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## The Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2014

### The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

#### Gathering music Hymn #56 vss 5, 6

*O come, O come Emmanuel*

#### Procession to the Altar Hymn #68

*Rejoice! rejoice, believers*

*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.**

**Advent candle lighting** *Christ be our light*  
(Sung at 10:00 am - Printed on page 9 of the Worship Guide)

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in your church  
gathered today.**

#### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### A Reading from Isaiah

(61:1-4, 8-11)

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the

Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## **Canticle 15**

**(Read in unison after the first asterisk)**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; **\* for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: \* the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him \* in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, \* he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \* and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, \* and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \* for he has remembered his promise of mercy, The promise he made to our fathers, \* to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**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 1 Thessalonians** (5:16-24)

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God**

## **Gradual Hymn #76 vss. 1-3** *On Jordan's bank*

## **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John** (1:6-8, 19-28)

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

## **Gradual Hymn #76 vss. 4, 5** *On Jordan's bank*

### **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, Katharine 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 for the Parish of Kitgum, Uganda; our diocese, especially Trinity, Everett; St. Philip, Marysville and our parish, especially for our parishioners Jeff, Nan & Blake Clapp; Dick & Linda Collins; Marge Curtis 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 Andrew and Michael, and for those we now name...; praying for the end

of terrorism, war and violence throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord hear our prayer.**

For the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, the unemployed, those in prison, and for the sick and suffering; praying for all those on our prayer list and those in our hearts, especially Lyn, Areewa, Eloise, Carmen, Stephen, Dave, Sarah, Katrina, Mary, Corretta, Paulett, Heather, Justin, Ginny, Maryann, Lila, Bill, Brenda, Beth & Kendall, Ayrton, Jim, Wes, Dawna, Lin & Tom, Shirley, Rose, Lorraine, Ashley and for those we now name, let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord hear our prayer.**

For those anticipating the birth of a child, a move, a change in employment or any new beginning, let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for the blessings we now name..., let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who have died and now abide in Christ's presence, especially others we now name..., let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord hear our prayer.**

## **Confession of Sin**

We pray also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*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.**

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, Celebrations and Healing Prayers

### Offertory Hymn *The Spirit of the Lord is Upon me* 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 send me  
To the poor, to heal the broken hearted.  
(repeat)

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## The Great Thanksgiving – B

*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*

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 said as appointed.*

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

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

*(Printed on page 10 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*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and 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.

*and may add*

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 (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

*or 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 baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those who have yet to be baptized are invited to come forward for a blessing and are encouraged to speak with one of the clergy after the service about becoming baptized into Christ's Body. Gluten free hosts are available upon request at the rail.*

## **Communion Music**

### Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called  
Emmanuel  
God with us, revealed in us, His name is  
called Emmanuel

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### I Will Change Your Name

I will change your name.  
You shall no longer be called:  
Wounded, Outcast, Lonely or Afraid.  
I will change your name.  
Your new name shall be:  
Confidence, Joyfulness, Over-coming one,  
Faithfulness, Friend of God,  
One who seeks my face. (repeat)

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## O Lord You're Beautiful

O Lord, you're beautiful, your face is all I seek.  
And when your eyes are on this child,  
Your grace abounds to me.

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### **COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

*To be used when the need is present to  
Send out Lay Eucharistic Ministers*

*Priest:* 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.

*Presider 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**

**Hymn #437**

*Tell out, my soul*

## **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.**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

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## **Special Ministers Today**

<b>Priest</b>	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Dick Elofson
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Kitty Walker
<b>Lector</b>	Art Ladley
<b>Acolytes</b>	Zawadi Chege Nicholas Yun Pamela Reed Bob Witter
<b>Ushers</b>	Art & Pam Ladley
<b>Greeters</b>	Anne Hartwig
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Marian Oberg
<b>Bread Maker</b>	Sandy Goretti
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Janet Witter Danielle Hull Linda Pomeroy-Hull
<b>Counters</b>	John Hibben Leanne Kennedy
<b>Nursery</b>	Sarah Dawes
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Jackie Whorton Jeff & Nan Clapp
<b>Bell Ringer</b>	
<b>Altar Guild Directress</b>	Janet Witter

## **St Matthew Episcopal Church Staff**

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## St Matthew Episcopal Church Vestry Officers

**Treasurer**

Art Ladley

**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

Sarah (sister of Lydia Nabawanga) – recovery after heart surgery and grief following the death of her husband

Katrina Goodjoint (sister of Lorina Goodjoint) – kidney issues

Mary (grandmother of Lorina Goodjoint) – stroke & Pneumonia

Corretta (mother of Florence Nabaggala) – malaria

Paulett Sloan (sister-in-law of Jim Sloan) – difficulty after gall bladder surgery

Heather Halabisky – High levels of calcium and high blood Pressure

Justin Smith – Seeking new employment and healing

Ginny Sloan - experiencing an unusual medical situation.

Maryann Smith - guidance and wisdom pertaining to her schooling and health.

Lila Candoo – recovering from foot surgery

Bill Trandum – recovering from a stroke

Brenda Gilbert – fighting severe health problems

Beth & Kendall Haynes – for a safe and healthy pregnancy

Ayrton Climo - (request from Lydia Nabawanga) – recovering from a terrible car accident

Jim Sloan – sciatic pain

Wes SzcZepanski – (friend of Lydia Nabawanga) Open heart surgery

Dawna Martin (sister-in-law of Nan Clapp) – recovering from spinal surgery

Lin (Ball) Cashman (former parishioner) - had very serious spinal surgery and had a second surgery on October 22.

Pray also for her husband and also former parishioner

Tom Cashman who stands with her in her trials.

Shirley Ryan Rose (neighbor of Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – who suffered a stroke

Rose Barg – healing after eye surgery

Lorraine Casillas – for healing, strong healthy heart and good blood pressure

Ashley Goldie (friend of David Kelley) – undergoing some tests.

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

## Announcements

**Bridging the Gap**— Bridging the Gap, Sunday, December 21 we will see and discussing lecture 36 “Vatican II and Ecumenical Prospects” in our continuing series **The History of Christian Theology**. Please join us this Sunday at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall – coffee included.

**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 and God bless.

**Coffee hour**—In the interest of allowing everyone the opportunity to host coffee hour after the 10am services on Sunday morning, The Parish Life Committee has determined that a sign- up sheet would be more effective than randomly assigning parishioners. This sign-up will be made available to you in the narthex and we ask that at least two members sign up for each Sunday. Hosting the coffee hour means having coffee prepared with coffee and cups on the table. As you may have noted, hosting coffee hour can mean purchasing a package of cookies at the store, or providing fruit, or making sandwiches. Anything you wish to do is perfect. For those who have hosted coffee hour in the past, we ask that you sign up with a newcomer, so someone can explain the coffee pot system, etc.. Again, we invite as many people as possible to participate. If you have any questions, please call Tom Peterson 253 677 5114.

## **Announcements (continued):**

### **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
- 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, 7PM, JLS(Just Love Singing)
- Thursdays, 10AM, Bible Study in the library
- Thursdays, 7PM Adult Catechumenate in the library
- Sundays, 11:30AM, Choir rehearsal
- Sundays, 9AM Bridging the Gap
- TODAY, December 14, 1-4PM PNEHS Santa visit & food drive at the Old Lightkeepers Cottage in the Browns Point Lighthouse Park (201 Tulalip St.)
- Monday, December 15, 7-8:30PM BPIC Santa visit & food drive @ BPIC
- Sunday, December 21, after 10AM service, Christmas decoration and bow making