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## **The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Proper 10**

**July 12, 2015**

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

#### **Gathering Music Hymn #686**

*Come thou fount of every blessing*

#### **Procession to the Altar** *The King of Glory*

*Refrain:* The King of Glory comes, the nation rejoices. Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

1. Who is the King of Glory; how shall we call Him? He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages.
2. In all of Galilee, in city or village. He goes among His people curing their illness.
3. Sing then of David's son, our Savior and brother; in all of Galilee was never another.
4. He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation. He took upon himself the sins of the nation.
5. He conquered sin and death; He truly has risen. And He will share with us His heavenly vision.

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

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

*Celebrant*

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 Halleluia, *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 Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **A Reading from Amos** (7:7-15)

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by;  
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

`Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.'"

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## **Psalms 85** (8-13) (Read in unison after the first asterisk)

- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying,  
\* **for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.**
- 9 **Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \* that his glory may dwell in our land.**
- 10 **Mercy and truth have met together; \* righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
- 11 **Truth shall spring up from the earth, \* and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- 12 **The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \* and our land will yield its increase.**
- 13 **Righteousness shall go before him, \* and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

## **A Reading from Ephesians** (1:3-14)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been

destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

## **Gradual Hymn #694**

*God be in my head*

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

(6:14-29)

### **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

King Herod heard of the demons cast out and the many who were anointed and cured, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even

half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

**Gradual Hymn #694** *(repeat)*  
*God be in my head*

## **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**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for the Anglican Communion, especially for Peru - (South America), Suffragan Bishop of Peru – (South America); our diocese, especially for Faith, Kingston; St. Swithin, Forks; St. Andrew, Port Angeles; and for our parish, especially for our parishioners Scott, Holly, Chelsea & Sydney Donnelly; Dick & Terry Elofson; Sian & Jay Fankhauser.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**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; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our armed forces, their families, and those who are deployed, especially Andrew & Michael and for those we now name;

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We thank you for all the blessings of this life, especially for those we now name.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those on our prayer list and those in our hearts, especially Lyn, Areewa, Eloise, Stephen, Dave, Maryann, Brenda, Rose, Shirley, Tom, Elsie, Agueda, John, Alex, Shakai, Bea, Sandy & John, Matt & Adrienne, Doris, Sheri, Scott, Alisande, Sophy Yun, Panha, Srey Nouch, Ted, Donal, Crystal, Martha, Elliott, Ryan, Don, Marisa, Mark, Laura and for those we now name;

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled. We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

## *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.**

## *Celebrant*

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

### Offertory

*God of the Sparrow*

#### God of the Sparrow

1. God of the sparrow, God of the whale,  
God of the swirly stars,  
How does the creature say awe,  
How does the creature say praise.
2. God of the earthquake, God of the storm,  
God of the trumpet blast,  
How does the creature say woe,  
How does the creature say save.
3. God of the rainbow, God of the cross,  
God of the empty grave,  
How does the creature say grace,  
How does the creature say thanks.
4. God of the hungry, God of the sick,  
God of the prodigal,  
How does the creature say care,  
How does the creature say life.
5. God of the neighbor, God of the foe,  
God of the pruning hook,  
How does the creature say love,  
How does the creature say peace.
6. God of the ages, God near at hand,  
God of the loving heart,  
How do your children say joy,  
how do your children say home.

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## The Great Thanksgiving C

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

**Celebrant:** 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*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***By your will they were created and have their being.***

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People*

### Sanctus

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

*(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*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, ***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. ***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.*

*Then the Celebrant says*

[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.

*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**

### **If You Believe and I Believe**

If you believe and I believe,  
And we together pray,  
The Holy Spirit must come down,  
And set God's people free.  
And set God's people free.  
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The Holy Spirit must come down,  
And set God's people free.

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Alleluia (sing each 8 times)

Alleluia.....

Jesus is Lord.....

Lord, we love you.....

Lord, we thank you.....

Alleluia.....

