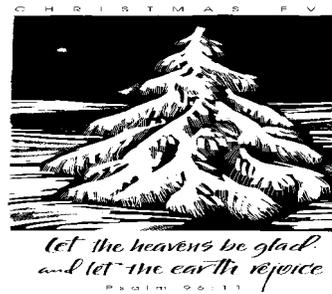




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Caroling at 3:45 pm (all music is in the Hymnal)

- #89 It came upon a midnight clear
- #105 God rest ye merry gentlemen
- #81 Lo, how a rose
- #96 Angels we have heard on high
- #99 Go tell it on the mountain



The Nativity of Our Lord
December 24, 2017
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

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.

Refrain

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

Refrain

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

Refrain

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come.

Refrain

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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**

Pageant in place of reading the Gospel

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.

Enter Mary and Joseph

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

(Hymn 79, vss. 1 & 5)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;

Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;

Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

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.

Mary takes the baby into her arms

Reader 1:

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

Mary:

I shall name him Jesus!

AWAY IN A MANGER (Hymn 101, vss. 1 & 2)

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.

The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,

the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.

I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Reader 1:

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

Enter shepherds

THE FIRST NOWELL (Hymn 109, vss. 1 & 2)

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as
they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

Reader 2:

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

Enter angels

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

(Hymn 96, vs. 1)

Angels we have heard on high, singing
sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply echoing their
brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo

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

WE THREE KINGS (Hymn 128, vss. 1 & 5)

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts
we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night, star with
royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us
to the perfect light!

Glorious now behold him arise, King and
God and Sacrifice;
Heaven sings alleluia: alleluia the earth
replies.

Refrain

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.
Please join us in singing "O Come All Ye
Faithful" as our pageant concludes.

Pageant Exits

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL (Hymn 83, vs. 1)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and
triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of
angels;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us
adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

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, Gregory 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 Yola - (Jos, Nigeria), York - (York, England), Ysabel -
(Melanesia), Yukon - (British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada), Zaki-Biam - (Abuja,
Nigeria), Zanzibar - (Tanzania), Zaria - (Kaduna, Nigeria), Zonkwa - (Abuja,
Nigeria) ; our diocese, especially St. Stephen, Oak
Harbor; Grace Church Lopez Island; and our parish,
especially for our parishioners David Doktor; Scott,
Holly, Chelsea, and Sydney Donnelly; Terry & Dick
Elofson.

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

For the leaders of the world, 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 Lyn, Areewa, Brenda, Marisa, Sandy, Justin, Patricia, Paulette, Ann, Agueda, Jim, Erica, Allen, Hope, Karen, George, Scott, Callie, Miff, Eric, Caroline, Steve, Amanda, Khny, Ron, Lee 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 Lisa Zorko and 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

The Night Time Stood Still.....

guitar and vocal 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

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

(printed on pages 10 & 11 of the Worship Guide)

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.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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 to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified + by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 page 12 of the Worship Guide)

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.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

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 *What child is this*

Hymn #102 *Once in Royal David's City*

Hymn #84 *Love came down at Christmas*

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

(The People light candles, symbolizing 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

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.**

Merry Christmas!!

Special Ministers Today

Celebrant	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader	Tom Taylor
Eucharistic Minister	Dan Dawes
Lector	Elaine Taylor
Acolytes	Zawadi Chege Nicholas Yun
Ushers	Rich Gould Claire Scharmach
Greeters	Randy White Sue & Jim Jones
Bread Maker	Marian Oberg
Altar Guild	
Counters	
Altar Guild Director	Linda Pomeroy-Hull

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Special Thanks to our Musicians –Barney Hartley (guitar and vocalist @ 4 PM), Lowell Anderson (trumpet @ 11 PM), Nan Martin-Clapp and Jessica Turner (vocalists @ 11 PM), and Maria McKanzie (pianist @ 4 & 11 PM).

Today's Prayer List

Lyn Zimmerman – Myotonic Dystrophy
Areewa Saray – imprisonment
Brenda Gilbert – fighting severe health problems
Marisa La Rue – (friend of Kathleen Manning) – struggle with Parkinson's disease
Sandy Green – (brother-in-law of Alex Ringstad) – just entered into Hospice care
Justin Smith – (husband of Abby Smith) – continued health
Patricia Stanley – (dear friend of Pamela Reed) – who has been diagnosed with ALS
Paulette – (Jim Sloan's brother Fred's wife) –cancer of the throat
Ann – (family friend of Sherry & Barney Hartley) – who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer.
Agueda Fernandez-Webster – for new employment
Jim Englund (friend of the Blacker's) – diagnosed with pancreatic and liver cancer
Erica Frey-Hoyer – (friend of Sandy Dawes) - who was diagnosed with colon and liver cancer
Allen Wohler – (husband of friend of Linda Pomeroy-Hull) therapy following a coma
Hope – (sister of Darla Powell) – heart issues
Leanne Gaunt (mother of Sueann and Sandy Goretti) – for successful treatment of cancer that has returned in her vertebrae
Karen Wallin – (friend of Bob and Mairi Hankinson) cancer
George Kurtz (father of Jim Kurtz) – Parkinson's
Scott Candoo (son of Lila Candoo) – ALS
Callie (daughter of friend of Liz Latsis) - brain surgery
Miff Cox (cousin of Barney Hartley) – cancer
Eric Yun (cousin of Sandy Yoeun) – endocarditis
Caroline Reale (aunt of Gina Reale) – pneumonia
Steve (friend of Abby Smith) – unemployment
Amber (friend of Abby Smith) – divorce
Knhy Yuorn (family of Saray Yuorn) – hospitalization
Ron Selinger (friend of Lee Holland) – unemployment
Lee Holland – recovery from a fall

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

Parish/Neighborhood Highlights:

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 **Friday, January 5** beginning at **5:30 pm**. All are welcome as we celebrate the important fact that the Messiah didn't come for a select group of people, but for everyone!!

Opportunities to Serve:

Let's Get Connected...St. Matthew is partnering with the Federal Way Reach Out program to provide breakfast, lunch and dinner for 10 - 15 homeless women at the Church of Good Shepherd Episcopal from **Monday, January 1 through Sunday, January 7, 2018**. To be successful **we need your help**. We will be using 2018 Outreach funds to purchase supplies for breakfast and lunch, but **we need volunteers to provide dinner each evening**. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. This is an excellent opportunity to get your friends and neighbors involved in this wonderful community project. Please sign up in the narthex today! Questions? Contact: Sherry Mees Hartley @ 253-310-7271, smees@comcast.net, Liz Latsis @ 253-229-2094 or Lorina Goodjoint 253-347-7560.