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The Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2014

The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering music *Open the Eyes of My Heart*
Open the Eyes of My Heart
 Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of
 my heart
 I want to see You; I want to see You. (repeat)

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of
 Your glory;
 Pour out your power and love, as we sing "holy,
 holy, holy".

Holy, Holy, Holy (3x) I want to see You. (repeat)

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Procession to the Altar *You're Worthy of My Praise*

You're Worthy of My Praise
 I will worship (echo)
 With all of my heart (echo)
 I will praise You (echo)
 With all of my strength (all my strength)
 I will bow down (echo)
 All of my days (echo)
 I will follow (echo)
 All of You ways (all your ways)

Chorus: I will give You all my worship
 I will give You all my praise.
 You alone I long to worship,
 You alone are worthy of my praise.

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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.**

Advent candle lighting *Christ be our light*
 (Sung at 10:00 am - Printed on page 9 of the Worship Guide)

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
 Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in your church
 gathered today.**

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 (40:1-11)

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she
 has served her term,
 that her penalty is paid, that she has received from
 the LORD's hand double for all her sins.
 A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the
 way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a
 highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

(Read in unison after the first asterisk)

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, * **you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.**
- 2 **You have forgiven the iniquity of your people * and blotted out all their sins.**
- 8 **I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.**
- 9 **Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * that his glory may dwell in our land.**
- 10 **Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
- 11 **Truth shall spring up from the earth, * and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

12 **The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, * and our land will yield its increase.**

13 **Righteousness shall go before him, * and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

A Reading from 2 Peter

(3:8-15a)

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

Gradual Hymn

Prepare the way

Prepare the Way

He has come, to bring light into the darkness,
He has come to bring freedom to the captives.
He has come – to restore the broken hearted;
It's time to proclaim, the year of the Lord!

Chorus: Prepare the way, prepare the way for our Redeemer!
Prepare the way, prepare the way for our Restorer!
Make ready your heart, make ready your home
Make ready the people of God,
prepare the way! (repeat chorus)

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark

(1:1-8)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Gradual Hymn

Prepare the Way

Prepare the Way

He has come, to bring hope to the hopeless,
He has come, to comfort those who mourn.
He has come – to heal our every sickness;
It's time to proclaim, the year of the Lord!

Chorus: Prepare the way, prepare the way for
our Redeemer!
Prepare the way, prepare the way for
our Restorer!
Make ready your heart, make ready
your home
Make ready the people of God, prepare
the way! (repeat chorus)

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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, Katharine 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 for the Parish of Kinkizi - Uganda; our diocese, especially St. Hilda-St. Patrick, Edmonds; St. Augustine in-the-Woods; Freeland; and our parish, especially for our parishioners Barbara Cashman; John, Lorraine, Shelley Casillas; Samuel Kamau, Damaris, Moses & Zawadi Chege 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 Andrew and Michael, and for those we now name...; praying for the end of terrorism, war and violence throughout the world, 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, Eloise, Carmen, Stephen, Dave, Sarah, Harriet, Katrina, Mary, Corretta, Paulett, Heather, Justin, Ginny, Maryann, Lila, Bill, Brenda, Beth & Kendall, Ayrton, Jim, Wes, Dawna, Lin & Tom, Shirley, Rose, Lorraine, Ashley 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 Sterling Smith and Harriet Anderson; 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

Days of Elijah

Days of Elijah.

These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the word of the Lord.

And these are the days of Your servant, Moses,
Righteousness being restored.

And though these are days of great trials,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice in the desert crying,
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord".

Chorus: Behold He comes, riding on the
clouds,
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet
call.
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant, David,
Rebuilding the temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in Your world.
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard
Declaring the word of the Lord.

(chorus)

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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

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

(Printed on page 10 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 11 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.

and may add

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 (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

or 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 baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those who have yet to be baptized are invited to come forward for a blessing and are encouraged to speak with one of the clergy after the service about becoming baptized into Christ's Body. Gluten free hosts are available upon request at the rail.

Communion Music

Holy Spirit, Breathe on Me
Holy Spirit, breathe on me.

Holy Spirit, let me see
All the things You are,
All the things You want me to be
Holy Spirit breathe on me.

