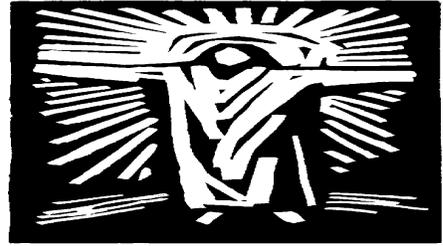




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THIS IS  
MY SON  
MY CHOSEN



LISTEN-TO-HIM  
LUKE 9:35

## The Last Sunday after the Epiphany February 7, 2016



### The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

#### Gathering Music

*Here in this place (Gather Us In)*

Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the  
darkness vanished away,  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.

*Chorus: Gather us in and hold us forever,  
Gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in all peoples together,  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone*

We are the young--our lives are a myst'ry, we are  
the old--who yearn for your face,  
We have been sung through-out all of hist'ry, called  
to be light to the whole human race.

*Repeat Chorus*

Here we will take the wine and the water, here we  
will take the bread of new birth,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

*Repeat Chorus*

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some  
heaven, light years away,

But here in this place the new light is shining, now  
is the King-dom, now is the day.

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#### Procession to the Altar Hymn #490

*I want to walk as a child of the light*

*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;

**Benedictus es, Domine**, sung at 10am  
*(printed on page 12 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.

God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **A Reading from Exodus** (34:29-35)

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## **Psalm 99**

(Read in unison after the first asterisk)

- 1 The LORD is King;  
let the people tremble; **\*he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.**
- 2 **The LORD is great in Zion; \*he is high above all peoples.**
- 3 **Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*he is the Holy One.**
- 4 **"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; \*you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**
- 5 **Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; \*he is the Holy One.**
- 6 **Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.**
- 7 **He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.**
- 8 **O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; \*you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**
- 9 **Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; \*for the LORD our God is the Holy One.**

## **A Reading from 2 Corinthians** (3:12—4:2)

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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

## **Gradual Hymn #138 vss. 1-2**

*All praise to you, O Lord*

## **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke** (9:28-36, (37-43))

About eight days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ of God, Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his

companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" --not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

[On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

## **Gradual Hymn #138 vss. 3-4**

*All praise to you, O Lord*

## **The Sermon**

Fr. Haynes

*Silence for reflection*

## **The Nicene Creed** (Standing, as able.)

We believe in one God, / **the Father, the Almighty, / maker of heaven and earth, / of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, / the only Son of God, / eternally begotten of the Father, / God from God, Light from Light. / true God from true God, / begotten, not made, / of one Being with the Father. / Through him all things were made. / For us and for our salvation / he came down from heaven: / by the power of the Holy Spirit / he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. / For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; / he suffered death and was buried. / On the third day he rose again / in accordance with the Scriptures; / he ascended into heaven / and is seated at the right hand of the Father. / He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, / and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, / who proceeds from the Father and the Son. / With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. / He has spoken through the Prophets. / We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. / We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. / We look for the resurrection of the dead, / and the life of the world to come. *Amen.***

## **The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray.

For the whole church of God, that it may grow in unity and servant hood. We pray especially for Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Francis, Bishop of Rome, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our presiding bishop, Gregory our bishop, for priests, deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For the Anglican Communion, especially The Anglican Church of Canada; our diocese, especially St. Clement, Seattle; St. John the Baptist, Seattle; and our parish, especially for our parishioners John, Lorraine & Shelley Casillas; Jeff, Nan & Blake Clapp; Dick & Linda Collins.

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For all the leaders and people of the world, especially Barack, our president, that reconciliation

and peace may overcome conflict and oppression. We pray for our armed forces and those who are deployed especially for those we now name....

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For the hungry in body, mind or spirit, that they may be nourished by your presence and truth.

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For those who are in danger and distress in this world, especially those suffering from terrorism. We pray for an end to religious fundamentalism which distorts your vision of Glory for all people.

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For the sick and those in pain, for the lonely and the forgotten, for the dying and all who mourn, that your healing grace may shine forth in the shadows of this world. We pray for all those on our prayer list and those in our hearts, especially Lyn, Areewa, Eloise, Dave, Brenda, Rose, Shirley, Scott, Alisande, Ted, Elliott, Marisa, Adam, Cesar, Cherie, Sandy, Julie, Justin, Mark, Leanne, Jazmin, Norm, Katharine, Randy, Beth, Florence, Greg, Pamela, Patricia and for those we now name...

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For the gifts of joy and love, that we may bear witness to the manifestations of your glory. We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for those we now name...

