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The Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering music

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

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;

Christ Be Our Light, sung at 10am

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**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 Malachi

(3:1-4)

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the
way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will
suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the
covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is

coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

Canticle 16 (Read in unison after the asterisk)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; * **he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies, Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from Philippians (1:3-11)

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the

day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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 Luke (3:1-6)

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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-joice! Re-joice! 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 the
Dioceses of Kibungo - (Rwanda), Kigeme - (Rwanda), Kigezi -
(Uganda), Kilmore; Elphin & Ardagh - (Armagh, Ireland),
Kimberley & Kuruman - (Southern Africa), Kinkiizi - (Uganda),
Kinshasa - (Congo), and Falkland Islands; our diocese,
especially St. Paul's, Bellingham; and Christ Church,
Blaine; and our parish, especially for our
parishioners Jim & Jackie Whorton; Sharon
Wilhelm; and Matt, Adrienne, Mason, Charlie, and
Poppy Williams, let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations
in the ways of justice and peace, especially Donald
our president; for our armed forces and those who
are deployed especially, Brice Clairmont, and 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, praying especially for
Lyn, Areewa, Brenda, Marisa, Sandy, Justin,
Patricia, Paulette, Erica, Allen, George, Rico, Steven,
Thatcher, Frank, Craig, Ken, Jan, Anna, Sue,
Elizabeth, David, Jenny, Jim, Paula, Marc, Todd,
Dawna, Elaine, Ann, Stephen, Jacquie, Abraham,
Kerry, Agueda, Nancy, Liz, 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 John Short, Jane O'Conner, Art

Sorenson, Katie Overmars, Fay Ainsworth and for those 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 #69 *What is the crying at Jordan*

Our Sunday loose cash offerings now go to our Local Outreach/Discretionary Fund, which directly serves families and individuals in need within our community. Your generosity makes saying "yes" to those who need help the most possible.

The Great Thanksgiving – B

[Please see Book of Common Prayer, pg. 367]

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

(Said at 8:00; sung at 10:00)

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God...

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**

Lord's Prayer *said at 8 am & sung at 10 am*
(Printed on the Blue Pew Sheet)

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our father in heaven
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial**

and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and Holy Communion

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

This is our Lord's Table, and He is our host. All persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those who have yet to be baptized are encouraged to speak with the clergy after the service about becoming baptized into Christ's Body. Gluten-free hosts and alcohol-free wine are available upon request at the rail.

Communion Music

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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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 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 #551

Rise up, ye saints of God

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.**

This Sunday's Ministries

Celebrant	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader	Tom Peterson
Eucharistic Minister	Daniel Dawes
Lector	Ken St. John
Acolytes	Zawadi Chege Nicholas Yun
Ushers	Terry Elofson - 8 Tom Taylor Bob Witter
Greeters	John Kennedy Leanne Kennedy
Eucharistic Visitor	Terry Elofson
Bread Maker	Marian Oberg
Altar Guild	Jill Little-8 Sue Inglis Lorina Goodjoint
Counters	John Kennedy Kathy Manning
Coffee Hour	Dick & Linda Collins
Altar Guild Director	Linda Pomeroy-Hull



Advent @ Home

Second Sunday of Advent

Reader: "In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and

the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people'" (Luke 2:8-10).

Reader: Today we remember the shepherds, workers for the common good, steadfast watchmen isolated and alone, far from the warmth of home, doing the job no one wants. And yet God saw them, God valued them, and God declared the greatest news of all to them alone.

People: Today we give thanks for the shepherds among us, back-breaking laborers on whom our economy stands, those we overlook or rarely see, yet rely on for our very survival, the ones who have much to teach us about watching for God in the darkness.

Reader: On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the second candle as a symbol of the shepherds, agents of the gospel and redeemers of the world.
(Light 2 purple or blue candles.)

Hymn: "O come, O come, Emmanuel"
Hymn 56, vss. 3-4

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