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Mary set out with haste ...
LUKE 1:39

The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2015



The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

Procession to the Altar Hymn #83

O come, all ye faithful

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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Micah (5:2-5a)

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of
the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

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

Canticle 15

(Read in unison after the first asterisk)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; ***for he has
looked with favor on his lowly servant.**
**From this day all generations will call me
blessed: *the Almighty has done great
things for me, and holy is his Name.**
**He has mercy on those who fear him *in every
generation.**
**He has shown the strength of his arm, *he has
scattered the proud in their conceit.**
**He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
*and has lifted up the lowly.**
**He has filled the hungry with good things, *and
the rich he has sent away empty.**
**He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
*for he has remembered his promise of
mercy,**
**The promise he made to our fathers, *to
Abraham and his children forever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: *as it was in the beginning, is
now, and will be forever. Amen.**

A Reading from Hebrews (10:5-10)

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O
God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."
When he said above, "You have neither desired nor
taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt
offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered
according to the law), then he added, "See, I have
come to do your will." He abolishes the first in
order to establish the second. And it is by God's will

that we have been sanctified through the offering of
the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

Gradual Hymn #56 vs. 7

O come, o come, Emmanuel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (1:39-45)(46-55)

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a
Judean town in the hill country, where she entered
the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.
When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child
leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with
the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry,
"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the
fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to
me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For
as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the
child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she
who believed that there would be a fulfillment of
what was spoken to her by the Lord."

[And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has
looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me
blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for
me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who
fear him from generation to generation. He has shown
strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the
thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the
powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he
has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the
rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy, according to the
promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to
his descendants forever."]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Gradual Hymn #56 vs. 8

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 Yewa (form. Egbado – (Lagos, Nigeria); our diocese, especially Our Saviour, Monroe; St. John, Snohomish; and our parish, especially for our parishioners Dave, Karena, Kawika & Kala Teves; Fred & Sherry Vogel; John & Kitty Walker, 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..., let us pray to the Lord,

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, Dave, Brenda, Rose, Shirley, Elsie, Scott, Alisande, Ted, Crystal, Elliott, Don, Marisa, Laura, Adam, Cesar, Cherie, Alice, James, Sandy, Lloyd, Julie, Justin, Parker, Edith, Martha, Mark, John 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, praying especially for Erukana Kuwe and Martha Dolores Fernandez Fondeur de Gatbunton 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 #277

Sing Of Mary

The Great Thanksgiving – B

The musical notation consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the second for the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant and the fourth for the People. The lyrics are as follows:

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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,

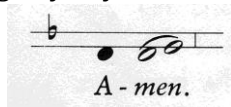
**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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.



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

As a Deer

1. As a deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longeth after thee.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.

Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield;
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.

2. You're my friend and you are my brother,
Even though you are a King.
I love you more than any other,

So much more than anything.

Refrain

3. I want you more than gold or silver.
Only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver,
And the apple of my eye.

Refrain

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Hymn #693 vss. 1-3 Just as I am

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

Hymn #74 *Blest be the King*

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	Fred Vogel
Worship Leader in Training	
Eucharistic Minister	Anne Hartwig
Lector	Bud Nalder, Elaine Taylor
Acolytes	Nicholas Yun Zawadi Chege
Ushers	Dan Dawes Pamela Reed
Greeters	Jill Little Pamela Reed
Eucharistic Visitor	Kitty Walker
Bread Maker	Marian Oberg
Altar Guild	Beth Latsis Liz Latsis Cat Kuniyoshi Mary Blacker

Counters	Linda Collins Jackie Whorton
Nursery	Micaela Detrick
Coffee Hour	Gary Neuman Marcie Neuman Marian Oberg

Altar Guild Director	Linda Pomeroy-Hull
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St Matthew Episcopal Church Staff

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Micaela Detrick
John Hibben

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) –
Mark – (friend of Sherry & Barney Hartley) – who was
diagnosed with prostate cancer

John Hibben – upcoming surgery

**To add someone or take someone off the prayer list,
email saintmatthewpastoralcare@gmail.com .**

Thanks!

St Matthew Episcopal Church Vestry

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St Matthew Episcopal Church Vestry Officers

Treasurer	Frank Blacker
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Today's Prayer List

Lyn Zimmerman – Myotonic Dystrophy
Areewa Saray – imprisonment
Eloise Page (friend of Tom & Elaine Taylor) – hospice
Dave Hopkins – pain management and balance
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

Announcements

Consider the Vestry! If you know someone you
believe would make a great vestry member, please
let Marcie Neuman, Sueann Goretti or Terry
Elofson know! If you yourself are interested in
serving on the vestry or want to find out more
about the responsibilities of a vestry member,
please be in touch. It is an exciting time to serve on
the vestry. Share with us who have the gifts and
passion for this work.

Outreach Update: Thanks to everyone that has
donated socks for the homeless on our sock tree.
We can still use more socks. The tree will remain up
in the Narthex through New Year's Day so you can
still donate to help the homeless of our community.
Thanks also to those who bought presents for the
children whose names were on the tree. Your
generosity is truly appreciated.

Mark your calendars - The Annual Meeting is
January 31 immediately after the 10:00 service. At
the annual Meeting a summary of the past year and
the initial plans for the year 2016 are shared.
Furthermore, food and fun are included in the
event.

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
- Bible Class, 11AM Thursdays
- 4th Friday of each month, 7PM JLS (Just Love Singing)
- Thursday, December 24th, 3:45PM, Carols before the 4pm Mass
- Thursday, December 24th, 4PM, Holy Eucharist
- Thursday, December 24th, 10:45PM, Carols before the Midnight Mass
- Thursday, December 24th, 11PM, Holy Eucharist (Midnight Mass)
- Friday, December 25th, 9AM, Holy Eucharist
- Tuesday, January 5th, 5:30PM, (Epiphany Eve) Twelfth Night Celebration Party
- Saturday, February 20th, the next big BOOK Sale!