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For those who have died and now abide in Christ's presence, remembering especially Kenneth O. "Monty" Gaustad, Gilbert Anderson, and for those we now name...,

Lord in your mercy, ***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

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

*Musical Offering by Choir Ensemble*

## 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 13 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 14 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 – Choir & Congregation**

Alleluia (sing each 8 times)

Alleluia.....  
Jesus is Lord.....  
Lord, we love you.....  
Lord, we thank you.....  
Alleluia.....

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Father, I Adore You

1. Father, I adore you, lay my life before you;  
how I love you.
2. Jesus, I adore you, lay my life before you;  
how I love you.
3. Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you;  
how I love you.

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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*

**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, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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** *Arise Your Light Has Come!*

Arise, your light has come!  
The spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
Proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light has come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the broken hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light has come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

**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**

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>Priest</b>               | The Rev. Kendall Haynes                   |
| <b>Worship Leader</b>       | Frank Blacker                             |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b> | Bob Witter                                |
| <b>Lector</b>               | Bud Nalder, Mary Blacker                  |
| <b>Acolytes</b>             | Nicholas Yun<br>Zawadi Chege              |
| <b>Ushers</b>               | Rich Gould<br>John Hibben                 |
| <b>Greeters</b>             | John Kennedy<br>Leanne Kennedy            |
| <b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>  | TBA                                       |
| <b>Bread Maker</b>          | Marian Oberg                              |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>          | Beth Latsis<br>Liz Latsis<br>Mary Blacker |

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|--------------------|--|
| <b>Counters</b>    | Art Ladley<br>Jackie Whorton               |
| <b>Nursery</b>     | Micaela Detrick                            |
| <b>Coffee Hour</b> | Anne Hartwig<br>Sue Inglis<br>Anna Jackson |

**Altar Guild Director** Linda Pomeroy-Hull

## St Matthew Episcopal Church Staff

|                               |                             |
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| <b>Head of the Church</b>     | Jesus Christ our Lord       |
| <b>Bishop of Olympia</b>      | The Rt. Rev. Gregory Rickel |
| <b>Priest</b>                 | The Rev. Kendall Haynes     |
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| <b>Bookkeeper</b>             | Beth Rich                   |
| <b>Church Sexton</b>          | Saray Yourn                 |
| <b>Pianist</b>                | Maria McKanzie              |
| <b>Nursery Care Attendant</b> | Micaela Detrick             |
| <b>Church Photographer</b>    | John Hibben                 |

## St Matthew Episcopal Church Vestry

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| <b>Sr. Warden</b>                         | Terry Elofson                         |
| <b>Jr. Warden</b>                         | Sueann Goretti                        |
| <b>PLC Chairperson</b>                    | Marcie Neuman                         |
| <b>Marketing &amp; Evangelism Liaison</b> | Sueann Goretti<br>Sherry Mees Hartley |
| <b>Stewardship Liaison</b>                | Jon Kuniyoshi                         |
| <b>Liturgy &amp; Arts Liaison</b>         | Fred Vogel                            |
| <b>Outreach Liaison</b>                   | Samuel Kamau                          |
| <b>Christian Education Liaison</b>        | Mark Lepkowski                        |
| <b>Pastoral Care Liaison</b>              | Liz Latsis                            |

## St Matthew Episcopal Church Vestry Officers

|                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Treasurer</b>           | Frank Blacker |
| <b>Clerk of the Vestry</b> | Sandy Goretti |

## Today's Prayer List

Lyn Zimmerman – Myotonic Dystrophy  
Areewa Saray – imprisonment  
Eloise Page (friend of Tom & Elaine Taylor) – hospice  
Dave Hopkins – pain management and balance  
Brenda Gilbert – fighting severe health problems  
Rose Barg – recovery from surgery  
Shirley Ryan Rose – (neighbor of Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – continued recovery from a vascular stroke  
Scott Candoo – undiagnosed medical issues  
Alisande Watterson – tests for a health issue  
Ted Blattenbauer – (friend of Dan & Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – grieving and diagnosed with multiple myeloma  
Elliott Feit – (friend of Abby Smith) – for complete healing from pain (pancreatic cancer)  
Marisa La Rue – (friend of Kathleen Manning) – struggle with Parkinson's disease  
Adam – (friend of Liz Latsis brother) – who is very sick with acute Leukemia, spine, lung and fungal infections.  
Cesar Gatbunton – (Agueda Fernandez-Webster's sisters husband) – for recovery and healing from heart surgery  
Cherie Peterson – (sister of Bud Nalder) – suffering from dementia  
Sandy Green – (brother-in-law) of Alex Ringstad) – just entered into Hospice care

