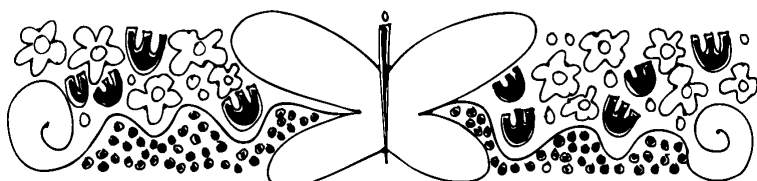




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*IN HIM WE LIVE  
I AM IN THE FATHER AND  
AND MOYE AND  
YOU ARE IN ME and I AM IN YOU  
I HAVE OUR BEING*  
ACTS 17:28 + JOHN 14:20



Sixth Sunday of Easter

**May 10, 2015**

## **The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II**

**Gathering Music**     *Spirit of the living God*

1. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
2. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.  
Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us.  
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### **Process to the Altar Hymn**

*Great is Thy faithfulness*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changes not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

#### Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

#### *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine with ten thousands beside!

#### *Refrain*

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*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People*     **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

Sing Hallelujah, sung at 10am

(Printed on page 11 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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as surpass our understanding:  
Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that  
we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises, which exceed all that  
we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **A Reading from Acts** (10:44-48)

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell  
upon all who heard the word. The circumcised  
believers who had come with Peter were  
astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been  
poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard  
them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then  
Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for  
baptizing these people who have received the Holy  
Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be  
baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they  
invited him to stay for several days.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 98**

**(Please read in unison after the first asterisk)**

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
**for he has done marvelous things.**

- 2 **With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.**
- 3 **The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in  
the sight of the nations.**
- 4 **He remembers his mercy and  
faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*and  
all the ends of the earth have seen the  
victory of our God.**
- 5 **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
\* lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
- 6 **Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.**
- 7 **With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
\* shout with joy before the King, the  
LORD.**
- 8 **Let the sea make a noise and all that is in  
it, \* the lands and those who dwell  
therein.**
- 9 **Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before  
the LORD, when he comes to judge the  
earth.**
- 10 **In righteousness shall he judge the world  
\* and the peoples with equity.**

## **A Reading from 1 John** (5:1-6)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has  
been born of God, and everyone who loves the  
parent loves the child. By this we know that we  
love the children of God, when we love God and  
obey his commandments. For the love of God is  
this, that we obey his commandments. And his  
commandments are not burdensome, for whatever  
is born of God conquers the world. And this is the  
victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it  
that conquers the world but the one who believes  
that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus  
Christ, not with the water only but with the water

and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

### **Gradual Hymn #602, vss. 1-2**

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love*

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John**

(15:9-17)

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Gradual Hymn #602, vss. 3-4**

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love*

### **The Sermon**

Father 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**

Alleluia! Our glorious God has raised Jesus from death to life; let every heart be filled with praise.  
Alleluia!

Sanctify your creation as abundant new life now bursts forth.  
***That all may share in the wholeness promised to our broken world.***

Guide those in authority to transcend the barriers that separate the human family and build together an everlasting peace, praying especially for an end to all war, terror and violence in every heart and land.  
***That our world may know the blessings of life in you.***

Encourage your Church to celebrate the resurrection with joy, committing ourselves to the work of reconciliation.

***That Christ's Body may be One.***

Empower your ministers to proclaim boldly the message of the resurrection.

***That all may come to see you as our Risen Lord.***

Inspire us to live faithfully our Baptismal vows and to partake lovingly of the Sacred Bread and Wine.

***That we may be an Easter people.***

Assist those who suffer or are in need; the poor, the lonely, the disabled.

***That they too may share in your abundant life.***

Embrace those who have died with your eternal love.

