa, Eloise, Stephen, Dave, Brenda, Rose, Shirley, Elsie, Scott, Alisande, Ted, Crystal, Elliott, Don, Marisa, Laura, Adam, Cesar, Cherie, Alice, James, Sandy, Lloyd, Julie, Justin, Parker, Edith and for those we now name..., let us pray to the Lord,

Lord hear our prayer.

For those anticipating the birth of a child, a move, a change in employment or any new beginning, let us pray to the Lord,

Lord hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for the blessings we now name..., let us pray to the Lord,

Lord hear our prayer.

For those who have died and now abide in Christ's presence, and others we now name..., let us pray to the Lord,

Lord hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

We pray also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

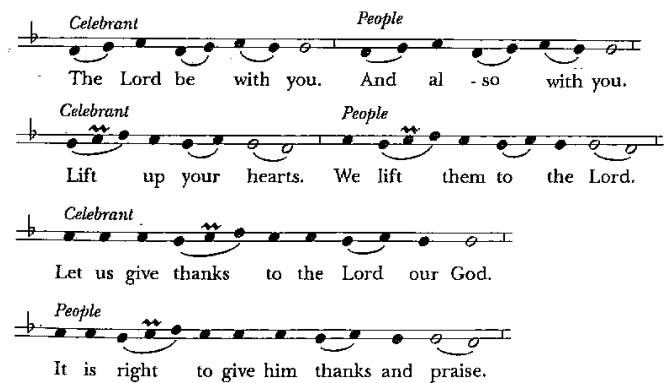
People **And also with you.**

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Celebrations and Healing Prayers

Offertory Hymn #60

Creator of the stars at night

The Great Thanksgiving – B



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

8:00 am (spoken), 10:00 am Sanctus (sung)

(Printed on page 10 of the Worship Guide)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of

sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified + by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Lord's Prayer *said at 8 am & sung at 10 am
(Printed on page 11 of the Worship Guide)*

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our father in heaven
hallowed be your Name,**

**your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Holy Communion

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

This is our Lord's Table, and He is our host. All persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those who have yet to be baptized are encouraged to speak with the clergy after the service about becoming baptized into Christ's Body.

Gluten-free hosts and alcohol-free wine are available upon request at the rail.

Communion Music

Create in me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and
renew a right spirit within me.

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Thy Word

Chorus: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as you are
near. Please be near me to the end.
2. I will not forget your love for me, and yet,
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side,
And I will love You to the end.

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COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation
we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that
those to whom you go may share with us in the
communion of Christ's body and blood.

Celebrant and People: **We who are many are
one body because we all share one bread,
one cup.**

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray:

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have
graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and
singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Blessing

May the sun of righteousness shine upon you and
scatter the darkness from before your path; and the
blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you
always. **Amen.**

Procession to the Neighborhood

Fear not! Rejoice and be glad

Refrain: Fear not, rejoice and be glad,
The Lord hath done a great thing;
Hath poured out his Spirit on all humankind,
On those who confess his name.

1. The fig tree is budding, the vine beareth fruit,
The wheat fields are golden with grain.
Thrust in the sickle, the harvest is ripe,
The Lord has given us rain.
2. Ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
The mountains will drip with sweet wine.
My children shall drink of the fountain of life,
My children will know they are mine.
3. My people shall know that I am the Lord,
Their shame I have taken away.
My spirit will lead them together again.
My spirit will show them the way.
4. My children shall dwell in a body of love,
A light to the world they will be.
Life shall come forth from the Father above,
My body will set all free.

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St. Matthew Mission Statement

**St. Matthew Church: To be a church that
passionately embraces and values all people,
growing in the love of Christ through word and
action.**

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing
in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Special Ministers Today

Priest	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader	Dick Elofson
Worship Leader in Training	Fred Vogel
Eucharistic Minister	Frank Blacker
Lector	Bud Nalder, Pamela Reed
Acolytes	Nicholas Yun Zawadi Chege
Ushers	Art Ladley Gary Neuman
Greeters	Dick Collins Linda Collins Kitty Walker
Eucharistic Visitor	Marian Oberg
Bread Maker	Beth Latsis Liz Latsis
Altar Guild	Cat Kuniyoshi Mary Blacker
Counters	Fred Vogel Frank Blacker
Nursery	Micaela Detrick
Coffee Hour	Lorina Goodjoint Florence Nabaggala Kate Gould Rich Gould
Altar Guild Director	Linda Pomeroy-Hull

