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*Mary set out with haste ...*  
LUKE 1:39

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

### The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering music Hymn #277 *Sing of Mary*

Procession to the Altar Hymn #265  
*The angel Gabriel from heaven came*

*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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### A Reading from Micah (5:2-5a)

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

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

## Canticle 15

(Read in unison after the 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 forever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.**

## A Reading from Hebrews (10:5-10)

When Christ came into the world, he said,  
"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt  
offerings and sin offerings you have taken no  
pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do  
your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is  
written of me)." When he said above, "You have  
neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and  
offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings"  
(these are offered according to the law), then he  
added, "See, I have come to do your will." He  
abolishes the first in order to establish the second.  
And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified  
through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ  
once for all.

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

## Gradual Hymn *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of  
all mankind; bid thou our sad divisions cease, and  
be thyself our King of Peace.

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (1:39-55)

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a  
Judean town in the hill country, where she entered  
the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.  
When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child  
leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with  
the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry,  
"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the  
fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to  
me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For  
as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the  
child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she  
who believed that there would be a fulfillment of  
what was spoken to her by the Lord." 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. His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation. He has shown  
strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud  
in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought  
down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted  
up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good  
things, and sent the rich away empty. He has  
helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his  
mercy, according to the promise he made to our  
ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants  
forever."

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

**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 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 Kobe - (Japan), Koforidua - (Ghana, West Africa),

Koforidua - (West Africa), Kollam - Kottarakkara - (South India), Krishna-Godavari - (South India), Kondoa - (Tanzania), Kongor - (Upper Nile, South Sudan), Kontagora - (Lokoja, Nigeria), and Kubwa - (Abuja, Nigeria); our diocese, especially St. Stephen, Oak Harbor; and Grace Church, Lopez Island; and our parish, especially for our parishioners Sandy, John, Nadia, Nicholas, Peyton, and Preston Yun; Saray Yuorn; and Chuck & Lyn Zimmerman, 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, Saray, 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 #269**

*Ye who claim the faith of Jesus*

***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

Hymn #264 *The Word whom earth and sea and sky*

Hymn #260

*Come now, and praise*

### 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 #61

*"Sleepers, wake!"*

## 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.**

### This Sunday's Ministries

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Lee Holland
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Mary Blacker
<b>Lector</b>	Kathy Manning
<b>Acolytes</b>	Zawadi Chege Nicholas Yun
<b>Ushers</b>	Sandy Hust - 8 Dan Dawes Rich Gould
<b>Greeters</b>	Art Ladley Pam Ladley
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Sue Inglis
<b>Bread Maker</b>	Marian Oberg
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sandy Goretti -8 Sandy Hust -8 Janet Witter Danielle Hull Linda Pomeroy-Hull
<b>Counters</b>	Art Ladley Pamela Reed
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Frank & Mary Blacker
<b>Altar Guild Director</b>	Linda Pomeroy-Hull



**migrating far from home  
when there is no choice,  
fiercely devoted to the ones  
they love, unwavering in  
their belief that there is  
room for all in the kin-dom  
of God.**

Reader: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Joseph, who knocks at the door, ready to take his place among royalty. *(Light 3 purple or blue candles and a rose candle.)*

Hymn: "O come, O come, Emmanuel"  
Hymn 56, vss. 7-8

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## **Advent @ Home**

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Reader: "In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David"  
(Luke 2:1,3-4).

Reader: Today we remember Joseph, worn-out traveler and worried husband, doing what was necessary for the sake of his family, the burden of poverty stifling his hope in the promise of God. There was no room for him, yet he knows to whom he belongs.

**People: Today we give thanks for  
the Josephs among us,**