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May they all be one,  
 as you, Father, are in  
 me and I am in you ...

## The Seventh Sunday of Easter



May 8, 2016

### The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

**Gathering Music**      *O, Lord, you're beautiful*  
O Lord You're Beautiful

O Lord, you're beautiful, your face is all I seek.  
 And when your eyes are on this child,  
 Your grace abounds to me.

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**Procession to the Altar Hymn #513**  
*Like a murmur*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People*      **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant may say*

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.**

(said at 8:00 / sung **S 279** at 10:00)  
*(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.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only  
 Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your  
 kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless,  
 but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and  
 exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has  
 gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the  
 Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

#### A Reading from Acts (16:16-34)

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in  
 Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going  
 to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had  
 a spirit of divination and brought her owners a  
 great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she  
 followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These  
 men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim

to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned

and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

## Psalm 97

(Read in unison after the first asterisk)

- 1     The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice; \*  
      **let the multitude of the isles be glad.**
- 2     **Clouds and darkness are round about**  
      **him, \* righteousness and justice are the**  
      **foundations of his throne.**
- 3     **A fire goes before him \* and burns up his**  
      **enemies on every side.**
- 4     **His lightnings light up the world; \* the**  
      **earth sees it and is afraid.**
- 5     **The mountains melt like wax at the**  
      **presence of the LORD, \* at the presence**  
      **of the Lord of the whole earth.**
- 6     **The heavens declare his righteousness, \***  
      **and all the peoples see his glory.**
- 7     **Confounded be all who worship carved**  
      **images and delight in false gods! \***  
      **Bow down before him, all you gods.**
- 8     **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of**  
      **Judah rejoice, \* because of your**  
      **judgments, O LORD.**
- 9     **For you are the LORD, most high over all**  
      **the earth; \* you are exalted far above all**  
      **gods.**
- 10    **The LORD loves those who hate evil; \***  
      **he preserves the lives of his saints and**  
      **delivers them from the hand of the**  
      **wicked.**
- 11    **Light has sprung up for the righteous, \***  
      **and joyful gladness for those who are**  
      **truehearted.**
- 12    **Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, \* and**  
      **give thanks to his holy Name.**

## A Reading from Revelation

(22:12-14,16-17,20-21)

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha

and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."  
And let everyone who hears say, "Come."  
And let everyone who is thirsty come.  
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.  
Amen.

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

**Gradual Hymn** *Alleluia*

Alleluia  
Alleluia.....  
Jesus is Lord.....

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**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
According to John** (17:20-26)

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have

given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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

**Gradual Hymn** *Alleluia*

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

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**The Sermon** *Father 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**

Alleluia! Our glorious God has raised Jesus from death to life; let every heart be filled with praise. Alleluia!

Sanctify your creation as abundant new life now bursts forth.

***That all may share in the wholeness promised to our broken world.***

Guide those in authority to transcend the barriers that separate the human family and build together an everlasting peace, praying especially for an end to all war, terror and violence in every heart and land.

***That our world may know the blessings of life in you.***

Encourage your Church to celebrate the resurrection with joy, committing ourselves to the work of reconciliation.

***That Christ's Body may be One.***

Empower your ministers to proclaim boldly the message of the resurrection.

***That all may come to see you as our Risen Lord.***

Inspire us to live faithfully our Baptismal vows and to partake lovingly of the Sacred Bread and Wine.

***That we may be an Easter people.***

Assist those who suffer or are in need; the poor, the lonely, the disabled.

***That they too may share in your abundant life.***

Embrace those who have died with your eternal love.

***That they may rejoice in your presence forever more.***

Hear our special intercessions for this day, O Lord, as we pray: for the Anglican Communion, especially The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Episcopal Church; our diocese, especially St. Mary, Lakewood;

Christ Church, Puyallup; our parish, especially for our parishioners Mark, Haley, Aspen, Mason, Grace & Alexandria Lepkowski; Renee Lepkowski; and Jill Little; that your Holy Spirit would guide and direct your Church throughout the world to be a sign of your Kingdom;

We pray for the deployed and their families, especially for those we now name;

We pray for all those on our prayer list, especially Lyn, Areewa, Eloise, Dave, Brenda, Rose, Shirley, Scott, Ted, Elliott, Marisa, Adam, Cherie, Sandy, Julie, Justin, Mark, Leanne, Jazmin, Beth, Patricia, Leanne, Agueda, Vera, Paulette, Fred, Lila, Keith, Justo, Sophy, Brent, Bud, Bob, Nathan, Tricia, Ann, Midi and for those we now name;

We thank you for all the blessings of this life especially for those we now name;

We pray also for those who have died, especially for those we now name;

We praise you and bless you, O Christ.  
***We praise you and bless you.***

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*In keeping with the ancient custom of the Church, the confession is omitted during the Great Fifty Days of Easter.*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

**Offertory Hymn #676** *There is a balm in Gilead*

## **The Great Thanksgiving – A**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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 sung or said*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**Sanctus** *(printed on page 11 of the Worship Guide)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.** *(repeat)*

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.** *(repeat)*

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.*

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**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.

