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# The Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2016



## The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

### Gathering music

*Glorify the name*

#### Glorify Thy Name

1. Father, we love you, we praise you, we adore you.  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.
2. Jesus we love you...
3. Spirit we love you...

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### Procession to the Altar Hymn#65

*Prepare the way*

*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  
(S-279 printed on page 10 of the Worship Guide)

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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## A Reading from Isaiah

(11:1-10)

A shoot shall come out from the stump of  
Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of  
the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the  
poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of  
the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his  
mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall  
kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his  
waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together; and  
the lion shall eat straw like the  
ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of  
the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand  
on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of  
the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a  
signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire  
of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

(Read in unison after the first asterisk)

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, **\*and your righteousness to the King's Son;**
- 2 **That he may rule your people righteously \*and the poor with justice;**
- 3 **That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*and the little hills bring righteousness.**
- 4 **He shall defend the needy among the people; \*he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 **He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*from one generation to another.**
- 6 **He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 **In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**
- 18 **Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, \*who alone does wondrous deeds!**
- 19 **And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*and may all the earth be filled with his glory.**  
**Amen. Amen.**

## A Reading from Romans

(15:4-13)

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I

tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name";  
and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";  
and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him";  
and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the  
Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope."  
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and  
peace in believing, so that you may abound in  
hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

**Gradual Hymn O come, O come, Emmanuel**  
O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
Tribes on Sinai's height... in ancient times didst give  
the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

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

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew**

(3:1-12)

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the  
wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for

the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is  
the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke  
when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the  
wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a  
leather belt around his waist, and his food was  
locusts and wild honey. Then the people of  
Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him,  
and all the region along the Jordan, and they  
were baptized by him in the river Jordan,  
confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and  
Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to  
them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you  
to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit  
worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say  
to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our  
ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these  
stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even  
now the ax is lying at the root of the trees;  
every tree therefore that does not bear good  
fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but  
one who is more powerful than I is coming  
after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals.  
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and  
fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he  
will clear his threshing floor and will gather his  
wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will  
burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

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

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from  
Satan's tyranny that trust thy mighty power to save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

*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 Kamataka North – (South India); our diocese, especially St. Augustine in-the-Woods, Freeland; St. Aidan, Camano Island; and our parish, especially for our parishioners Jon & Cat Kuniyoshi; Art & Pam Ladley and Beth Latsis, let us pray to the Lord,  
***Lord hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, especially Barack our President in the ways of justice and peace; for our armed forces and those who are deployed especially 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, especially Lyn, Areewa, Dave, Brenda, Shirley, Scott, Ted, Marisa, Sandy, Justin, Beth, Patricia, Paulette, Keith, Justo, Nathan, Ann, Midi, Agueda, Caitlin, Deb, Nole, Saray, Pete, Doris 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 for Joanne Kallas, and others 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 #56 vs. 1-3 only

*O come, O come Emmanuel*

## The Great Thanksgiving – B

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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

**8:00 am (spoken), 10:00 am Sanctus (sung)**

*(Printed on page 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** *said at 8 am & sung at 10 am*  
*(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**

### Servant Song

1. Won't you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,  
we are travelers on the road.  
We are here to help each other,  
walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you,  
in the night-time of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the words you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you  
I will share your joy and sorrow 'til we've seen  
this  
journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven,

we shall find such harmony.  
Born of all we've known together,  
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Won't you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.

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### For those Tears I Died

1. You said you'd come and share all my sorrows,  
You said you'd be there for all my tomorrows.  
I came so close to sending you away,  
But just like you promised you came there to  
stay.  
I just had to pray.

Refrain:

And Jesus said, "Come to the water, stand by  
my side.  
I know you are thirsty, you won't be denied.  
I felt ev'ry teardrop when in darkness you  
cried,  
And I strove to remind you that for those  
tears I died."

2. Your goodness so great I can't understand,  
And dear Lord, I know that all this was planned.  
I know you're here now and always will be,  
Your love loosed my chains, and in you I'm free.  
But Jesus, why me?
3. Jesus, I give you my heart and my soul,  
I know that without you I'd never be whole.  
Savior, you opened all the right doors,  
And I thank you and praise you from earth's  
Humble shores. Take me, I'm yours.

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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.**

## **Procession to the Neighborhood**

**Hymn #437**

*Tell out my soul*

## **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 into the world, rejoicing  
in the power of the Spirit.

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

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## **Special Ministers Today**

