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THE HEAVENS
 DECLARE HIS
 RIGHTEOUSNESS
 PSALM 50:6

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 14

August 11, 2013



The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering Music *Holy Spirit thou are welcome*

Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome

Holy Spirit, Thou art welcome in this place.
 Holy Spirit, Thou art welcome in this place.
 Omnipotent Father, have mercy and grace.
 Thou art welcome in this place.

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Procession to the Altar *All are Welcome*
(Printed on page 10 of the Worship Guide)

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and
 Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now
 and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant then continues

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;
People: **There is one hope in God's call to
 us;**
Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People: **One God and Father of all.**

(Gloria said at 8am; May We Praise You sung at 10am - Printed on page 11 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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 Genesis (15:1-6)

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue

childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 33:12-22

(Read in unison after the first asterisk)

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!
*** happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**
- 13 **The LORD looks down from heaven, * and beholds all the people in the world.**
- 14 **From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze * on all who dwell on the earth.**
- 15 **He fashions all the hearts of them * and understands all their works.**
- 16 **There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.**
- 17 **The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; * for all its strength it cannot save.**
- 18 **Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, * on those who wait upon his love,**
- 19 **To pluck their lives from death, * and to feed them in time of famine.**
- 20 **Our soul waits for the LORD; * he is our help and our shield.**
- 21 **Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, * for in his holy Name we put our trust.**
- 22 **Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, * as we have put our trust in you.**

A Reading from Hebrews (11:1-3, 8-16)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn #691 vss. 1, 2

My faith looks up to thee

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (12:32-40)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear

out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

Gradual Hymn #691 vs. 3

My faith looks up to thee

The Sermon

Fr. Haynes

Silence for reflection

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Then the candidate who is unable to answer for herself is presented by her Parents and Godparents, as follows

Parents and Godparents

I present *Beatrix Hazel Clapp* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Then the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the candidate

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: **I renounce them.**

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: **I renounce them.**

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: **I renounce them.**

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: **I do.**

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: **I do.**

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: **I do.**

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *this person* in *her* life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for *this person* who *is* to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader: Deliver *her*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open *her heart* to your grace and truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill *her* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Keep *her* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach *her* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send *her* into the world in witness to your love.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring *her* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the

power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Procession to the Font Hymn #513

Like the murmur of the dove's wing

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who then pours water upon the candidate saying

Beatrix Hazel, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with Chrism saying

Beatrix Hazel, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

A lighted candle representing the eternal light of Christ is then presented to the candidate.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

Offertory Hymn *Will you come and follow me*
(Printed on page 12 of the Worship Guide)

The Great Thanksgiving C

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

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

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

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

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, ***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

AMEN

Lord's Prayer *said at 8 am & sung at 10 am*

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.

Then may be sung or said

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia**

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

Communion Music

Holy Spirit

1. Holy Spirit, fill me with your love.
Holy Spirit, take my heart and keep it.
Close to the Father, close to the Son,
Holy Spirit make us one in love.
2. ... in joy.
3. ... in peace.

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Be Not Afraid

1. You shall cross the barren desert,
But shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety,
Though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands,
And all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain: Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow me and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
You shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
You shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
And death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all.

Refrain

3. Blessed are the poor,
For the Kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
For one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult and hate you
All because of Me,
Blessed, blessed are you. Refrain

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COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

Priest: In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

Presider and People: **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Celebrant and People

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

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 #490 *I want to walk as a child of the light*

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.**

Special Ministers Today

Priest	The Rev. Kendal Haynes
Worship Leader	Tom Taylor
Eucharistic Minister	Tom Peterson
Lector	Chuck Zimmerman
Acolytes	Moses Chege Zawadi Chege
Ushers	Bob Witter Rich Gould
Greeters	Jim Sloan Elaine Taylor
Eucharistic Visitor	Chuck & Lynn Zimmerman
Church School	TBA
Bread Maker	Marian Oberg
Altar Guild	Sandy Goretti Janet Witter Danielle Hull Linda Pomeroy-Hull
Counters	Dick Collins John Hibben
Nursery	Sarah Dawes

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Bob & Janet Witter
Mason Lepkowski
Janet Witter

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Announcements

Hospital Visitations— If you or someone you know is in the hospital or sick at home, please let Fr. Haynes know by email (fatherkendall@gmail.com), phone 253-224-7554 or other form of direct communication so that a timely pastoral response from the priest may be given.

