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MATTHEW 1:23

The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2013



The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering music

Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord
 Wait for the Lord
 Whose day is near
 Wait for the Lord
 Be strong take heart!

Procession to the Altar Hymn#61

Sleepers wake

(All sing, but led by the choir)

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.**

Advent candle lighting

Christ be our light

Said at 8:00 am

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

(Sung at 10:00 am - Printed on page 8 of the Worship Guide)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Isaiah

(7:10-16)

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

(Read in unison after the first asterisk)

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * **shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**
- 2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.**

- 3 **Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
- 4 **O LORD God of hosts, * how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**
- 5 **You have fed them with the bread of tears; * you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**
- 6 **You have made us the derision of our neighbors, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
- 7 **Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
- 16 **Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, * the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**
- 17 **And so will we never turn away from you; * give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**
- 18 **Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

A Reading from Romans (1:1-7)

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God

Gradual *Emmanuel*
Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called
 Emmanuel
 God with us, revealed in us, His name is
 called Emmanuel

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**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 According to Matthew** (1:18-25)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
 and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

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The Sermon

Fr. Haynes

Silence for reflection

The Nicene Creed (Standing, as able.)

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

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

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

Prayers of the People

As a people in darkness waiting for the coming of the light of Christ, let us pray to the Lord,
Lord hear our prayer.

For the Unity of Christ's One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, let us pray to the Lord,
Lord hear our prayer.

For Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Francis, Bishop of Rome, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Katharine our presiding bishop, Greg our bishop; for priests, deacons and all

who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God, let us pray to the Lord,
Lord hear our prayer

For the Anglican Communion, especially the Diocese in Yokohama - Japan; our diocese, especially Our Savior, Monroe; St. John, Snohomish; and our parish, especially for our parishioners Jim & Ginny Sloan; The Rev. Pete & Barb Stanton; Bea Stensrud, let us pray to the Lord,
Lord hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, especially Barack our President in the ways of justice and peace; for our armed forces and those who are deployed especially Andrew, Josh, Michael, Sarah, and for those we now name....; praying 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 Lyn, Lynn, Areewa, Eloise, Chris, Justo, Rita, Alex, Carmen, Stephen, Dave, Lisa, Barbara, Ryan, Sue, Sarah, Ted, Cal, Mary and for those we now name..., let us pray to the Lord,
Lord hear our prayer.

For those anticipating the birth of a child, a move, a change in employment or any new beginning, let us pray to the Lord,
Lord hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for the blessings we now name..., let us pray to the Lord,
Lord hear our prayer.

For those who have died and now abide in Christ's presence, especially Kathleen Williams and remembering those we now name..., let us pray to the Lord,
Lord hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

We pray also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Celebrations and Healing Prayers

Offertory Hymn #56 vss. 7, 8

O come, o come Emmanuel

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 9 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 10 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 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

Jesus Name Above All Names/Open My Eyes, Lord

Jesus name above all names, beautiful Savior,
Glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us, precious Redeemer,
Living Word.

Open my eyes, Lord, I want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him, and say that I love,
him.

Open my ears, Lord, and help me to listen.
Open my eyes, Lord. I want to see Jesus.

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Surely the Presence/In Moments like these

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

In moments like these, I sing out a song.
I sing out a love song to Jesus.
In moments like these, I lift up my hands.
I lift up my hands to the Lord, singing,
I love you, Lord; singing, I love you, Lord;
Singing, I love you Lord. I love you.

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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

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

May the sun of righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Procession to the Neighborhood

Hymn#66 *Come thou, long expected Jesus*

St. Matthew Mission Statement

To be a church that passionately embraces and values all people, growing in the love of Christ through word and action.

