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The Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering music

Hymn #68

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

Procession to the Altar

Hymn #72

Hark! the glad sound

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;

Christ Be Our Light, sung at 10am
(printed on the Blue Pew Sheet)

**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.

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

(35:1-10)

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of

water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

Psalm 146:4-9

(Read in unison after the asterisk)

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! * **whose hope is in the LORD their God;**
- 5 **Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; * who keeps his promise for ever;**
- 6 **Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, * and food to those who hunger.**
- 7 **The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; * the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**
- 8 **The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; * he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**
- 9 **The LORD shall reign for ever, * your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.**
Hallelujah!

A Reading from James (5:7-10)

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See,

the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew

(11:2-11)

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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

Gradual Hymn *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

O come, thou Day spring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.

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

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 the Dioceses of Shyogwe - (Rwanda), Egba - (Nigeria) , Lafia - (Nigeria), Sialkot - (Pakistan), Egba West - (Nigeria), Singapore -

(South East Asia), Egbu - (Nigeria), Egypt - (Jerusalem & Middle East), Sittwe - (Myanmar), Eha - Amufu - (Nigeria), Ekiti - (Nigeria), Ekiti Kwara - (Nigeria), Ekiti Oke - (Nigeria), Ekiti West - (Nigeria), Sodor & Man - (England), El Camino Real - (The Episcopal Church), Sokoto - (Nigeria), and El Salvador - (Central America); our diocese, especially St. James, Sedro Woolley; Christ Church Anacortes; and our parish, especially for our parishioners Pamela Reed; Alex Ringstad & Kathy Sanders; Mary Saray, let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations in the ways of justice and peace, especially Donald our president; for our armed forces and those who are deployed especially for those we now name...; 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, praying especially for Lyn, Areewa, Brenda, Marisa, Sandy, Paulette, Erica, Rico, Steven, Ken, Jan, Sue, David, Jenny, Elaine, Ann, Stephen, Jacquie, Bob, Joan, Dianne, Jackie, Christian, Ryan, Hollie, Anna, Adam, Christine, Kahlan (pronounced KAY-lin), Theresa, Beth, Bob, Bradley, Seattle Children's Hospital families 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, Kim Winslow, Patricia Stanley and for those 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 #277

Sing to Mary

Our Sunday loose cash offerings now go to our Local Outreach/Discretionary Fund, which directly serves families and individuals in need within our community. Your generosity makes saying "yes" to those who need help the most possible.

The Great Thanksgiving – B

[Please see Book of Common Prayer, pg. 367]

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.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

(Said at 8:00; sung at 10:00)

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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. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God...

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...

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 the Blue Pew Sheet)*

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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

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

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy one,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong,'
Let the poor say, 'I am rich,'
because of what the Lord has done for us!
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy one,
Give thanks because he's given,
Jesus Christ, his Son. Give thanks. Give thanks.

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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 sent me
To the poor, to heal the broken hearted.
(repeat)

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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

Hymn #490 I want to walk as a child of the light

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 in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**



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Advent @ Home

Third Sunday of Advent

Reader: "And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name'" (Luke 1:46-49).

Reader: Today we remember Mary, innocent and powerful, sacred and scared, worried and waiting as the Savior of all grows in her womb. She sings boldly when she might be meek; she bears her role in history with the confidence of a warrior; she is the beginning of a mighty revolution as the proud are brought down and the lowly lifted up.

People: **Today we give thanks for the Marys among us, who step out of the roles society has planned; unintended pioneers determined to do as God asks; fearless and fearfully stepping out in faith, and beckoning us to do the same.**

Reader: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Mary, mother of God, bearer of the Way. (*Light 2 purple or blue candles and a rose candle.*)

Hymn: "O come, O come, Emmanuel"
Hymn 56, vss. 5-6

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This Sunday's Ministries

Celebrant	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader	Caitlin Dawes
Eucharistic Minister	Elizabeth Holland
Lector	Ken St. John
Acolyte	Zawadi Chege
Ushers	Jill Little - 8
Greeters	Tom Peterson, Ken St. John
Eucharistic Visitor	Dick & Linda Collins
Bread Maker	Elizabeth Holland
Altar Guild	Marian Oberg
Counters	Jill Little - 8
Coffee Hour	Sue Inglis, Lorina Goodjoint
Altar Guild Director	Dick Collins, Leanne Kennedy
	Terry Elofson, Kathy Manning
	Linda Pomeroy-Hull

Current Prayer List

Lyn Zimmerman – Myotonic Dystrophy
 Areewa Saray – imprisonment
 Brenda Gilbert – fighting severe health problems
 Marisa La Rue – (friend of Kathleen Manning) – Parkinson's
 Sandy Green – (brother-in-law of Alex Ringstad) – hospice
 Paulette – (Jim Sloan's sister-in-law) – cancer of the throat
 Erica Frey-Hoyer – (friend of Sandy Dawes) - cancer
 Rico Hernandez (brother-in-law of Lee Holland) – alcoholism
 Steven Lusk (Jim Sloan) - Acute Immune Encephalitis
 Ken & Jan Maravilla (friends of Jim Sloan's) – eye/caregiving
 Sue Oyster (friend of Sherry Hartley) – recovery from cliff fall
 David Dokter – cancer and treatment, blood clot
 Jenny Phelps (niece of Terry Elofson) – pancreas/surgery
 Elaine Taylor – ALS
 Ann Taugher (mother of Kathy Stewart) – pelvic fracture/hospice
 Stephen Peterson (son of Tom Peterson) – back surgery recovery
 Jacquie Stanton – broken femur recovery
 Bob Lolcama (friend of Manning/Haynes) – Mantel Cell Lymphoma
 Joan Collman (friend of Liz Latsis) – illness
 Dianne Aid Tssf – broken leg, depression
 Jackie Pomeroy (mom of Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – continued healing
 Christian Aasen (friend of Anne Hartwig) – motorcycle accident/ICU
 Ryan Flynn (son-in-law of Mary Blacker) – back tumor
 Hollie D'Arcey (niece of Tom Peterson) – Non Hodgkin Lymphoma
 Anna & Adam (daughter/son-in-law of Kathy Manning) – employment & health insurance
 Christine Zabloudil (sister of Bonnie Eng) – Uterine Cancer
 Kahlan Klosterman (daughter of The Rev. Katie Klosterman) – NICU/Lung Strengthening/Brain Hemorrhage
 Theresa Zwart-Ludeman (mom of Justin Zwart) – Breast Cancer
 Beth Latsis – healing
 Bob Witter – treatment and healing
 Bradley Vogel (cousin of Fred Vogel) – life threatening illness
 Seattle Children's Hospital families (Nan & Jeff Clapp) – mold crisis

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