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The Third Sunday of Advent

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The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering music Hymn #76 *On Jordan's bank*

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.**

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 Zephaniah (3:14-20)

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

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

Canticle 9

(Read in unison after the asterisk)

Surely, it is God who saves me; ***I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

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 Philippians (4:4-7)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (3:7-18)

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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-joyce! Re-joyce! 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 Kirinyaga - (Kenya), Kisangani - (Congo) ,Nord

Kivu - (Congo), Kita Kanto - (Japan), Kitale - (Kenya), Kitgum - (Uganda), Kitui - (Kenya), and Kivu - (Rwanda); our diocese, especially St. James, Sedro Woolley; and Christ Church, Anacortes; and our parish, especially for our parishioners Jacquie & Ray Witherrite; Bob & Janet Witter; and Bob Wright, 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, Brice Clairmont, and 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, Justin, Patricia, Paulette, Erica, Allen, George, Rico, Steven, Thatcher, Frank, Craig, Ken, Jan, Anna, Sue, Elizabeth, David, Jenny, Jim, Paula, Marc, Todd, Dawna, Elaine, Ann, Stephen, Jacquie, Abraham, Kerry, Agueda, Nancy, Liz, Emelita Olu 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 John Short, Jane O'Conner, Art Sorenson, Katie Overmars, Fay Ainsworth, Dave Purdy 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 #75

There's a voice in the wilderness

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)
(#S-130 - Printed on the Blue Pew Sheet)

**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

He is Exalted

He is exalted the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.

He is exalted forever exalted and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord forever His truth shall reign;
Heaven and earth rejoice in His Holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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Be Not Afraid

1. You shall cross the barren desert,
But shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety,
Though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands,
And all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain: Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow me and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
You shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
You shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
And death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all.

Refrain: Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow me and I will give you rest.

3. Blessed are the poor,
For the Kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,

For one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult and hate you
All because of Me,
Blessed, blessed are you.

Refrain: Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow me and I will give you rest.

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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.**



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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