

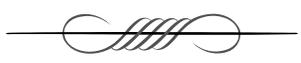


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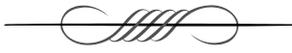


Caroling at 3:40pm (all music is in the Hymnal)

- #89 It came upon a midnight clear
- #81 Lo, how a rose
- #96 Angels we have heard on high
- #99 Go tell it on the mountain
- #79 O Little Town of Bethlehem



The Nativity of Our Lord
December 24, 2019
4:00 PM



The Liturgy of
The Holy Eucharist II

Procession to the Altar Hymn #83

O come all ye faithful

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.**

Song of Praise

Christ be our light

(printed on the Blue Pew Sheet)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Isaiah (9:2-7)

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. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 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. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96

(Read in unison after the first asterisk)

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; * **sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.**

2 **Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

- 3 **Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.**
- 4 **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- 5 **As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens.**
- 6 **Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**
- 7 **Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.**
- 8 **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.**
- 9 **Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.**
- 10 **Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! * he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."**
- 11 **Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**
- 12 **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 13 **He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.**

A Reading from Titus (2:11-14)

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and

purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Christmas Pageant

Reader 1:

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Reader 2:

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. And all went to pay the tax, everyone into his own city.

Choir - Hallelujah Christmas* verse 1

Enter Mary and Joseph

Choir - Hallelujah Christmas verse 2

Reader 3:

And Joseph also went up to Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea unto the city of David which is called Bethlehem. He went to be taxed with Mary, his wife, who was great with child. Due to the busy tax season, the city was full of people. Mary and Joseph looked for a place to stay.

Joseph:

Do you have any room for us to stay?

Innkeeper:

No. The inn is full.

Joseph:

Please! My wife is going to have a baby soon!

Innkeeper:

Well, I do have fresh hay in the barn. Come, I will lead you there.

Innkeeper leads Mary and Joseph to the stable

Reader 3:

The innkeeper led them to a stable that was warm and dry. There Mary and Joseph settled down for the night. And so, it was that while they were there, a child was born.

Reader 1:

And she brought forth her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger.

Mary takes the baby into her arms

Choir – Mary, Now You Know**

Mary:

I shall name him Jesus!

Reader 1:

And there in the same country, were shepherds in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Enter FIRST Angel – with Star

Enter shepherds

Enter Remainder of Angels

Choir – Hallelujah Christmas verse 3

Reader 2:

The angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them.

Reader 2:

And the angel of the Lord said unto them,

Head Angel:

Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you born this day is Christ the Lord.

Reader 3:

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying...

Everyone together:

Glory to God in the Highest, and peace on earth; good will towards all!

Lead King:

Shepherds were not the only worshippers at the cradle in Bethlehem. Great and wise kings also came bearing fine gifts!

Enter wise men

Choir - Hallelujah Christmas verse 4

Reader:

As we approach this joyful and holy season where all will be calm and bright, take time to be a shepherd, a wise man, or an angel to someone in your life. Celebrate with others the birth of Jesus Christ our King. We hope that our pageant has helped you remember once again the true meaning of Christmas.

Pageant Exits – Mary, Joseph walk out first

Head Angel with Star

Rest of the cast

Choir - Hallelujah Christmas verse 5

* Hallelujah Christmas Music by Leonard Cohen; Arrangement by Kay Bromert; Verses 1-4 Words by Leonard Cohen and Lance Stafford; Verse 5 Words by Daniel Hull

** Mary, Now You Know adapted by Daniel Hull from Mary, Did You Know? by Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene

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

Let us pray.

For the holy Church of God, that we may boldly proclaim the good tidings of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. We pray especially 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.

