

Today's Services of Holy Communion

8:00 am Service

Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Deacon: The Rev. Rosemary Bishop

10 am (Book of Alternative Services)

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Celebrant: The Rev. Carolyn Herold

Liturgical Assistant: Lorraine Grant

Deacon: The Rev. Julianne Hendrickson

Organist: Chris Fullerton

The Leadership Team at St Peters

If you or someone you know is ill or in need of pastoral care,
please leave a message at the office or email one of our clergy.

Please feel free to direct any inquiries, questions or concerns to one of the wardens.

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4th Sunday of Easter
10:00 am



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The 50 Great Days of Easter

The feast of Easter is fifty days, from Easter Eve through the Day of Pentecost. During this season, “alleluia” (praise the Lord) is said or sung repeatedly, which contrasts sharply with the season of Lent when the alleluia was omitted. The large Paschal (Easter) Candle, which represents Christ, the light of the world, is lit from now until Ascension Day.

If you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Call to Silence

As today’s service begins, a gong will sound, calling us to stillness before God. As its sounds fade away, we stand to sing our processional hymn.

Processional Hymn #206 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May his grace and peace be with you. **May Christ fill our hearts with joy.**

Day by day, God leads us:

to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace.

Day by day, Jesus calls us:

to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.

Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

the community we could be, the family we are called to become.

~ Thom Shuman

The Gloria

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.

Collect

Shepherd of all, by laying down your life for your flock you reveal your love for all. Lead us from the place of death to the place of abundant life, so that guided by your care for us, we may rightly offer our lives in love for you and our neighbour. Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), alt.

Children's Talk

The Children are invited to come forward, then leave for Spirit Zone and return for Eucharist. Nursery is also available. Speak to an usher for more information.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading: Acts 4:5-12 Arnold Williams

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23, BAS p. 731 (Green Book)

Reading: 1 John 3:16-24 Margaret Cull

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #222 All Shall Be Well

The Gospel: John 10:11-18

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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

Homily: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Confession and Absolution

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

But, O Lord, we are consumed with wanting more.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

But, O Lord, other pastures seem greener.

The waters aren't always still. Our souls still thirst.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**O Lord, we long to be led by you,
though we may complain along the path.**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

And yet, O God, we do sometimes fear.

May we feel your presence, your comfort and your forgiveness anew.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

O God, sometimes we refuse to sit down at your table.

Forgive us and help us to see your overflowing mercy.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Forgive us, God, and lead us into your house.

~ Rev. Emily Schlaman Larsen

Prayers of the People

Peace

Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the dead.

The peace of the risen Lord be with you all. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn #520 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Prayer over the Gifts:

God of loving care, **you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving #1 BAS p. 193

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Lord we died with you on the cross. **Now we are raised to new life.**
We were buried in your tomb. **Now we share in your resurrection.**
Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei (Sung)

**Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on us,
Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy on us,
Jesus redeemer of the world, give us your peace.**

Communion

All are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you desire personal prayer following communion, a prayer team is available in the Prayer Chapel. Prayer will also be available after the service.

Prayer after Communion

God of steadfast love, **watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more that we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn #210 Yours Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world – rejoicing in the Risen Christ!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of New Jersey and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. William Stokes.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Andrew, Gleichen and their clergy; The Rev. Brad Everett and the Rev. Canon R. S. H. Greene and for the Cursillo Weekends.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Mary, Bequia with Holy Cross, Paget Farm, St. Michael on Canouan, Mustique and St. Matthias on Union Island and their clergy; The Ven J. Everton Weekes and The Rev. Fr. Frank Garraway.
- In our own parish let us ask for God's healing love to uphold and sustain all who are in any kind of need, especially: Marguerite Dimmer, Eileen Williams, Rachel Patrick, Edna Webb, Nathan Wadman, Mackenzie and the Walsh family, Samantha, Pamela Grigg, Cam Keith, Alan Manship, Sylvia Stanley, Jennifer Wiebe, Mary Wojna, Connie Hill, Olive Holgate, Howie Dawe, Joy Tufts, Judy and Emily Rousell and family, Kolby Thomson, Ruth Elford, Laurie Arsenault, Kenneth Robertson, Tracey (Janzen) Grenier, Virginia Goodman, Ernie Rice, Edith Lenko, Nellie Werth, Joan Brisbourne, Chad McGregor, Peggy Brookes, Mariam Jacobs, Andrew Howe, Linda Redel,
- Please pray for the Rev. Julianne Hendrickson as she supports the ministry at Tsuu T'ina.
- Today we remember in prayer, Bob and Delores James and family on the passing of their daughter in law, Alison James, wife to Brad and mother to Rylan.
- Today we remember in prayer Helen and George Belcher on the passing of their daughter in law, Charlotte, wife of Dunstin Belcher and mother of two daughters.

Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by Ellen Lee in memory of loved ones.

Pam Milne is Warden on Duty.