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Today's Prayer List

Lyn Zimmerman – Myotonic Dystrophy
Areewa Saray – imprisonment
Eloise Page (friend of Tom & Elaine Taylor) – hospice
Stephen Peterson (son of Tom & Judy Peterson) – back pain
Dave Hopkins – pain management and balance
Maryann Smith - guidance and wisdom pertaining to her schooling and health.
Brenda Gilbert – fighting severe health problems
Rose Barg – recovery from surgery
Shirley Ryan Rose – (neighbor of Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – continued recovery from a vascular stroke
Elsie Forrest – Macular Degeneration, tremors, and hernia
Scott Candoo – undiagnosed medical issues
Alisande Watterson – tests for a health issue
Ted Blattenbauer – (friend of Dan & Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – grieving and diagnosed with multiple myeloma
Crystal Rose – kidney issues
Elliott Feit – (friend of Abby Smith) – for complete healing from pain (pancreatic cancer)
Don Barg – holding the family together
Marisa La Rue – (friend of Kathleen Manning) – struggle with Parkinson's disease
Laura O'Donnell – (mother of Alex and Savannah Sloan) for recovery and healing from heart surgery
Adam – (friend of Liz Latsis brother) – who is very sick with acute Leukemia, spine, lung and fungal infections.
Cesar Gatbunton – (Agueda Fernandez-Webster's sisters husband) – for recovery and healing from heart surgery
Cherie Peterson – (sister of Bud Nalder) – suffering from dementia
Alice Medin – (cousin of Kitty Walker) – complications following knee replacement surgery
James Sloan – (son of Jim & Ginny Sloan) – incarcerated for a past DUI
Sandy Green – (brother-in-law) of Alex Ringstad) – just entered into Hospice care
Lloyd Wood – (brother of Sue & Sandy Goretti's uncle) – Incarcerated for a DUI offense)
Julie – (friend of Fred & Sherry Vogel) – who is facing breast cancer treatment
Justin Smith – (husband of Abby Smith) – continued health
Parker and his family and pets – (friend of Abby Smith)
Edith – (friend of Abby Smith) –
To add someone or take someone off the prayer list, email saintmatthewpastoralcare@gmail.com .
Thanks!

Announcements

Sunday School Update - We are coming up on preparing for our Christmas Pageant and looking for leaders and helpers. We need a pageant coordinator but also helpers for prepping the costumes (washing and mending) as well as assisting with dressing the kids on Christmas Eve. If anyone is interested in being part of this special group or committee please email Anne Hartwig at or hartwia@comcast.net or call 253-227-7290. Our pageant is always a sweet and special celebration of Jesus birth and a wonderful way for our children to see a visual and participate in the story of Christmas! Blessings from Anne Hartwig, Jackie Whortan, Liz Latsis, Kitty Walker

Star Wars Movie Series Continues - Parker and Addison Haynes kindly invite you to a Super Sunday Star Wars Movie Series at St. Matthew, Sundays @ 5:30 PM. Each movie is approximately 2.5 hours long and lots of fun. Come see the ultimate intergalactic saga of good vs. evil in preparation for the upcoming *Episode VII: The Force Awakens*, which is set to be released in theaters everywhere on December 18th. Bring your own snacks and maybe some to share!

Dec. 6th – Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back
Dec. 13th – Episode VI: Return of the Jedi
Dec. 18th – *Opening in Theaters Everywhere!*
Episode VII: The Force Awakens

South Sound Classical Choir at St Matthew –
Sunday, December 13th, at 3:00pm, you are invited to this free concert at St Matthew. Featuring the works of Schalk, Handel, Mozart, Billings, Rutter, Lauridsen, Bruckner, Biebl, and other music of Christmas. Dr. David LaBerge, Director.

Mark your calendar—

- Saturdays, 8AM, Men's Breakfast in the Parish Hall
- Fridays, 7:00PM, Bell choir practice

- 2nd Saturday of each month, 9AM-Noon, Julia's Gulch
- Sundays, 11:45AM, Choir rehearsal (first Sunday only at 9:15am)
- Sundays, 9AM Bridging the Gap
- Adult Catechumenate, Nov 20th 7pm
- Bible Class, 11AM Thursdays
- 4th Friday of each month, 7PM JLS (Just Love Singing)
- Sunday, December 13th, 3:00PM, South Sound Classical Choir at St Matthew