***That they may rejoice in your presence forever more.***

Hear our special intercessions for this day, O Lord, as we pray: for the Anglican Communion, especially for the Diocese of Nike - (Enugu, Nigeria); The Episcopal Church; our diocese, especially All Saints, Tacoma; Christ Church, Tacoma; Holy Family of Jesus, Tacoma; our parish, especially for our parishioners Randy White & Robert Goforth; Jim & Jackie Whorton; Matt, Adrienne, Mason & Charlie Williams; that your Holy Spirit would guide and direct your Church throughout the world to be a sign of your Kingdom;

We pray for the deployed and their families, especially Andrew, Michael, and for those we now name;

We pray for all those on our prayer list, especially Lyn, Areewa, Eloise, Carmen, Stephen, Dave, Maryann, Brenda, Rose, Shirley, Tom, Elsie, Agueda, Sueann, Katie, John, Alex, Shakai, Bea, Pam, Sandy & John, Matt & Adrienne, Doris and for those we now name;

We thank you for all the blessings of this life especially for those we now name;

We pray also for those who have died, and those we now name;

We praise you and bless you, O Christ.

***We praise you and bless you.***

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*In keeping with the ancient custom of the Church, the confession is omitted during the Great Fifty Days of Easter.*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

## **Offertory Hymn #513**

*Like the murmur of the dove's song*

## **The Great Thanksgiving – A**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also 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 sung or said*

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** *said at 8am & sung at 10am*  
*(printed on page 11 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*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 12 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.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**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.

*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

### Ubi Caritas

Ubi caritas, et amor.  
Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

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### The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because  
our Lord has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the  
poor and to heal the broken hearted,

To proclaim liberty to the captives and to  
set the prisoners free,  
To announce a year of favor from the Lord,  
and our day of vindication,  
to comfort all who mourn.

### Refrain:

The Spirit of God is upon me  
The Spirit of God has anointed me  
The Spirit of God now doth sent me  
To the poor, to heal the broken hearted.

(repeat)

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### Will you come and follow me?

*(printed on page 13 of the Worship Guide)*

### **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

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead  
our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the  
sheep, through the blood of the everlasting  
covenant, make you perfect in every good work to  
do his will, working in you that which is well-  
pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God  
Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Process to the Neighborhood Hymn #657

*Love divine*

## 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 in the name of Christ.  
Alleluia, Alleluia

**People** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

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### Special Ministers Today

Priest	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader	Bob Witter
Eucharistic Minister	Dan Dawes
Lector	Bud Nalder (8am), Art Ladley
Acolytes	Zawadi Chege Nicholas Yun
Ushers	Bob Witter Bob Wright
Greeters	Pamela Reed Claire Scharmach
Eucharistic Visitor	Tom Peterson
Bread Maker	Marian Oberg
Altar Guild	Sandy Goretti Janet Witter Danielle Hull Linda Pomeroy-Hull Sandy Hust Dick Elofson John Hibben
Counters	
Coffee Hour	Cat & John Kuniyoshi Judy Peterson Tom Peterson
Altar Guild Director	Linda Pomeroy-Hull

### St Matthew Episcopal Church Staff

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Liz Latsis

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Clerk of the Vestry	Sandy Goretti

### Today's Prayer List

Lyn Zimmerman – Myotonic Dystrophy  
Areewa Saray – imprisonment  
Eloise Page (friend of Tom & Elaine Taylor) – hospice  
Carmen Planas (aunt of Agueda Fernandez-Webster) – dementia  
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 – continued healing for a variety of health issues  
Shirley Ryan Rose – (neighbor of Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – continued recovery from a vascular stroke  
Tom Taylor – vertigo-like symptoms from an unknown illness  
Elsie Forrest – Macular Degeneration, tremors, and hernia  
Agueda Fernandez-Webster – Tests  
Sueann Gorretti – discernment for employment transition  
Katie – (friend of Jim Oberg) – undiagnosed medical condition  
John Hibben – tests for unknown throat condition  
Alex Sloan & Shakai Reyna – (grandson and friend of Jim & Ginny Sloan) - on their hike of the Pacific Crest Trail (from southern border to northern border), from April 8 through August 30, 2015  
Bea Stensrud – recovering from some breaks in her femur  
Pam Ladley – recovering from wrist surgery  
Sandy and John Yoeun - who are expecting their fourth child, a boy, in August. Congratulations!!  
Matt and Adrienne Williams - who are expecting their third child, a girl, also in August. Congratulations!!  
Doris Sanders – appointment with vascular surgeon