*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**

### He is Exalted

He is exalted the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.

He is exalted forever exalted and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord forever His truth shall reign;  
Heaven and earth rejoice in His Holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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### Freely, Freely

Refrain: Freely, freely, you have received,  
Freely, freely, give.  
Go in my name, and because you believe,  
Others will know that I live.

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,

I've been born again in Jesus' name.  
And in Jesus' name I come to you,  
To share his love as he told me to. He said

2. All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,  
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name.  
And in Jesus' name I come to you,  
To share his pow'r as he told me to. He said

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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**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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 #460

*Alleluia, sing to Jesus*

### 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.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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### Special Ministers Today

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>Celebrant</b>            | The Rev. Kendall Haynes                     |
| <b>Worship Leader</b>       | Dick Elofson                                |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b> | Dave Teves                                  |
| <b>Lector</b>               | Kathy Manning                               |
| <b>Acolytes</b>             | Zawadi Chege<br>Nicholas Yoeun              |
| <b>Ushers</b>               | Rich Gould<br>John Hibben                   |
| <b>Greeters</b>             | Janet Witter<br>Jill Little                 |
| <b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>  | Chuck & Lyn Zimmerman                       |
| <b>Bread Maker</b>          | Marian Oberg                                |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>          | Beth Latsis-8<br>Liz Latsis<br>Mary Blacker |
| <b>Counters</b>             | Art Ladley<br>Fred Vogel                    |
| <b>Coffee Hour</b>          | Frank & Mary Blacker<br>Pamela Reed         |
| <b>Altar Guild Director</b> | Linda Pomeroy-Hull                          |

### St Matthew Episcopal Church Staff

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### 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  
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.  
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) –  
Beth Latsis – (mother of Liz Latsis) – for treatments and healing from stage 3 colon cancer  
Patricia Stanley – (dear friend of Pamela Reed) – who has been diagnosed with ALS  
Leanne Kennedy – recovery from surgery  
Agueda Fernandez-Webster – seeking full-time employment  
Vera Gordon – recovery from surgery and injuries suffered in a fall on Easter day

Paulette – (Jim Sloan's brother Fred's wife) – recovery from surgery for cancer of the throat, also prayers for Fred as he becomes the care giver

Lila Candoo – recovery from atrial fibrillation and transition to Village Green in Federal Way. Lila will likely need some transportation assistance to church once she settles in at Village Green. Please keep Lila in your prayers during this time of healing and transition.

Keith Phelps – (brother-in-law of Terry Elofson) – who is Preparing for complex surgery 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

Sophy Yun – (fiancé of Saray Yuorn) – for sponsorship to emigrate to the United States

Brent Olson – (son of neighbor and attendee, Betty Bishop) – who is in the ICU with pancreatitis

Bud Nalder – diagnosed with fluid on the brain with a procedure to alleviate this scheduled for June

Nathan Meyer – (neighbor and cook at Browns Pt Diner) – recovery from a massive stroke

Tricia Calhoun – (friend of Sherry & Barney Hartley) – for effective medication and relief from bone marrow cancer. pray for strength for Tricia and her family and for wisdom for the doctor's who are treating her.

Ann – (family friend of Sherry & Barney Hartley) – who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. Pray for peace and comfort for Ann and wisdom and understanding for her two children.

Midi Mees – (mother of Sherry Hartley) – for recovery from infection and to gain strength.

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

**Thanks!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Liturgy & Music Workshop** - Liturgy and Music Workshop, May 14, 9am-3pm Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, Sammamish. Bishop Rickel will present the opening address followed by breakout sessions addressing liturgy and visual art, workshop planning, and music in liturgy. \$30.00 per person includes lunch and snacks. Registration deadline May 9th. Register online at [www.goodsamepiscopal.org/liturgy-workshop](http://www.goodsamepiscopal.org/liturgy-workshop). If you have any questions or wish to carpool, please call Marcie Neuman 253 682 8955

**Pentecost Sunday- May 15<sup>th</sup>** - Wow! What a day this will be. A bishop is coming. A person is being baptized! People are being confirmed! People are being received into the Episcopal Church! People are having their faith reaffirmed! And to top it off,

the Brown's Point Fire Department is coming for what they call "Kids and Hoses Sunday." Our coffee hour will be burgers and hot dogs to kick off the summer. Burgers, hot dogs and Pentecost Cake will be provided. But we need sign-ups for other foods and other tasks. A sign-up sheet is on the "sign up table." Any questions, call me. Marcie Neuman 253 682 8955 Thank you!

