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The First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering music Hymn #7

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

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;

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.

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 Jeremiah (33:14-16)

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

(Read in unison after the first asterisk)

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * **let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- 2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame; * let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
- 3 **Show me your ways, O LORD, * and teach me your paths.**
- 4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me, * for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting.**
- 6 **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**
- 7 **Gracious and upright is the LORD; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**
- 8 **He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- 9 **All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

A Reading from 1 Thessalonians (3:9-13)

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel; that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (21:25-36)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Gradual Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.

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 Dioceses of Katanga - (Congo), Katsina - (Kaduna, Nigeria), Kebbi - (Kaduna, Nigeria), Keewatin - (Rupert's Land, Canada), Kentucky - (IV, The Episcopal Church), Kibondo - (Tanzania), Kiteto - (Tanzania), and The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain; our diocese, especially St. Paul, Mount Vernon; and La Iglesia Episcopal de la Resurrección, Mount Vernon; and our parish, especially for our parishioners John & Kitty Walker; Alisande Watteron & Bill Bowers; and Randy White & Robert Goforth, 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, Terry, 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 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 #60 *Creator of the stars at night*

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)

(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

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.

Composer unknown

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.**

Process 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 in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Advent @ Home

First Sunday of Advent

Reader: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
(Isaiah 9:2, 6)

Reader: Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

People: **Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.**

Reader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.
(Light a purple or blue candle.)

Hymn: "O come, O come, Emmanuel"
Hymn 56, vss. 1-2

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