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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*

Almighty and everliving God, **we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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**

### Lord of the Dance

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I dance in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

**Refrain:** Dance, then, where ever you may be.  
"I am the Lord of the dance," said He,  
"I'll lead you all where ever you may be,  
"I will lead you all in the dance", said He.

2. I danced for the Scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and the would not follow me,  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
They came to me and the dance went on.
3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,  
The holy people said it was a shame;  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high.  
And they left me there on the cross to die.
4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the dance and I still go on.
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that will never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you live in me.  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

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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**

<b>Priest</b>	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Tom Taylor
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Kitty Walker
<b>Lector</b>	Bud Nalder, Dick Elofson
<b>Acolytes</b>	Nicholas Yun Zawadi Chege
<b>Ushers</b>	John Hibben Rich Gould
<b>Greeters</b>	Dick & Linda Collins
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Chuck & Lyn Zimmerman
<b>Bread Maker</b>	Marian Oberg
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sandy Goretti Janet Witter Danielle Hull Linda Pomeroy-Hull Sandy Hust
<b>Counters</b>	Frank Blacker Jim Oberg
<b>Nursery</b>	Micaela Detrick
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Art Ladley Pam Ladley
<b>Altar Guild Director</b>	Jon & Cat Kuniyoshi Linda Pomeroy-Hull

### **St Matthew Episcopal Church Staff**

<b>Head of the Church</b>	Jesus Christ our Lord
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### **St Matthew Episcopal Church Vestry**

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### **St Matthew Episcopal Church Vestry Officers**

<b>Treasurer</b>	Frank Blacker
<b>Clerk of the Vestry</b>	Sandy Goretti

### **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  
Tom Taylor – vertigo-like symptoms from an unknown illness  
Elsie Forrest – Macular Degeneration, tremors, and hernia  
Agueda Fernandez-Webster – Tests  
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  
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  
Sheri Peterson – dementia  
Scott Candoo – undiagnosed medical issues  
Alisande Watterson – tests for a health issue  
Sophy Yun, Panha and Srey Nouch – (Saray)  
Ted Blattenbauer – (friend of Dan & Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – grieving and diagnosed with multiple myeloma  
Donal Hull – (Dan's dad) – heart issues and lung cancer  
Crystal Rose – kidney issues  
Martha Gatbunton – (sister of Agueda Fernandez-Webster) – hospitalized with pneumonia  
Elliott Feit – (friend of Abby Smith) – for complete healing from pain (pancreatic cancer)  
Ryan Barg – allergic reactions to Remicade infusions  
Don Barg – holding the family together  
Marisa La Rue – (friend of Kathleen Manning) – struggle with Parkinson's disease  
Mark – (friend of Mark and Renee Lepkowski) – for strength and healing after brain surgery  
Laura O'Donnell – (mother of Alex and Savannah Sloan) – for successful heart surgery on July 13th  
**To add someone or take someone off the prayer list, email [saintmatthewpastoralcare@gmail.com](mailto:saintmatthewpastoralcare@gmail.com) . Thanks!**



# **Parish News**

**Mid-Year Financial Report** – At this last Tuesday's Vestry Meeting (7/5), the Vestry authorized our Treasurer, Frank Blacker, to borrow (as needed) monies from our Memorial Fund (currently valued at approximately \$11,000) and our Diocesan Investment Fund (currently valued at approximately \$21,000) to cover any monthly deficits in our operating budget we may incur between now and the end of the year. These borrowings are loans against ourselves with a term of payback being up to 1 ½ years (by December 2016). The good news is that we are on track with our 2015 projection of having to take this action by July. The news of opportunity is that any additional funds we take in reduces or eliminates our need to borrow from these funds. If you are current with your 2015 pledge, THANK YOU! If you are considering **increasing your 2015 pledge**, now is a great time to consider doing so. If you are not current with your 2015 pledge, please do your best to bring it up to date. **If you have yet to pledge for fiscal year 2015, please contact Rich Gould (253-927-3778), Chairperson of the Stewardship Co-Mission, to get a pledge card.** Anything we can do to offset the amount we borrow against ourselves will only increase our financial sustainability and ensure our missional presence in our neighborhood for this year and years to come. We are a growing parish. Excitement is in the air and the grace of God is indeed present. Let us continue our momentum of being the phoenix that is rising from the ashes and ensure our financial viability for 2015.

