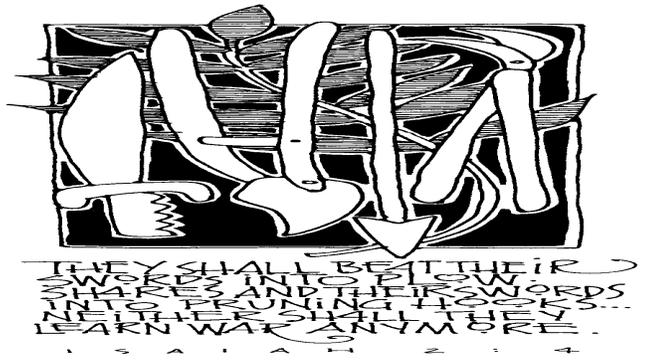




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The First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2016

The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering music

Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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

2. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.
Wait for the Lord...

3. All the earth will see the Lord.
Wait for the Lord...

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

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

6. Prepare the way for the Lord.
Wait for the Lord...

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Procession to the Altar Hymn #57

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

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

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

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

Gloria, said at 8am; sung at 10am
(S-279 printed on page 9 of the Worship Guide)

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

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

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

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus

Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from Isaiah (2:1-5)

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's
house
shall be established as the highest of
the mountains,
and shall be raised above the
hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and
say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain
of the LORD,
to the house of the God of
Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his
paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth
instruction,
and the word of the LORD from
Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many
peoples;
they shall beat their swords into
ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-
hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against
nation,
neither shall they learn war any
more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

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

Psalm 122 (Read in unison after the first asterisk)

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, ***"Let us go to the house of the LORD."**
- 2 **Now our feet are standing *within your gates, O Jerusalem.**
- 3 **Jerusalem is built as a city *that is at unity with itself;**
- 4 **To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.**
- 5 **For there are the thrones of judgment, *the thrones of the house of David.**
- 6 **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *"May they prosper who love you.**
- 7 **Peace be within your walls *and quietness within your towers.**
- 8 **For my brethren and companions' sake, *I pray for your prosperity.**
- 9 **Because of the house of the LORD our God, *I will seek to do you good."**

A Reading from Romans (13:11-14)

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Gradual Hymn #56 vs. 1

O come, o come, Emmanuel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew

(24:36-44)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Gradual Hymn #56 vs. 2

O come, o come Emmanuel

The Sermon

Fr. Haynes

Silence for reflection

The Nicene Creed (Standing, as able.)

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, / the only Son of God, / eternally begotten of the Father, / God from God, Light from Light. / true God from true God, / begotten, not made, / of one Being with the Father. / Through him all things were made. / For us and for our salvation / he came down from heaven: / by the power of the Holy Spirit / he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. / For our sake he was

crucified under Pontius Pilate; / he suffered death and was buried. / On the third day he rose again / in accordance with the Scriptures; / he ascended into heaven / and is seated at the right hand of the Father. / He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, / and his kingdom will have no end.

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

Prayers of the People

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

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

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

For the Anglican Communion, especially Kansas (VIII, The Episcopal Church); our diocese, especially Transfiguration, Darrington, and St. Martin-St. Francis, Rockport; and our parish, especially for our parishioners John & Leanne Kennedy; Carole Kirkpatrick; The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth & Jeff Klein, let us pray to the Lord,
Lord hear our prayer.

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

For the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, the

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread and Holy Communion

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Communion Music

Create in me a Clean Heart

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

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

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.

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Thy Word

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

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

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COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

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

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

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray:

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

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

Procession to the Neighborhood

Fear not! Rejoice and be glad

Refrain: Fear not, rejoice and be glad,

The Lord hath done a great thing;

Hath poured out his Spirit on all humankind,

On those who confess his name.

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

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St. Matthew Mission Statement

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

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

People Thanks be to God.

Special Ministers Today

Priest	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader	Frank Blacker
Eucharistic Minister	Anne Hartwig
Lector	Chuck Zimmerman
Acolytes	Nicholas Yun Zawadi Chege
Ushers	TBA-8 Dick Elofson Rich Gould
Greeters	Art & Pam Ladley
Eucharistic Visitor	Jim Sloan
Bread Maker	Marian Oberg
Altar Guild	Jill Little-8 Sue Inglis Lorina Goodjoint
Counters	Jackie Whorton Dick Elofson
Coffee Hour	Dick Collins Linda Collins Kitty Walker
Altar Guild Director	Linda Pomeroy-Hull

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Treasurer	Dave Teves
Assistant Treasurer	Dave Noll
Treasurer Adviser	Art Ladley
Clerk of the Vestry	Sandy Goretti