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Special Ministers Today

Priest The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader Dick Elofson

Eucharistic Minister

Lector

Acolytes

Ushers

Greeters

Eucharistic Visitor

Bread Maker

Altar Guild

Counters

Nursery

Coffee Hour

Bell Ringer

Altar Guild Directress

St Matthew Episcopal Church Staff

Head of the Church

Bishop of Olympia

Priest in Charge

Administrator

Church Sexton

Pianist

Church Photographer

St Matthew Episcopal Church Vestry

Sr. Warden

Jr. Warden

Fellowship Liaison

Stewardship Liaison

Liturgy & Arts Liaison

Outreach Liaison

Marketing & Evangelism Liaison

Christian Education Liaison

Building & Grounds Liaison

St Matthew Episcopal Church Vestry Officers

Treasurer

Clerk of the Vestry

Today's Prayer List

Lyn Zimmerman – Myotonic Dystrophy

Lynn Tanner – kidney disease

Areewa Saray – imprisonment

Eloise Page (friend of Tom & Elaine Taylor) – hospice

Chris Quinn-Britnall – cancer

Tom Taylor

Chuck Zimmerman

Moses Chege

Zawadi Chege

Rich Gould

John Hibben

Dick & Linda Collins

Chuck & Lynn Zimmerman

Marian Oberg

Jill Little

Sue Inglis

Mary Jo Hopkins

Art Ladley

Jackie Whorton

Sarah Dawes

Tom & Elaine Taylor

Kitty Walker

Jacob Inglis

Janet Witter

Jesus Christ our Lord

The Rt. Rev. Gregory Rickel

The Rev. Kendall Haynes

Agueda Fernández-Webster

Saray Yuorn

Maria McKanzie

John Hibben

Tom Peterson

Terry Elofson

Alex Ringstand

John Kennedy

Kitty Walker

Kate Gould

Sueann Goretti

Jackie Whorton

Terry Elofson

Art Ladley

Sandy Goretti

Justo Fernandez (brother of Agueda Fernandez-Webster) – Muscular Dystrophy and bitterness
 Rita Fernandez (sister of Agueda Fernandez-Webster) – Muscular Dystrophy and heart condition
 Alex Candoo – Parkinson’s Disease
 Carmen Planas (aunt of Agueda Fernandez-Webster) – broken leg and dementia
 Stephen Peterson (son of Tom & Judy Peterson) – back pain
 Dave Hopkins – pain management and balance
 Lisa Arnold (niece of Kerry & Deborah Abbington) – breast cancer
 Barbara Cashman – general health (sodium levels)
 Sue Ayers (friend of several parishioners) – pancreatic cancer
 Sarah (sister of Lydia Nabawanga) – recovery after heart surgery and grief following the death of her husband
 Ted Swanson (uncle of Sueann and Sandy Goretti) – lung and brain cancer
 Cal Scarff – complications related to gall bladder surgery
 Mary Saray – health and discernment

To add someone or take someone off the prayer list, email saintmatthewpastoralcare@gmail.com . Thanks!

Announcements

Bridging the Gap: We will be taking a break during the holiday season. Bridging the Gap will return on Sunday, January 5th when we will view and discuss Lecture 26, “Conrad – Incomprehensible Terror”. We wish you all a glorious Christmas season and look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

Thank you to all who have shared of your abundance and committed to 2014 St Matthew—If you have been meaning to turn in a pledge card but haven't done so yet, now is a great time. 2014 is right around the corner and there are amazing activities St Matthew has in its future.

Outreach: The “Put a Sock in It” Christmas tree is getting full of socks you have generously donated to our communities homeless .Your donations have been supplemented with socks purchased by the Outreach Co-Mission from **Fred Meyer** who generously sold them to us for half price.* There is still room for more socks and the tree will remain up and donations accepted until **Epiphany (January 6th)**
 So don't forget to make your donation to Tacoma's homeless during this holiday season and do your part to load the tree until it falls over.

If you would like to show your appreciation to Fred Meyer for their support of **Put a Sock In It please a) shop at Fred Meyer and b) thank the cashier when you check out.*

St Matthew Community Winter Book Sale, Saturday, January 18th: Donations of books, CDs DVDs and magazines are off to a great start. You, your friends & neighbors as well as book clubs you have contacted have all made generous donations. This is a great start but we still need the following:

Books: We need as many as we can get of all kinds but we particularly need more children's books.

Bags: We need bags to put the sold books in. All kinds are acceptable-paper or plastic but the best ones are the large ones with handles such as from Trader Joe's or major department stores. Place them next to the book bin in the Narthex.

Volunteers: We will need everyone's help to make this a successful community event. Volunteers will be needed a) for set up and take down, b) provide cookies, c) for the kitchen crew, d)table staffers and greeters and e)cashiers. Signup sheets will be on the table in the Narthex after Christmas. So please volunteer for something you enjoy doing. Remember you don't have to be a member of St Matthew to be a part of this event. If you have friends of neighbors that may enjoy participating or are looking for ways to connect with the neighborhood sign them up as well. Everyone is welcome.

To arrange pick-up, volunteer to work at the sale or if you have a great idea for the sale, contact Jackie Whorton at 927-3415, igwhorton@msn.com or John Kennedy at 927-9254, johnakennedy@harbornet.com. Thanks in advance for helping make our book sale a success

Mark your calendar—

- Men's Breakfast, every Saturday 8-9AM in the Parish Hall
- Adult Catechumenate, every Thursday at 7PM and every Friday at 9AM (**Except 12/26 & 12/27**)
- Tuesday, December 24, 4PM Christmas Eve Mass with pageant
- Tuesday, December 24, 11PM Christmas Eve Mass
- Wednesday, December 25, 9AM Christmas Day Mass
- Friday, December 27, 7PM JLS (Just Love Singing)
- Sunday, January 5 at 5:30pm Twelfth Night party in the Parish Hall
- Saturday, January 18 St Matthew Community Winter Book Sale