Life Transition Planning Continuing during the Season after Pentecost, Fr. Haynes will be contacting all parishioners to talk about Life Transition Planning and the importance of having an end-of-life instruction packet on file here at the parish. Look forward to his call sometime in the coming weeks.

Today's sermon may be found on Fr. Haynes' website www.faithseed.net

Announcements (continued):

Next Sunday—On Sunday, August 18, we welcome Fr. Martin Yabroff, Rector of St. Andrews, Tacoma as our guest celebrant and preacher for our First Annual Summer Sermon Swap. Fr. Haynes will have the privilege of being at St. Andrews on that Sunday as well. We look forward to showing Fr. Yabroff our great hospitality.

Bridging the Gap: Next Sunday, August 18th, we will be viewing and discussing Lecture 11, “**Islam-Iblis the Failed, Once Glorious Being**” in our DVD series “Why Evil Exists”. **Bridging the Gap** is an informal, drop-in series of discussions that bridges the gap between the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services. Everyone is welcome (guests as well) and you may drop by at any time. So grab a cup of coffee in the kitchen and then drop by at our table in the Parish Hall this coming Sunday and join us for this interesting series.

Special Notice: Our neighbors, Jeff and Anne McKay at 1107 51st St. NE, will be hosting a large retirement party at their home on Saturday, August 24 from 4 PM to 10 PM. We have offered our parking lot to serve as their overflow parking area for this event. Any questions see Fr. Haynes.

Outreach Co-mission—

- ❖ **AUGUST OUTREACH:** Our outreach for August is filling backpacks with school supplies for the students at NE Tacoma Elementary. A list of needed supplies will be available. Outreach is buying the backpacks, we are asking you to fill them.

Mark your calendar—

- Men’s Breakfast, every Saturday 8:00-9:00 AM in the Parish Hall.
- Monday, August 12 at 7PM Stewardship Co-Mission meeting in the church library.
- Tuesday, August 13 at 7PM Marketing & Evangelism Co-Mission meeting in the library.
- Friday, August 16 at 10AM Liturgy and Arts Co-Mission in the library. All are welcome!
- Tuesday, August 20 at 7:30PM Parish Life Co-Mission in the library.
- Saturday, August 23 at 7PM JLS (Just Love Singing), in the Parish Hall.
- Saturday, September 14, Saturday, from 9:00 AM – Noon Work Party at Julia’s Gulch.

SAVE THE DATE: The Summer Read Barbeque will be **August 29th at 6 PM** at John and Leanne Kennedy's house. Please bring your choice of an appetizer, salad, side dish, dessert and your favorite libation. **RSVP** to John at johnakennedy@harbornet.com or Leanne at leannekennedy@harbornet.com.

Blackberries and Lighthouses and never the twain should meet?—Not! St Matthew's and The Point NE Historical Society are combining forces to celebrate St Matthew's Day and the 110th anniversary of the Browns Point Lighthouse (80 years for the 1933 structure). The PNEHS plans a birthday celebration for Browns Point at a special open house **Saturday, September 21** and that evening it will work with St Matthews on a blackberry pie dessert (and more) with a program and displays and speakers. The blackberry pie dessert harkens back to our founding days as the parishioners picked the abundant blackberries in the area and the church ladies baked pies for St Matthew's Day. We are looking for volunteers to plan the event with the PNEHS. If you are interested, please contact Kate Gould 253 927-3778/richandkategould@comcast.net or Sueann Goretti 253 927-0730 [/thegirl@aol.com](mailto:thegirl@aol.com)

Work Party at Julia’s Gulch, September 14, 9:00 AM - Noon

In concert with the Friends of Julia’s Gulch, we are sponsoring a work party that will involve weeding, removing Himalayan Blackberries and doing trail maintenance. There will be activities for every level of physical ability. Helpers are encouraged to dress for the weather and the blackberries (!) including sturdy foot wear and gloves. Tea, coffee and snacks are provided but volunteers should bring their own water. Some tools are provided but if you have a favorite lopper, pitchfork, or shovel you are encouraged them to bring it along. Volunteers park at View Point Park (about 1/3 of the way up the hill on Norpoint Way from Marine View Drive) and walk 100 yards or so up to the picnic table under the big leaf Maples where we gather before working. Sign up and we’ll see you there!