Today's Prayer List

Lyn Zimmerman – Myotonic Dystrophy
Areewa Saray – imprisonment
Dave Hopkins – pain management and balance
Brenda Gilbert – fighting severe health problems
Shirley Ryan Rose – (neighbor of Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – continued recovery from a vascular stroke
Scott Candoo – undiagnosed medical issues
Ted Blattenbauer – (friend of Dan & Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – grieving and diagnosed with multiple myeloma
Marisa La Rue – (friend of Kathleen Manning) – struggle with Parkinson's disease
Sandy Green – (brother-in-law) of Alex Ringstad) – just entered into Hospice care
Justin Smith – (husband of Abby Smith) – continued health
Beth Latsis – (mother of Liz Latsis) – for treatments and healing from stage 3 colon cancer
Patricia Stanley – (dear friend of Pamela Reed) – who has been diagnosed with ALS
Paulette – (Jim Sloan's brother Fred's wife) – recovery from surgery for cancer of the throat, also prayer for Fred as he becomes the care giver
Keith Phelps – (brother-in-law of Terry Elofson) - for relief from pain due to cancer treatments.
Justo Fernandez – (brother of Agueda Fernandez Webster) – for recovery and complications from surgery to place 3 stents in arteries
Nathan Meyer – (neighbor and cook at Browns Pt Diner) – recovery from a massive stroke
Ann – (family friend of Sherry & Barney Hartley) – who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer.
Midi Mees – (mother of Sherry Hartley) – for recovery from infection and to gain strength.
Agueda Fernandez-Webster – for new employment
Caitlin Forrest – (granddaughter of Elsie Forrest) – recovery from back injury and healing from throat surgery
Deb – (friend of Jill Little) – whose daughter died of an Overdose

Noel Grant – (friend of the Walker’s) – evaluation and potential back surgery
Saray Yuorn – guidance
Pete Bonebakker - (Member of the Gould/Lepkowksi/Haynes families) – Liver cancer
Doris Sanders – Lesions around the eyes
To add someone or take someone off the prayer list, email saintmatthewpastoralcare@gmail.com .
Thanks!

Announcements

Auction Results! - After much hard work in doing the books from this year’s auction, the final net proceeds from the event are **\$18,524.09**. This along with the any extra gifts you wish to make and the fulfilling of any outstanding pledges will help us bridge the gap of expenses for the remainder of the year. Thank you very much to all who have helped with and participated in the auction. The road to sustainability has been rough, especially this year, but bit by bit we are getting there. Thanks again!

Altar Guild Meeting - The next altar guild meeting will take place at 9 AM Sunday Dec 4th in the library – light refreshment will be served.

South Sound Classical Choir at St Matthew – Sunday, December 4th, at 3:00pm, you are invited to this free concert at St Matthew. Featuring the works of Schalk, Handel, Mozart, Billings, Rutter, Lauridsen, Bruckner, Biebl, and other music of Christmas. Dr. David LaBerge, Director.

Old - Fashioned Christmas Tea at the Browns Point Lighthouse Cottage - Sunday December 11, 1-4 pm. Browns Point Light Keepers' Cottage in the Browns Point Lighthouse Park : 201 Tulalip NE, Browns Point Free. Everybody is welcome! Munch on a homemade goodie and sip a warm beverage! Get in the spirit of the season by exploring our festively decorated cottage. Don't forget to visit the Boathouse Museum and ring the original fog bell! Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and get a photo taken! Shop for a special gift in our Gift shop! Parking is limited but we do have drop off and disabled parking. Sponsored by our neighborhood partner, The Points NE Historical Society
www.pointsnortheast.org

Let's Get Connected...St. Matthew is partnering with the Federal Way Reach Out program to provide breakfast, lunch and dinner for 25 - 30 homeless women and children at the Church of Good Shepherd Episcopal from Monday, January 2 through Sunday, January 8, 2017. To be successful **we need your help**. We will be using 2017 Outreach funds to purchase supplies for breakfast and lunch, but **we need volunteers to provide dinner each evening**. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. This is an excellent opportunity to get your friends and neighbors involved in this wonderful community project. Please sign up today! Questions? Contact: Sherry Mees Hartley @ 253-310-7271, smees@comcast.net, Liz Latsis @ 253-229-2094 or Lorina Goodjoint 253-347-7560.

December Outreach - our annual “**PUT A SOCK IN IT**” drive to provide clean new socks to Tacoma’s homeless. The “sock tree” is up in the Narthex and we are off to a good start filling it with socks. After the Christmas season ends we will deliver the socks to Nativity House who will distribute them over the winter to homeless members of our community. Providing clean new socks to the homeless to insure their feet stay warm and dry is one of the best ways to help them stay healthy over the winter. The best socks to donate are those that wick water away so that feet stay dry. These are usually a blend with some acrylic yarn. We hope you will join us in filling the tree (our goal is to have so many socks that it falls over) and making this winter a little more comfortable and healthy for the homeless in our community. Thanks you!!

Mark your calendar—

- Saturdays, 8AM, Men’s Breakfast in the Parish Hall
- Tuesdays, 7PM, Adult Catechumenate in the Library
- Wednesdays, Bell Choir practice 7PM
- Choir Rehearsal, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays, 11:45am, (first Sunday only at 9:15am)
- 2nd Sunday, 11:45AM Instrument Rehearsal
- Sunday, December 4th, 3PM, **South Sound Classical Choir at St Matthew**
- January 2nd through 8th provide dinners for Federal Way Reach Out