To add someone or take someone off the prayer list, email [saintmatthewpastoralcare@gmail.com](mailto:saintmatthewpastoralcare@gmail.com) . Thanks!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Julia's Gulch Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>** - Our monthly work party at Julia's Gulch will be this coming Saturday, May 9, 2015. We will meet at the picnic table under the Maples at 9 AM and work until noon. Park at Viewpoint Park 1/2 way up Norpoint Way from Marine View Dr. and follow the path to the picnic table. With the help of volunteers from Puget Sound Energy we will be removing the Himalayan Blackberry - roots and all! Dress for the weather. Wear sturdy foot wear, garden gloves and



bring any favorite tools. We also have tools to share. Look forward to seeing you!

Heather Halabisky [253-927-4968](tel:253-927-4968)

**ASCENSION SUPPER & DESSERT AUCTION** - On **Thursday, May 14th @ 6 PM** we will have our annual Ascension Day Dinner with Holy Eucharist in the Parish Hall @ **7 PM**. As part of the celebration, we will again be putting the fun back in fund raiser with a dessert auction as part of our Ascension Supper. This is a chance for you to help raise money for St. Matthew and our neighborhood mission. Buy a delicious dessert for you or perhaps your whole table to enjoy with your meal, take a dessert home for later or do all three. **Great Desserts for a Great Cause.** Please contact John Kennedy at 253-927-9254 for more details.  
*Childcare provided!*

**Volunteers Needed** - to make and donate desserts for the upcoming **Ascension Supper & Dessert Auction on May 14th**. Call Beth or Liz Latsis at 927-2094, [scargo@prodigy.net](mailto:scargo@prodigy.net) to donate or for more information. You can also sign up on the clip board in the Narthex. Thanks in advance for your help.

**Bell Choir Concert** – On Saturday, May 16th @ 7PM there will be a bell choir concert featuring the Marine View Community Bells at St Matthew Episcopal Church. The concert is free.

**Pentecost!** - On **May 24th** we have the great pleasure of hosting our bishop, Greg Rickel, as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Spirit! We will have baptisms, confirmations, the annual blessing of our fire department, food and festivities. Bring your friends and neighbors! This will be a liturgy and event we'll be talking about for a while to come!

**Phoenix Housing Project** - The Phoenix Housing Network is a Catholic Community Services program that provides temporary housing to selected homeless families in transition to permanent housing. Churches throughout the community assist with secure overnight sites for one week at a time providing evening meals, continental breakfasts and a warm, welcoming and secure setting. The families are responsible for their own transportation: their own car or bus.

St Joseph/St John Episcopal church in Lakewood has hosted Phoenix families for several years. St Matthew church does not have access to public transportation so could not be used as a host resource. However if anyone would like to help in this endeavor, St Joseph/St John could use (needs) volunteer help such as:

An evening meal for about 10 adults and 8-10 children.

Overnight hosting - someone to sleep on site and prepare breakfast.

Families are scheduled for St Joseph/St John on May 23 - 30. If you are interested in helping, contact Chuck Zimmerman: 927-2773.

**Memorial Day** - On Memorial Day, we honor those who died as a result of service to their country. This year the diocese of Olympia, along with the parish of St. Matthew, would like to take this opportunity to recognize the survivors. If you are the surviving parent, spouse, or child, please contact Marcie Neuman 253 682 8955.

**St. Matthew Book Sale** - The Parish Life Committee is organizing a book sale within the next two months. We are requesting donations of any books and/or CD's/DVD's to sell. The date of the book sale will be **June 6th** and the success of it depends on the amount of books we can accumulate. So please donate what you can and ask your friends and neighbors if they would like to do the same. Boxes will be made available for dropping off your items. Thank you. Please call if you have any questions. Marcie Neuman 253 682 8955

**Pastoral Care** - The Pastoral Care Commission works to support individuals and families in time of transitions of health and circumstances.

