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The First Sunday after Christmas December 28, 2014



The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering Music Hymn

Procession to the Altar Hymn #102, vss 1-3

Once in royal David's city

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; sung at 10am

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.

Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called
 Emmanuel

God with us, revealed in us, His name is
 called Emmanuel

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Isaiah (61:10-62:3)

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her

vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147

(Read in unison after the first asterisk)

- 1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! * **how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!**
- 2 **The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.**
- 3 **He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.**
- 4 **He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.**
- 5 **Great is our LORD and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.**
- 6 **The LORD lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.**
- 7 **Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.**
- 8 **He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;**
- 9 **He makes grass to grow upon the mountains* and green plants to serve mankind.**
- 10 **He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.**
- 11 **He is not impressed by the might of a horse;* he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;**
- 12 **But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor.**

- 13 **Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; * praise your God, O Zion;**
- 14 **For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; * he has blessed your children within you.**
- 15 **He has established peace on your borders; * he satisfies you with the finest wheat.**
- 16 **He sends out his command to the earth, * and his word runs very swiftly.**
- 17 **He gives snow like wool; * he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.**
- 18 **He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; * who can stand against his cold?**
- 19 **He sends forth his word and melts them;* he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.**
- 20 **He declares his word to Jacob, * his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**
- 21 **He has not done so to any other nation; * to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!**

A Reading from Galatians (3:23-25; 4:4-7)

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn #81, vss. 1, 2

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

(1:1-18)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

Gradual Hymn #81, vs. 3

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

The Sermon

Fr. Kendall 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, Katharine 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 Diocese of Kushtia, Bangladesh; our diocese, especially the Retired Clergy, clergy widows/widowers and clergy households of the diocese; and our parish, especially for our

parishioners Shirley Durgan; Dick & Terry Elofson; Elsie Forrest.

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

For the leaders of the world, especially Barack, our president, 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 Andrew, Michael, and 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, Eloise, Carmen, Stephen, Dave, Sarah, Katrina, Mary, Corretta, Paulett, Heather, Justin, Ginny, Maryann, Lila, Bill, Brenda, Beth & Kendall, Ayrton, Jim, Wes, Shirley, Rose, Lorraine, Ashley 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 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 Hymn #112 *in the bleak midwinter*

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 page 9 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 10 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 are available upon request at the rail.

Communion Music

Hymn# 110 *The snow lay on the ground*

Hymn #79 *O little town of Bethlehem*

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.

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 #87

Hark! the herald angels sing

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.**

Special Ministers Today

Priest	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader	Bob Witter
Eucharistic Minister	Frank Blacker
Lector	Elaine Taylor
Acolytes	Zawadi Chege Nicholas Yun
Ushers	Tom Taylor Dan Dawes
Greeters	Pamela Reed Claire Scharmach
Eucharistic Visitor	Chuck & Lyn Zimmerman
Bread Maker	Marian Oberg
Altar Guild	Jill Little Sue Inglis Lorina Goodjoint Florence Nabaggala
Counters	Jackie Whorton Dick Elfson
Nursery	Sarah Dawes
Coffee Hour	Frank & Mary Blacker Sue Inglis
Altar Guild Directress	Janet Witter

St Matthew Episcopal Church Staff

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Priest in Charge The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Administrator Agueda Fernández-Webster
Church Sexton Saray Yuorn
Pianist Maria McKanzie
Church Photographer John Hibben

Lorraine Casillas – for healing, strong healthy heart and good blood pressure
 Ashley Goldie (friend of David Kelley) – undergoing some tests.

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

St Matthew Episcopal Church Vestry

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

December Outreach: Our annual “**PUT A SOCK IN IT**” drive ends TODAY. All the socks will be delivered to the Tacoma Examiner by December 30th. Thank you to all for your generosity!

St Matthew Episcopal Church Vestry Officers

Treasurer Art Ladley
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Organ Dedication Evensong—On Sunday, January 4th at 5PM, we are all invited to a special Dedication Evensong celebrating the recent installation of a beautiful Paul Fritts organ at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church (7410 S. 12th St., Tacoma WA 98465). This will be a FREE event not to miss. Please RSVP to Ms. Margie Hoffman at 253-588-4589 or mteach65@runbox.com by December 28th.

Today’s Prayer List

Lyn Zimmerman – Myotonic Dystrophy
 Areewa Saray – imprisonment
 Eloise Page (friend of Tom & Elaine Taylor) – hospice
 Carmen Planas (aunt of Agueda Fernandez-Webster) –dementia
 Stephen Peterson (son of Tom & Judy Peterson) – back pain
 Dave Hopkins – pain management and balance
 Sarah (sister of Lydia Nabawanga) – recovery after heart surgery and grief following the death of her husband
 Katrina Goodjoint (sister of Lorina Goodjoint) – kidney issues
 Mary (grandmother of Lorina Goodjoint) – stroke & Pneumonia
 Corretta (mother of Florence Nabaggala) – malaria
 Paulett Sloan (sister-in-law of Jim Sloan) – difficulty after gall bladder surgery
 Heather Halabisky – High levels of calcium and high blood Pressure
 Justin Smith – Seeking new employment and healing
 Ginny Sloan –continued healing, post heart surgery.
 Maryann Smith - guidance and wisdom pertaining to her schooling and health.
 Lila Candoo – recovering from foot surgery
 Bill Trandum – recovering from a stroke
 Brenda Gilbert – fighting severe health problems
 Beth & Kendall Haynes – for a safe and healthy pregnancy
 Ayrtton Climo - (request from Lydia Nabawanga) – recovering from a terrible car accident
 Jim Sloan – continued healing sciatic discomfort
 Wes SzcZepanski – (friend of Lydia Nabawanga) Open heart surgery
 Shirley Ryan Rose (neighbor of Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – who suffered a stroke
 Rose Barg – healing after eye surgery

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 **Monday, January 5. The evening will begin at **5:30 pm** with wine and appetizers in the Library followed by a pot-luck dinner at **6:15 pm.** The evening will conclude with Evening Prayer, dessert and singing. All are welcome as we celebrate the important fact that the Messiah didn’t come for a select group of people, but for everyone!!**

“The Jesus I Never Knew”—This is a new teaching series which starts January 6, 2015 at 10AM. Come and see. Any questions, please contact Bud Nalder 253-927-2075.

Save the Date for the St. Matthew's January

Choir Retreat—The choir would like to invite any and all who are curious, interested and have always wanted to be part of a choir ensemble, to take part in the St. Matthew's January Choir Retreat. Come and enjoy a morning of singing and fellowship on Saturday, January 24th, 2015. Meet in the sanctuary from 9:30am-12:30pm and share your favorite "something" at the potluck following rehearsal.

St. Matthew's Choir sings during the first Sunday service each month. Any questions please contact Nan Clapp at 253-927-2827. Thank you!

Mark your calendar—

- Saturdays, 8AM, Men's Breakfast in the Parish Hall
- 2nd Saturday of each month, 9AM-Noon, Julia's Gulch
- 4th Friday of each month, 7PM JLS (Just Love Singing)
- Thursdays, 10AM, Bible Study in the library
- Thursdays, 7PM Adult Catechumenate in the library
- Sundays, 11:30AM, Choir rehearsal
- Sundays, 9:00AM Bridging the Gap
- Sunday, January 4, 5PM Organ Dedication Evensong at St. Andrew's, Tacoma
- Monday, January 5, 5:30PM Twelfth Night Celebration
- Saturday, January 24, 9:30AM-12:30PM Choir Retreat @