**Priest**

The Rev. Kendall Haynes

**Worship Leader**

Karena Teves

**Eucharistic Minister**

Dick Elofson

**Lector**

Pamela Reed

**Acolytes**

Nicholas Yoeun

Zawadi Chege

**Ushers**

Jill Little-8

<b>Greeters</b>	John Kennedy	Brenda Gilbert – fighting severe health problems
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Art Ladley	Shirley Ryan Rose – (neighbor of Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – continued recovery from a vascular stroke
<b>Bread Maker</b>	John & Leanne Kennedy	Scott Candoo – undiagnosed medical issues
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jim Sloan	Ted Blattenbauer – (friend of Dan & Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – grieving and diagnosed with multiple myeloma
	Marian Oberg	Marisa La Rue – (friend of Kathleen Manning) – struggle with Parkinson’s disease
	Beth Latsis-8	Sandy Green – (brother-in-law) of Alex Ringstad) – just entered into Hospice care
	Liz Latsis-8	Justin Smith – (husband of Abby Smith) – continued health
<b>Counters</b>	Mary Blacker	Beth Latsis – (mother of Liz Latsis) – for treatments and healing from stage 3 colon cancer
	Leanne Kennedy	Patricia Stanley – (dear friend of Pamela Reed) – who has been diagnosed with ALS
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Frank Blacker	Paulette – (Jim Sloan’s brother Fred’s wife) – recovery from surgery for cancer of the throat, also prayer for Fred as he becomes the care giver
	Gary Neuman	Keith Phelps – (brother-in-law of Terry Elofson) - for relief from pain due to cancer treatments.
	Marcie Neuman	Justo Fernandez – (brother of Agueda Fernandez Webster) – for recovery and complications from surgery to place 3 stents in arteries
	Marian Oberg	Nathan Meyer – (neighbor and cook at Browns Pt Diner) – recovery from a massive stroke
<b>Altar Guild Director</b>	Linda Pomeroy-Hull	Ann – (family friend of Sherry & Barney Hartley) – who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer.

**St Matthew Episcopal Church Staff**

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**Today’s Prayer List**

Lyn Zimmerman – Myotonic Dystrophy  
 Areewa Saray – imprisonment  
 Dave Hopkins – pain management and balance

Keith Phelps – (brother-in-law of Terry Elofson) - for relief from pain due to cancer treatments.  
 Justo Fernandez – (brother of Agueda Fernandez Webster) – for recovery and complications from surgery to place 3 stents in arteries  
 Nathan Meyer – (neighbor and cook at Browns Pt Diner) – recovery from a massive stroke  
 Ann – (family friend of Sherry & Barney Hartley) – who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer.  
 Midi Mees – (mother of Sherry Hartley) – for recovery from infection and to gain strength.  
 Agueda Fernandez-Webster – for new employment  
 Caitlin Forrest – (granddaughter of Elsie Forrest) – recovery from back injury and healing from throat surgery  
 Deb – (friend of Jill Little) – whose daughter died of an Overdose  
 Noel Grant – (friend of the Walker’s) – evaluation and potential back surgery  
 Saray Yuorn – guidance  
 Pete Bonebakker - (Member of the Gould/Lepkowksi/Haynes families) – Liver cancer  
 Doris Sanders – Lesions around the eyes  
**To add someone or take someone off the prayer list, email [saintmatthewpastoralcare@gmail.com](mailto:saintmatthewpastoralcare@gmail.com) .**  
**Thanks!**

**Announcements**

**South Sound Classical Choir at St Matthew –**  
 Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00pm, you are invited to this free concert at St Matthew. Featuring the works of Schalk, Handel, Mozart, Billings, Rutter, Lauridsen, Bruckner, Biebl, and other music of Christmas. Dr. David LaBerge, Director.

**Altar Guild Meeting -** The next altar guild meeting will take place at 9 AM Sunday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> in the library – light refreshment will be served.



### Old - Fashioned Christmas Tea at the Browns

**Point Lighthouse** - Sunday December 11, 1-4 pm. Browns Point Light Keepers' Cottage in the Browns Point Lighthouse Park : 201 Tulalip NE, Browns Point Free. Everybody is welcome! Munch on a homemade goodie and sip a warm beverage! Get in the spirit of the season by exploring our festively decorated cottage. Don't forget to visit the Boathouse Museum and ring the original fog bell! Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and get a photo taken! Shop for a special gift in our Gift shop! Parking is limited but we do have drop off and disabled parking. Sponsored by our neighborhood partner, The Points NE Historical Society [www.pointsnortheast.org](http://www.pointsnortheast.org)

**Giving Tree!!** - This year we are sponsoring a family in need for Christmas. On the narthex sign-up table you will find a small *Giving Tree* with ornaments containing the names of children along with gift ideas for Christmas. Please take an ornament and fulfill the request by **Thursday, December 22nd**. All packages should be gift wrapped and placed underneath the narthex table for collection. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Mees Hartley, at 253-310-7271. Thank YOU!

**Let's Get Connected...** St. Matthew is partnering with the Federal Way Reach Out program to provide breakfast, lunch and dinner for 25 - 30 homeless women and children at the Church of Good Shepherd Episcopal from Monday, January 2 through Sunday, January 8, 2017. To be successful **we need your help**. We will be using 2017 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 today! Questions? Contact: Sherry Mees Hartley @ 253-310-7271, [smees@comcast.net](mailto:smees@comcast.net), Liz Latsis @ 253-229-2094 or Lorina Goodjoint 253-347-7560.

**Bible Study Cancelled Until Spring** – The Thursday Bible Study class has ended for a winter break. Look for this class to resume in the spring.

### Mark your calendar—

- Saturdays, 8AM, Men's Breakfast in the Parish Hall
- Tuesdays, 7PM, Adult Catechumenate in the Library
- Wednesdays, Bell Choir practice 7PM
- Choir Rehearsal, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 11:45am, (first Sunday only at 9:15am)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 11:45AM Instrument Rehearsal
- 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, 7PM JLS (Just Love Singing)
- Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 3PM, **South Sound Classical Choir at St Matthew**
- January 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> provide dinners for Federal Way Reach Out

Free Christmas Concert this Sunday, 12/4 @ 3 PM @ St. Matthew

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