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I'm Forever Grateful

You did not wait for me to draw near to You,
But You clothed Yourself with frail humanity.
You did not wait for me to cry out to You,
But You let me hear Your voice calling me.
And I'm forever grateful to You.
I'm forever grateful for the cross.
I'm forever grateful to You,
That You came – to seek and save the lost.

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Emmanuel.

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

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COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

*To be used when the need is present to
Send out Lay Eucharistic Ministers*

Priest: 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.

Presider 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 #551

Rise up, ye saints of God

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.**

Special Ministers Today

Priest	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader	Frank Blacker
Eucharistic Minister	Tom Peterson
Lector	Dick Elofson
Acolytes	Zawadi Chege Nicholas Yun
Ushers	Art Ladley Gary Neuman
Greeters	John & Leanne Kennedy
Eucharistic Visitor	Tom Peterson
Bread Maker	Marian Oberg
Altar Guild	Beth Latsis Cat Kuniyoshi Liz Latsis
Counters	Frank Blacker Linda Collins
Nursery	Sarah Dawes
Coffee Hour	Lydia Nabawanga Bob & Janet Witter
Altar Guild Directress	Janet Witter

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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
Harriet Anderson – congestive heart failure and heart disease
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 - experiencing an unusual medical situation.
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
Ayrton Climo - (request from Lydia Nabawanga) – recovering from a terrible car accident
Jim Sloan – sciatic pain
Wes SzcZepanski – (friend of Lydia Nabawanga) Open heart surgery
Dawna Martin (sister-in-law of Nan Clapp) – recovering from spinal surgery
Lin (Ball) Cashman (former parishioner) - had very serious spinal surgery and had a second surgery on October 22. Pray also for her husband and also former parishioner Tom Cashman who stands with her in her trials.

Shirley Ryan Rose (neighbor of Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – who suffered a stroke
Rose Barg – healing after eye surgery
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!

Announcements

Bridging the Gap— Bridging the Gap, Sunday, December 14 we will see and discussing lecture 35 “From Vatican I to Vatican II” in our continuing series **The History of Christian Theology**. Please join us this Sunday at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall – coffee included.

Coffee hour—In the interest of allowing everyone the opportunity to host coffee hour after the 10am services on Sunday morning, The Parish Life Committee has determined that a sign- up sheet would be more effective than randomly assigning parishioners. This sign-up will be made available to you in the narthex and we ask that at least two members sign up for each Sunday. Hosting the coffee hour means having coffee prepared with coffee and cups on the table. As you may have noted, hosting coffee hour can mean purchasing a package of cookies at the store, or providing fruit, or making sandwiches. Anything you wish to do is perfect. For those who have hosted coffee hour in the past, we ask that you sign up with a newcomer, so someone can explain the coffee pot system, etc. The sign up Sundays will be effective the **first Sunday of Advent, November 30th**. Again, we invite as many people as possible to participate. If you have any questions, please call Tom Peterson 253 677 5114.

Dear Friends and Supporters of Julia's Gulch— Saturday, December 13 from 9AM until noon. Park at View Park on Norpoint Way. (see juliassgulch.org for a map.) We will meet at the picnic table under the Big Leaf Maples. We will be removing the Himalayan Blackberry. Come dressed for the weather. Wear sturdy footwear and garden gloves.

Some tools will be provided but if you have a pick or lopper bring it along. See you there!

Church School— Parents, church school will begin in the Sanctuary rather than the classroom. Please bring your children there; we will stay for the lighting of the Advent Wreath.

Has anyone seen a package from CALmay addressed to Jill Little at St. Matthew?— There was a package from CALmay left outside the church on Wednesday, October 1, 2014. The package was addressed to Jill Little at St. Matthew. Jill and the staff at St. Matthew have not seen it. If you know where this package might have ended up, please inform the St. Matthew staff. The package contains new lavabo towels. CALmay says it was placed by the front door of the church on Wednesday, October 1.

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, 9AM Bridging the Gap
- Tuesday, December 9, 6PM AT&T Tower Community meeting
- Sunday, December 14, 1-4PM PNEHS Santa visit & food drive at the Old Lightkeepers Cottage in the Browns Point Lighthouse Park (201 Tulalip St.)
- Monday, December 15, 7-8:30PM BPIC Santa visit & food drive @ BPIC
- Tuesday, December 16, 5PM Prayer Group in the kitchen
- Sunday, December 21, after 10AM service, Christmas decoration and bow making