

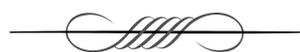


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 Please Take with You!
 Thanks!



The Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2017



The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering music

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You; I want to see You. (repeat)

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory;

Pour out your power and love, as we sing "holy, holy, holy".

Holy, Holy, Holy (3x) I want to see You. (repeat)

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Procession to the Altar

You're Worthy of My Praise

I will worship (echo)

With all of my heart (echo)

I will praise You (echo)

With all of my strength (all my strength)

Chorus: I will give You all my worship
 I will give You all my praise.
 You alone I long to worship,
 You alone are worthy of my praise.

I will bow down (echo)

All of my days (echo)

I will follow (echo)

All of You ways (all your ways) **Chorus**

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The Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from Isaiah

(40:1-11)

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

(Read in unison after the first asterisk)

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, * **you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.**
- 2 **You have forgiven the iniquity of your people * and blotted out all their sins.**
- 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 2 Peter (3:8-15a)

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy Tribes on Sinai's height... in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Refrain

Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark (1:1-8)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Gradual Hymn *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.

Refrain Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Prayers of the People

Bishops:

Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Francis, Bishop of Rome, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our presiding bishop, Greg our bishop

Anglican Communion:

Dioceses of Western North Carolina - (IV, The Episcopal Church),
Wiawso - (Ghana, West Africa), Willochra - (South Australia, Australia),
Windward Islands - (West Indies), Wondurba - (Loryko, Sudan),
Worcester - (Canterbury, England), Winchester - (Canterbury, England),
Wusasa - (Kaduna, Nigeria)

Our Diocese:

St. Paul, Bellingham; Christ Church, Blaine

Our Parishioners:

John, Lorraine, and Shelley Casillas; Jeff, Nan, and Blake Clapp; Dick & Linda Collins

Our President:

Donald

Our Prayer List:

Lyn, Areewa, Brenda, Marisa, Sandy, Justin, Patricia, Paulette, Ann, Agueda, Jim, Erica, Allen, Hope, Karen, George, Scott, Callie, Miff, Eric and for those we now name

All Who Have Died:

Midi Mees; Terry Cate

Offertory

Days of Elijah

1. These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses,
Righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trials,
Of famine and darkness and sword.
Still we are the voice in the desert crying,
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

Chorus:

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call.
Lift your voice; it's the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

2. These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant, David,
Rebuilding the temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in your world.
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard
Declaring the word of the Lord.

(Chorus)

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Communion Music

Holy Spirit, Breathe on Me

Holy Spirit, breathe on me.
Holy Spirit, let me see
All the things You are,
All the things You want me to be
Holy Spirit breathe on me.

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I'm Forever Grateful

You did not wait for me to draw near to You,
But, You clothed Yourself with frail humanity.
You did not wait for me to cry out to You,
But You let me hear Your voice calling me.
And I'm forever grateful to You.
I'm forever grateful for the cross;
I'm forever grateful to You
That You came, to seek and save the lost.

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Emmanuel,

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us;
His name is called Emmanuel.

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Procession to the Neighborhood

Hymn #551

Rise up, ye saints of God

Special Ministers Today

Celebrant	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader	Lee Holland
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Newkirk
Lector	Ken St. John
Acolytes	Zawadi Chege Nicholas Yoeun
Ushers	Sandy Goretti Art Ladley Bob Witter
Greeters	John Kennedy Leanne Kennedy
Eucharistic Visitor	Jim Sloan
Bread Maker	Marian Oberg
Altar Guild	Jill Little -8 Sue Inglis Lorina Goodjoint
Counters	Art Ladley Jackie Whorton
Coffee Hour	Frank & Mary Blacker
Altar Guild Director	Linda Pomeroy-Hull

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Today's Prayer List

Lyn Zimmerman – Myotonic Dystrophy
Areewa Saray – imprisonment
Brenda Gilbert – fighting severe health problems
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
Patricia Stanley – (dear friend of Pamela Reed) – who has been diagnosed with ALS
Paulette – (Jim Sloan's brother Fred's wife) –cancer of the throat
Ann – (family friend of Sherry & Barney Hartley) – who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer.
Agueda Fernandez-Webster – for new employment
Jim Englund (friend of the Blacker's) – diagnosed with pancreatic and liver cancer
Erica Frey-Hoyer – (friend of Sandy Dawes) - who was diagnosed with colon and liver cancer
Allen Wohler – (husband of friend of Linda Pomeroy-Hull) therapy following a coma
Hope – (sister of Darla Powell) – heart issues
Leanne Gaunt (mother of Sueann and Sandy Goretti) – for successful treatment of cancer that has returned in her vertebrae
Karen Wallin – (friend of Bob and Mairi Hankinson) cancer
George Kurtz (father of Jim Kurtz) – Parkinson's
Scott Candoo (son of Lila Candoo) – ALS
Callie (daughter of friend of Liz Latsis) - brain surgery
Miff Cox (cousin of Barney Hartley) – cancer
Eric Yun (cousin of Sandy Yoeun) - endocarditis

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