**Bell Choir Concert** – On Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 4 PM there will be a bell choir concert featuring the Bayside Bells at St Matthew Episcopal Church. The concert is free!

### **Cursillo/Come And See Prayer Warriors Needed**

There will be a Prayer Vigil during the upcoming *Come And See* Weekend from Friday, May 20 through Sunday, May 22. We would like to have as many Cursillistas Prayer Warriors as possible to pray during the upcoming *Come and See Weekend*.

The Vigil Chapel will be at **St. Matthew Episcopal Church, Browns Point, 6800 Eastside Dr. NE, Tacoma WA 98422**. (Please note the Come and See Weekend is being held at Dumas Bay Centre, Federal Way and the Vigil Chapel is being held at St. Matthew, Browns Point.)

You are invited to spend an hour or two or three in Prayer during the weekend. Not everyone can be physically present at St. Matthew, Browns Point where the Vigil Chapel will be and that is okay. You may pray from home. You may pray from home or come to the Vigil Chapel. More than one person can pray at any time from home and more than one person can be in the Vigil Chapel.

The Prayer Vigil will start at 12:30 pm on Friday and end at 1:30 pm on Sunday.

Please contact Linda Potter at [Linpott@aol.com](mailto:Linpott@aol.com) or call 253-335-1175. Linda is the Vigil Chapel Coordinator and will keep a list of all who would like to pray, what times they select and whether they are praying from home or will be in the Vigil Chapel. Prayer is central to what we do in life no matter what we do so please sign up to pray for the guests and the team.

### **Cursillo/Come And See Cross-Making Event**

The making of the Crosses for the *Cursillo/Come and See* Weekend will take place on Saturday, May 21st beginning at 10 am at **St. Matthew Episcopal**

**Church, Browns Point, 6800 Eastside Dr. NE,  
Tacoma WA 98422.**

We will make the Cross and prayers will be read at certain times during the making of the Crosses. All Cursillistas are invited to attend and be a part of the Cursillo/Come and See Cross Making Event. Please contact Linda Potter at [Linpott@aol.com](mailto:Linpott@aol.com) or call 253-335-1175 if you would like to be a part of the Cross Making event.

**Bible Interaction** - Learning about Jesus, asking questions and seeking answers and reviewing theological research. All welcomed and you will find it very interesting. You will also be allowed to speak, read and share your thoughts. Thursdays, 11 am at St. Matthew Browns Point. Contact Bud Nalder, Coordinator at [Bnalder777@gmail.com](mailto:Bnalder777@gmail.com) or call 253-677-3105

**Cursillo Requests**— This spring's Cursillo entitled "Come & See, Go & Tell" will be held at the Dumas Bay retreat Center on May 20-22. Though we do not have any candidates from our parish who will be attending, please pray for the candidates and the team. St. Matthew will be the host site for both the all weekend vigil (sign-ups to be announced) and for the closing Eucharist on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 1:30 PM. Notes of encouragement, love, hope and faith are requested for the candidates and the team. The "Palanca" box for such notes is out in the narthex on the "sign up" table. Thank you and let "the colors" shine!

**Online Giving - A note from your Treasurer.** A number of our families and individuals make their pledges automatically through our church website: [www.neighborhoodparish.org](http://www.neighborhoodparish.org). If you would like to donate in this manner, you will see a red box entitled Give Online midway down on the right side of the Home page. Just click on this box and fill out the easy form that comes up. You can select to pay through your bank or by credit/debit card. For example if you choose to donate \$300 by card your pledge statement will show a \$300 donation. (You can also pay via the 'Square' application while at church using your Smartphone). If you have questions about online giving, contact Art Ladley or Dave Noll.

**Pastoral Care Needs Your Help!!** - The Pastoral Care Co-Mission is in need of a few good people to

help out with meals, transportation and/or visiting. Please sign up with Claire Scharmach in the narthex, or call 253-952-6431.

**Update, Fish Food Bank** - Here is an update on the FISH Food Bank at Browns Point Methodist. Due to everyone's generosity at the auction Raise the Paddle event, a check for \$3,000 was given to the FISH Food Bank. The money comes with the designation that it be used for the food bank at Browns Point Methodist. In addition, because of the generosity of the parish, St Matthew donated 437 lbs of food last year to the Browns Point food bank. We hope you will continue to donate to our baskets in front of Kendall's office. Hunger doesn't take a holiday.

**Mark your calendar**—

- Saturdays, 8AM, Men's Breakfast in the Parish Hall
- Fridays, 7:00PM, Bell choir practice
- Saturday, May 14<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 Interaction, 11AM Thursdays
- 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, 7PM JLS (Just Love Singing)
- Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:15PM, Liturgy & Arts Meeting
- Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost Sunday
- Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 4PM, Bell Choir Concert
- Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St Matthew Auction