1. We work to provide rides to services and events at St Matthew for those who need assistance.
2. We provide meals to families who are dealing with illnesses, hospitalizations, death, babies, and other transition circumstances.



3. In concert with Kendall we support the prayer chain and those requesting prayers.
4. St Matthew's Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV's) take communion and share the lessons and the sermon for that week to those who are homebound.
5. We have a limited number of home medical equipment items that can be borrowed.
6. We assist in organizing and providing funeral receptions on behalf of St Matthew.

We would love to have you join us in this gift of caring to those in our community. If you could provide rides, or occasionally prepare meals, or take communion to those homebound, we would love to have you listed as a "Caring Hand" volunteer, when we get calls for help. Please consider adding your name to be called on when someone has a need. We are especially in need of those who will serve as Lay Eucharistic Visitors. Those who want to know more about the role or wish to be a LEV, please talk to Kendall.

We also wish to encourage all of you to become a "Friend of a Friend" and visit those who are homebound or have other health and transition circumstances. All this requires is sending a note or going to visit an individual who would appreciate a smiling face, a bit of conversation, or a caring individual who shares time with them. If you have questions about visiting or who to visit, give Claire Scharmach a call for additional information. We encourage you to do this on your own. Reach out and reap the joys of giving. Call Claire Scharmach, Chair, Pastoral Care Commission

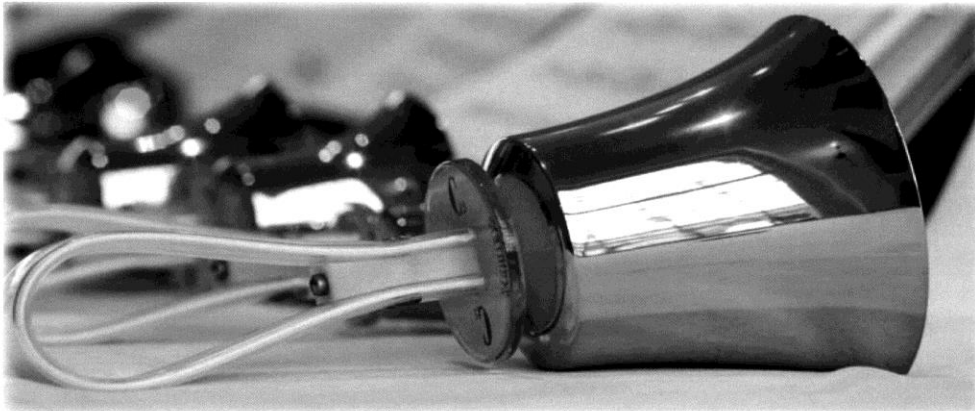
(253-244-8831), if you have questions or wish to participate in any of these areas of Pastoral Care.

**Scheduling Activities** - St. Matthew is bustling with activity. In the interest of providing the necessary time and space for each activity, we are coordinating our schedules with Dave in the parish office. If you have an activity scheduled, please email Dave at your earliest convenience, so he can reserve your area on the parish calendar. Thank you. Marcie Neuman 253 447 7424

**Bible Study** - Reminder of our weekly bible study on Thursdays at 10am in the Parish library where we study books of the bible.

**Mark your calendar—**

- Saturdays, 8AM, Men's Breakfast in the Parish Hall
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, 9AM-Noon, Julia's Gulch
- Sundays, 11:30AM, Choir rehearsal
- Sundays, 9AM Bridging the Gap
- Thursdays, 10AM, Bible Study in the library
- Thursdays, 7PM Adult Catechumenate in the library
- 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, 7PM JLS (Just Love Singing)
- Thursday, May 14, 6PM **Ascension Super & Dessert Auction**
- Saturday, May 16, 7PM Bell Choir Concert
- Saturday, May 30, 4PM, baseball with the Bishop at Cheney stadium
- Saturday, June 6, **Book Sale** at St Matthew



~ **Bell Choir Concert** ~  
*Featuring the*  
*Marine View Community Bells*  
*Of Browns Point*

**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00**

*At*  
*St. Matthews Episcopal Church*  
*6800 Eastside Drive NE, Tacoma*