Two additional updates: Fundraising efforts are underway in the form of an extremely dynamic auction committee. Keep your eyes open over the coming months on ways you can help the auction event be the best it can be. Additionally, the AT&T cell tower is still in the works. However, AT&T has put all projects on hold for this year, which means the process of having the county hearing and eventual ground breaking may or may not take place this year. The Vestry will keep you posted as things develop.

**Formal Discernment for Calling a Rector** – Over the months of July and August, the Vestry and Fr.

Haynes will be formally discerning whether or not Fr. Haynes is to be named the parish's Rector, which means moving from the temporary relationship with St. Matthew as "Priest in Charge" to the permanent designation as the senior pastor of the congregation. Fr. Haynes has served as Priest in Charge since February of 2013 with the intent to help St. Matthew reach its goal of reclaiming its mission here in the neighborhood of Browns Point, Dash Point and Northeast Tacoma with renewed focus, energy, and viability. The Vestry and Fr. Haynes now feel that it is time to formally review the past 30 months and chart a course that answers the question of call with regard to our formal relationship with each other. This process is set to conclude by the end of August with an announcement shortly thereafter. Please continue to keep the parish and the Haynes family in your prayers during this time.

## **Announcements**

**Reservations Available** - The *Mid-Year Annual Meeting dinners* have been scheduled. Come for an evening of fun, conversation and perhaps even good weather. Check your calendars against the entire list of dinners and make your reservation by calling Karena Teves 619-838-7151. Carpooling can be arranged.

**Sunday, July 12**, 5:00pm hosted at Kuniyoshi's

**Wednesday, July 15**, 5:00pm hosted at Kennedy's  
**Thursday, July 16**, 5:00pm hosted at Kennedy's

**Friday, July 17**, 5:00pm hosted at Witter's  
**Saturday, July 25**, 5:00pm hosted at Witter's

**Sunday, July 26** at 5:00pm hosted at Gould's  
**Sunday, August 2** at 5:00pm hosted at Gould's

**Vacation Time** - Just a quick note to share that Fr. Haynes will be taking three of his four weeks of vacation for this year this summer. The dates include July 13-20 and July 29- Aug. 12, with supply Sundays being July 19, Aug. 2, and Aug. 9. In case of a pastoral emergency during this time, Terry Elofson may be reached 253-670-1948.

### **Video Bible Stories for Children. This Summer -**

For the summer church school lessons, we are offering newly purchased DVDs based on Bible Stories and the life of Jesus. Please consider sharing time with our church school children Sunday mornings from the beginning of the liturgy to the passing of the peace. The children will then join their families. This will be fun and educational. A sign-up sheet for the summer videos is on a clipboard in the Narthex.

The DVDs (all new to St. Matthew) plus a few activities will be provided for each Sunday through August. Thank you, Anne Hartwig, Jackie Whorton and Kitty Walker.

**Classroom Cleanup Notice!**- Due to the need for a growing youth group, we are cleaning out the last classroom in the back to accommodate a space for youth to gather. If you have any belongings in that room that you no longer want, please let us know if you would like us to remove them or let us know what you would like done with them. When was the last time we moved our storage items to make room for a youth group? It is a joyful time at St. Matthew. Please call with any questions. Marcie Neuman 253 682 8955

**Vacation Bible Camp –** St. Matthew will coordinate a Vacation Bible Camp, free of charge, with the theme ‘When God reigns, the Son shines!’ This camp is for kids starting kindergarten through ending 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The dates are August 10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> and the hours are 11:30am – 2:00pm. Lunch will be provided. For more information contact Liz Latsis (Coordinator) at 253-229-0847 or email, [scargo@q.com](mailto:scargo@q.com). Registration forms are available in the church narthex.

### **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
- 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, 7PM JLS (Just Love Singing)
- Vacation Bible Camp, here Aug 10-13