Julie – (friend of Fred & Sherry Vogel) – who is facing breast cancer treatment  
Justin Smith – (husband of Abby Smith) – continued health  
Mark – (friend of Sherry & Barney Hartley) – who was diagnosed with prostate cancer  
Leanne Gaunt – (mother of Sueann & Sandra Goretti) – who was diagnosed with early stage lung cancer  
Jazmin – (granddaughter of Bud Nalder) –  
Norm Jackonen – (brother-in-law of Ken St. John) – battling aggressive intestinal cancer  
Katharine Gaustad - (wife of Kenneth Gaustad and sister of Bob Witter) – Kenneth died on January 26<sup>th</sup>  
Randy White – conflict at work  
Beth Latsis – (mother of Liz Latsis) – for healing from cancer of appendix, infection and pleurisy  
Florence Wanic – (Grandmother of Dave Teves) – suffering from strokes and now under hospice care  
Greg Teves – (Father of Dave Teves) – making travel plans to support his mother, Florence  
Pamela Reed – (Niece of Gilbert Anderson) – who died Last weekend after a long illness  
Patricia Stanley – (dear friend of Pamela Reed) – who has been diagnosed with ALS

**To add someone or take someone off the prayer list, email [saintmatthewpastoralcare@gmail.com](mailto:saintmatthewpastoralcare@gmail.com) . Thanks!**

## Announcements

**Special Thanks to our Musicians** – Barney Hartley (guitar, Lowell Anderson (trumpet) and Maria McKanzie (pianist).

**Vestry Update** - The Vestry met yesterday from 9:00 to 3:00 here at the church in a planning retreat. During that time a Junior Warden and Liaison assignments were discerned, and will be announced soon.

**Bob Pirie '99'** - Please write a birthday greeting on the very large birthday card for Bob Pirie. The card is located in the entrance hall. Bob and his wife have attended St Matthew for a long time and Bob was one of the masterminds of the garden plants for years. **Bob will be 99 years old on February 13!** It will be delivered next week for his birthday party with his family. Thanks, Terry Elofson

**Blood Mobile February 13<sup>th</sup> Cancelled** - The Bloodmobile scheduled for Feb 13<sup>th</sup> is cancelled; the next one will be on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Chuck Zimmerman or Art Ladley if you wish to donate blood.

**Altar Guild Team Meeting Feb 7<sup>th</sup>** – The Altar Guild will host a team meeting on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in the library. New members are welcome and training will be provided. If you have considered this important ministry service please attend to learn more.

**Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday Party for Kids and Adults!—Tuesday, February 9** join us for a Mardi Gras Party. At this event we will burn the left over palms from last year's Palm Sunday to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. There will be a huge Piñata and great food as well! Join us at 5:30 in the Library for Wine and appetizers. Pancakes, eggs and sausage will be served in the Parish Hall at 6:00. Wear a costume! Come for the fun! Questions: Terry Elofson [253-670-1948](tel:253-670-1948).

**Ash Wednesday - February 10** —Come join us for this penitential day of obligation as we begin the holy season Lent. Lent is an intentional period of reflection and preparation as we await the Day of the Lord's Resurrection, Easter Day. Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes (a sign of our mortality) will be offered at **7:00 AM, Noon and 7:00 PM.**

**Stations of the Cross - Fridays**—in Lent at **6:00 PM** beginning February 12 - Stations of the Cross or the Way of Sorrows is the fourteen point journey acknowledging Jesus' experience from being condemned to death to the tomb. This is a fabulous and contemplative liturgy that interactively serves as a pilgrimage for us as believers. Please join us for this ancient and profound discipline!

**Work Party at Julia's Gulch, Saturday, February 13, 9:00 AM - Noon** - 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! For more information, please contact Heather Halabisky at [halabcoles@gmail.com](mailto:halabcoles@gmail.com) .

**Tuesday Night Lenten Series**—with the Rev. Dr. Frank Spina, Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Studies at Seattle Pacific University and Priest Associate at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Bellevue.

Most of us love biblical stories, and for good reason. The epic Story constitutes our Christian identity. We preach from biblical stories, sing about them, sometimes enact or dance to them, discuss them, and teach them to the children. In countless ways, the big picture biblical Story and the many smaller biblical stories bless us deeply.