O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

For the Anglican Communion, especially the Dioceses of South Ankole - (Uganda), Eldoret - (Kenya), South Dakota - (The Episcopal Church), El-Obeid - (Sudan), South Kerala - (South India), Ely - (England), Embu - (Kenya), South Rwenzori - (Uganda), Enugu - (Nigeria), Enugu North - (Nigeria), South West Tanganyika - (Tanzania), Esan - (Nigeria), Etche - (Nigeria), Etsako - (Nigeria), and for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement; our diocese, especially St. Stephen, Oak Harbor; Grace Church, Lopez Island; and our parish, especially for our parishioners Claire Scharmach; Jim Sloan; Justin, Abby, Andy and Jesse Smith, let us pray to the Lord,

O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the world, especially our president, our congress, and our courts, that they may follow the example of the Prince of Peace by striving for peace and justice among the nations. We pray for our armed forces and for those who are deployed, especially for those we now name....

O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for the blessings we now name...

O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

For those who travel, that their reunions may be occasions of celebration and that they return safely to their homes.

O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

For the homeless, the unemployed, the hungry, and all who are alone and forgotten, that we, who have

received so abundantly, may give generously for their lives and needs.

O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

For those who do not yet know the Light of Christ, that their hearts may be filled with hope, peace, joy and love.

O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are sick, that they may be blessed by your healing grace. We pray 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, Daniel, Justin, Seattle Children's Hospital families and for those we now name....

O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

For the departed, that they may have rest in that place where the angels sing gloriously for all eternity, remembering especially Bradley Vogel and for those we now name....

O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Celebrant

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.**

Offertory Anthem

This I Say to You written and offered by Barney Hartley

Tonight's loose cash offerings will go to our Outreach Fund, which directly funds outreach projects and partnerships within our community

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

(#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

(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 #115

Hymn #109

Hymn #102

What child is this

The First Nowell

Once in Royal David's City

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Candle lighting

Silent Night..... trumpet solo by Lowell Anderson

(during lighting of candles, which symbolizes the light of Christ coming into the world)

After the candles are lit the congregation sings

Hymn#111 - Silent Night.

The Blessing

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Procession to the Neighborhood

Hymn #100

Joy to the World

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.**

Merry Christmas!!

Twelfth Night Celebration—Come and join in the fun as we celebrate the Eve of the Epiphany, the feast when the wise men (representing everyone outside of the people of Israel) follow a star to Bethlehem in order to pay homage to Jesus, on **Sunday, January 5** beginning at **5:30 pm**. All are welcome as we as we

celebrate the important fact that the Messiah didn't come for a select group of people, but for everyone!!

This Evening's Ministries

Celebrant	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader	Tom Taylor
Eucharistic Minister	
Lector	Tom Taylor
Acolyte	Zawadi Chege
Ushers	Rich Gould, Ken St. John
Greeters	Claire Scharmach, Janet Witter
Bread Maker	Marian Oberg
Altar Guild Director	Linda Pomeroy-Hull

Special Thanks

Chrissy Blair and Dan Hull (pageant), our wonderful choir, Barney Hartley (guitar and vocalist), Lowell Anderson (trumpet), and Maria McKanzie (pianist)

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
Daniel Watterson (brother of Alisande Watterson) – heart attack
Justin Simmons (cousin of Nan Clapp) – lung and hip cancer
Seattle Children's Hospital families (Nan & Jeff Clapp) – mold crisis

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

Christmas Memorials, Thanksgivings, & Honorariums

In Memory of:

George Woodworth (Sandy Hust)

Betty K. Dawes, Leo N. Evans (The Dawes Family)

Bob & Dar Pirie (The Muller Family)

Hayden L. Mees, Mildred K. Mees, Earl & LeeAnn Hartley (The Mees Hartley Family)

In Thanksgiving for:

Children and Grandchildren (Jill Little)

Oliver, Chloe, Haley, Aspen, Mason, Grace, Allie, Lydia, Maya, Parker, Addy, Jack, Joma, Gina, Rita,
Gavin, and Bella (Rich & Kate Gould)

Family (Terry Elofson)

General (Anonymous)

In Honor of:

Jerry & Beth Latsis Monahan, Marie Monahan (Kathleen Monahan)