8:45 a.m.

The Book of Common Prayer

Prelude

The Opening Acclamation.....BCP pg. 355

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*.

Kyrie





Collect of the Day

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.

The Word of God

Please be seated

First Lesson: Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

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

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 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.

Second Lesson: 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.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel: 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.""

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

Please be seated

The Sermon: Fr. Haynes

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

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 worshipped 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

Please Kneel

The Leader and People pray responsively

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, Benedict XVI, Bishop of Rome, Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Katharine our presiding bishop, Greg and Nedi our bishops, 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 peace, justice and freedom to all; for our armed forces and those who are deployed [especially]; and 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... 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; we give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for the gift of life itself as we celebrate this week the birthday(s) of ... [and the wedding anniversary(ies) of ...] and for other 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, [remembering especially this week ...,] let us pray to the Lord, Lord hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

We pray to you 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*.

Absolution

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

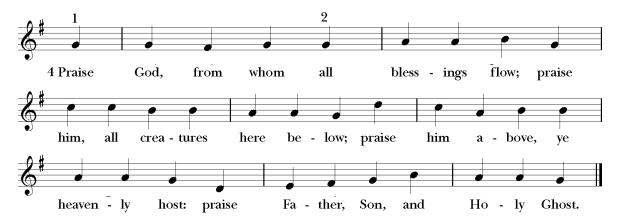
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebration Prayer

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Doxology



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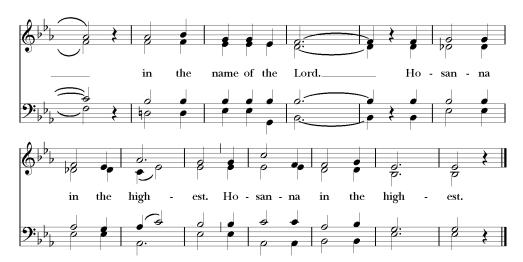


Celebrant: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

Sanctus (Schubert)





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,

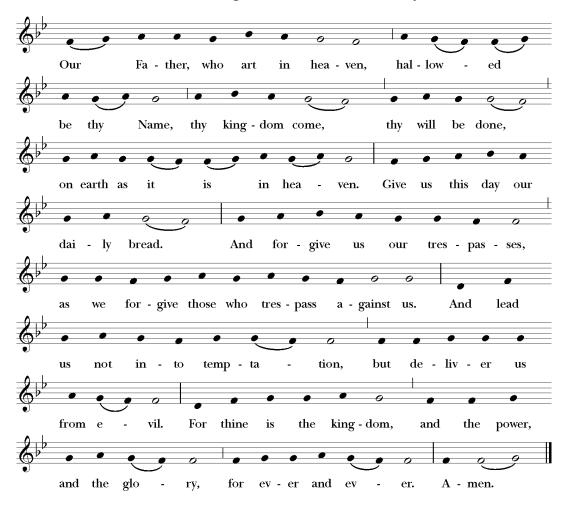
We await his coming in glory;

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary and 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*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei



Celebrant: 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.

Gluten free hosts are available on request at the rail.

Invitation to Communion

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.

Communion Anthem

Cantor: Arise, O Jerusalem and stand upon the height; look to the east, and behold the joy that comes to you from the Lord, your God.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 for ever. **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.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Please join us for the Adult Forum and coffee following the Mass. We are so glad you are here!

Today's Liturgy

Liturgists

8:45 a.m.

Lay Readers – Craig Doupé, Doris Sherrill LEM's – Doris Sherrill, Judy Bungay Usher's – Terry & Walli Roarke, Pete Bartels, Harold Archibald Acolytes – Tanner Bush, Katie Howard, Katie Dunkelberger Greeters – Terry & Walli Roarke

10:45 a.m.

Lay Readers – Teddy Mitchell, Patrick Carlisle LEM's – Teddy Mitchell, Harold Archibald Usher's – Page Howard Acolytes – Andrew & Maddy Gonzalez, Jack Bowen Greeter – Sylvia Rostedt

Altar Candles

The altar candles are given by Venette Hagen in loving memory of her mother, Venette Maybin, on her birthday; Bill & Jean Clark in honor of the birthday of their grandson, Andrew

Altar Flowers

Terry & Walli Roarke in thanksgiving of the birthday of their granddaughters, Heather Cam and Emily Roarke.

Remembrances for the Week

Birthdays

- 7 Ashley Williams
- 8 Dick French
- 8 Frank McCracken
- 8 Doyle Nelson
- 8 Mindy Haynes
- 10 Joe McInelly
- 11 Tracey Johnston
- 12 Jean Kernen
- 12 Vanessa Oxford

Death Anniversaries

- 6 Alice Kurano
- 8 Kenneth Russell
- 9 Fredrick Karlson, Jr.
- 9 Virginia Weightman
- 12 Albert Hagen
- 12 Shirley Dugan

Special Announcements

Congratulations to Geoff & Kira Moller and Barbara Lindberg, parents and great grandparent of Luke Travis Moller, born on November 22, 2009.

Our prayers are offered to the families and friends of Greg Richards, Tina Griswold, Ronald Owens and Mark Renninger, the 4 Lakewood Police Offers who died on November 29th. May they rest with the saints in light.

Adult Forum Schedule – Sundays @10:10 a.m.

Today – Advent 2 – "Hope" – Trish Willebrand

December 13th – Advent 3 – "Joy" – John Koisch

December 20th – Advent 4 – "Love" – Barbara Johnston

Tonight – 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's

Requiem Evensong for our four fallen Lakewood Police Officers. All offerings collected will be for the families of the departed. Also, due to the anticipated turnout for this experience, we ask, if you are able, to park in the library lot or at a distance on the street. Thank you.

Giving Tree

Share Christmas Love with others through St. Mary's with the Giving Tree we have placed in the narthex. How to participate: Choose a card from the Giving Tree, purchase the requested gift, wrap the gift and attach the card, bring the gift to the church by December 13th.

Black Nativity at the Intiman – Saturday, Dec. 12th

You are invited to a performance of the Black Nativity – a Gospel Song Play by Langston Hughes and a reception celebrating the ministry of Bishop Nedi Rivera. The Intiman Theater is located on the grounds of the Seattle Center at the foot of Queen Anne Hill. Sign up in narthex for bus or carpool.

School News

Thank you for all of your supportive comments about the school and the auction that we received after the Masses last Sunday. Susan Glaser, the Auction Coordinator, and I are most grateful for the overwhelming support of the parish as we gear up for the Auction, to be held on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>February 6, 2010</u>. This year's theme, *Go for the Gold*, is going to be a very fun and festive evening. Please contact the School's Office if you would like additional information. Susan can also be contacted @ swampqueen6@gmail.com

Thank you for the incredible generosity that is being shown by your donations to the **Coat Drive**. The Coat Drive will conclude on December 17. On behalf of the Staff, we truly appreciate your participation. This is proving to be the best coat drive to date.

Thank you in advance, as we hope to see lots of you at the Lakewood Towne Center's **Barnes and Noble** over the weekend of <u>December 11 - 13</u>. Enclosed in today's bulletin is information about this exciting event!

Blessings, Glen, Principal

Advent Lessons & Carols – Sunday, December 13th – 7:00 pm

St. Mary's Christian School Christmas Program – Wednesday, December 16th – 6:00 p.m.

<u>Freedom Fund Update</u> - \$10,146.82! Thank you for your support!