This year's focus will be on the Hymnal of the Bible, the Book of Psalms with the following program:  
***Psalms Sung in a Lenten Key.***

**Week 1: Tues., February 16** - "How Good it is to Confess and Be Forgiven" (Psalm 32) @ *Good Shepherd, Federal Way*

**Week 2: Tues., February 23** - "Creating a New Heart" (Palm 51) @ *St. Matthew, Browns Point*

**Week 3: Tues., March 1** - "Forgiveness: Dwelling with God" (Psalms 90 & 91) @ *Good Shepherd, Federal Way*

**Week 4: Tues., March 8** - "Bless the Lord Who Forgives Everything!" @ *St. Matthew, Browns Point*

**Week 5: Tues., March 15** - "Trying to Avoid God: You Can't!" (Psalm 139) @ *Good Shepherd, Federal Way*

The series starts at **6:30 PM** with a soup dinner and the teaching starts at **7:15 PM**. All are welcome to attend. For more information contact Church of the Good Shepherd, 345 South 312th Street, Federal Way, [253-839-6100](tel:253-839-6100), [www.goodshepherdfw.org](http://www.goodshepherdfw.org). or St. Matthew, 6800 Eastside Drive NE, Browns Point, [253-927-9808](tel:253-927-9808), [www.neighborhoodparish.org](http://www.neighborhoodparish.org).

**Points Northeast Historical Society Annual Meeting** - Our community partner, Points Northeast Historical Society will hold its Annual Meeting here at St. Matthew on **Thursday, February 18 at 6:30 pm**. There will be a short business meeting and then the Society will present two speakers.

Victoria Pann is a local re-enactor who has developed Annie Brown, the Browns Point Lighthouse's first Lightkeeper Oscar Brown's wife as her historical character. Pann performed this summer as Annie as a member of the Fort Nisqually

Time Travelers, a select group of living history re-enactors. The group performed at the Old Tacoma Cemetery with their characters standing beside their actual gravesite and speaking of their lives. The second speaker will be Tom Dargan of Metro Parks. Dargan is the project manager for the Browns Point Lighthouse Park. He will give us an update on the progress for the plan for the Park. Besides the excellent speakers, we will have refreshments, free raffle, gift shop sales and great company. Don't miss it. The meeting is open to all and is free!

**Newcomers for Sunday School** - Dear St. Matthew members. It's a new year and we longtime teachers need you to join us with new ideas and interactions with the Sunday school children who are also members of our beloved church. Anne, Jackie and Liz have been bringing Godly Play into the new Sunday worship hours and also providing time for other activities. If you haven't spent time in the Sunday school to make some new connections with the kids, **now is the time!** The class is held at 9:00am, before the 10am service and then the children go into the nave for the remainder of the liturgy. Look in the narthex for the Sunday School mentor signup sheet. You can try it for one session and add to our ability to serve the young Episcopalians. They will look forward to the opportunity of knowing you better. Any questions? Contact Anne, Jackie or Liz. Thank you.

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**Greg Hope, Diocese of Olympia, Refugee Resettlement Office Here on February 27<sup>th</sup>** - Greg will be at St Matthew on **Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am** to speak. The Diocese of Olympia's Refugee Resettlement Office helps refugees and asylees achieve economic self-sufficiency. Our mission is accomplished through resettlement, job placement activities, and business development programs that promote self-employment.

With support from Episcopal Migration Ministries, Refugee Resettlement Office provides services for newly arriving refugees to help them put down roots in their first months in the United States. This includes securing and fully furnishing an apartment for an arriving family; picking up an arriving family at the airport; and ensuring a culturally appropriate meal awaits the family at their new home, right when they arrive. Food is provided for the family until they can provide their own food; seasonal clothing and footwear is provided for each member of the family (including diapers for infants & toddlers) upon arrival. The family is assisted in applying for assistance and services for which they are eligible; each member of the family receives a health assessment. Children are enrolled in school and adults are enrolled in English and cultural orientation classes. Work-ready adults receive employment services and assistance in applying for and securing a job.

**St Matthew Book & Media Sale Feb 20<sup>th</sup>** - Bargains galore will reign Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> here at St. Matthew with our Book and Media Sale! Stock up for Winter reading, Spring Reading, Summer Reading and don't forget Fall Reading! There's a book (s) for everyone! The Sale starts at 9 am and runs to 4 pm. Come early for first pick but come back in the afternoon for even better prices and bargains! Questions? Contact Marcie Neuman, 253-682-8955 or Kathleen, 253-927-2425

## **Mark your calendar—**

- Saturdays, 8AM, Men's Breakfast in the Parish Hall
- Fridays, 7:00PM, Bell choir practice
- Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-Noon, Julia's Gulch
- 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
- Sundays, 9AM Bridging the Gap
- Bible Class, 11AM Thursdays
- 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, 7PM JLS (Just Love Singing)
- Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm Mardi Gras / Shrove Tuesday Party
- Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 7am, Noon, 7pm Holy Eucharist with Ashes
- Fridays, beginning February 12<sup>th</sup>, Stations of the Cross, 6pm
- Tuesday Night Lenten Series, beginning February 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm
- Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Points NE Historical Society Annual Meeting
- Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, the next big BOOK Sale!
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- Cascade Blood Drive, Rescheduled to April 9<sup>th</sup>