



Saint Matthew Episcopal Church
 In the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia
and The Puyallup Tribe of Indians Reservation
 6800 Eastside Drive NE, Tacoma WA 98422
 Ph: 253-927-9808
 Office email: saintmatthew6800@gmail.com
 Fr. Haynes' email: fatherkendall@gmail.com
 Parish Website: www.neighborhoodparish.org



The Second Sunday of Christmas January 3, 2021



Morning Prayer

Opening Hymn#84 *Love came down at Christmas*

Officiant

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Officiant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant 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.

Officiant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our 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 Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

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

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, *
 and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
 and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, *
 and his hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 84

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 **The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *they will always be praising you.

- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;* hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *and look upon the face of your Anointed.**
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; * he will give grace and glory;**
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold * from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, *happy are they who put their trust in you!**

Officiant and People

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

A Reading from Jeremiah (31:7-14)

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed

Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 13 – Benedictus es, Domine

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; * we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; * we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; * we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

A Reading from Ephesians (1:3-6, 15-19a)

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. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has

called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

Canticle 17 – Nunc Dimittis

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;

**For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:**

A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Officiant and People

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (2:13-15, 19-23)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

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

The Sermon

Silence for reflection

Fr. Haynes

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us 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.

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. **We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. **For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

Officiant

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader

For the holy Church of God, that we may boldly proclaim the good tidings of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. We pray especially 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.

O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

For the Anglican Communion, especially the dioceses of Fond du Lac - (The Episcopal Church), Fort Worth - (The Episcopal Church), Fredericton - (Canada), Freetown (Sierra Leone) - (West Africa), Gahini - (Rwanda), Gambia - (West Africa), Gasabo (Rwanda), Gboko (Nigeria), George (Southern Africa), Aba - (Nigeria), Aba Ngwa North - (Nigeria), and The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria; our diocese, especially St. Alban, Edmonds; Church of the Redeemer, Kenmore; and our parish, especially for our Cherry Pie Buddy Group: Tom Peterson; Jim Sloan; John & Lorraine Casillas; John & Theresa Hibben; Pete & Barb Stanton.

O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the world, especially our president, our congress, and our courts, that they may follow the example of the Prince of Peace by striving for peace and justice among the nations. We pray for our armed forces and for those who are deployed, especially for those we now name...

O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for the blessings we now name...

O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

For the homeless, the unemployed, the hungry, and all who are alone and forgotten, that we, who have received so abundantly, may give generously for their lives and needs.

O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

For those who do not yet know the Light of Christ, that their hearts may be filled with hope, peace, joy and love.

O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are sick, that they may be blessed by your healing grace. We pray for all those on our prayer list and those in our hearts, praying especially for Lyn, Areewa, Brenda, Marisa, Sandy, Paulette, Erica, Rico, Steven, David, Hollie, Christine, Theresa, Beth, Saray, Julianne, Jessica, Antonette, Ryan, Jackie, Bill & Paula, Janis, Leif, Kari, Kathryn, Deb, Mike, Elizabeth, Milana, Alisande, Jenny, Peggy, Gordon, Jerry, Debbie, Arne, Kay & Bruce, Ben & Hank, Kathleen, Hope, Dan, Jackie, and for all who suffer from COVID 19, their families, and friends, and for those we now name; O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

For the departed, that they may have rest in that place where the angels sing gloriously for all eternity, remembering especially those we now name....

O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

Officiant

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

After the Offering is collected and placed upon the altar, the following is sung

Song of Praise Hymn #380 vs. 3 *Doxology*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
**we your unworthy servants give you humble
thanks for all your goodness and loving-
kindness to us and to all whom you have made.**
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life; but above all
for your immeasurable love in the redemption
of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the
means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And,
we pray, give us such an awareness of your
mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may
show forth your praise, not only with our lips,
but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your
service, and by walking before you in holiness
and righteousness all our days; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy
Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages.
Amen.

The Blessing

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into
one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his
joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit be among you,
and remain with you always. *Amen.*

St. Matthew Mission Statement

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

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**
