

Today's Services of Holy Communion

8:00 am Service (Book of Common Prayer)

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. David Ney

Liturgical Assistant: Jeff Oneski

Deacon: The Rev. Julienne Hendrickson

Mary Westell is Warden on Duty

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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The Celebration of Holy Eucharist

August 9th, 2015

10:00 am



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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Call to Silence

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion. 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. 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.

Processional Hymn: #434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

God of all blessings:

we have traveled through many waters to reach this place, but share one baptism;
we arrive from different backgrounds and traditions, yet share one faith;
we are, each of us, unique and precious to God, and are members of one Body;
we have different dreams and doubts, yet our hearts beat with one hope;
we are graced with different gifts, so we may offer them in service to one Lord.

God in Community, Holy in One, We gather in your name.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, **you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church.**
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Children's Time

At this time we invite the children to come forward for a brief lesson. The children are then invited to leave the service for a time of learning and fun. They can be picked up after the service from their classroom downstairs. Children are also always welcome in our service. There are colouring packs at the back, as well as a rug area and soft blocks for children to play with.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: **A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel (18:5-9,15,31-33)**

-Arnold Williams

The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armour-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man." The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Psalm 130 (Green Book pg. 888)

New Testament Reading: **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (4:25-5:2)**

-Margaret Cull

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and

wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

Gradual Hymn: #35 Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (6:35,41-51)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to the people, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

Homily: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Baptism (see insert)

The Peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace.

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

Offertory Hymn: #73 One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Prayer over the Gifts

Father, **receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

You give us your love, even when things go wrong....
the angels and say your praise:

**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.

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread.

He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

With this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with St Peter and with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today 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 for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

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

The 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, a prayer team is available in the Prayer Chapel, during communion and after the service.

Prayers After Communion

Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than 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: #438 O Jesus, I Have Promised****The Dismissal of the Community**

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Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of Rochester, USA and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Prince Singh.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for Holy Trinity, Calgary and their clergy, The Rev. Dr. Stephen Hambidge and the Rev. Dr. Joseph Dele Emmanuel and for the Refugee Committee.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for Cathedral Church of St. George (Parish of Saints George and Andrew) with Transfiguration, the Ascension and Holy Redeemer and their clergy, The Very Rev. Patrick E. McIntosh and for the Bishop, Dean, Archdeacons and The Cathedral Chapter.
- 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: Basil Stevens, Joan Siddall, Maria Dalla Costa, Marguerite Dimmer, Eileen Williams, Rachel Patrick, Edna Webb, Nathan Wadman, Mackenzie and the Walsh family, Pamela Grigg, Cam Keith, Alan Manship, Sylvia Stanley, Jennifer Wiebe, 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 Brisbane, Chad McGregor, Peggy Brookes, Mariam Jacobs, Andrew Howe, Linda Redel.
- Please pray for the newly baptized:
 - Simon Francis Cull, son of Andrew and Jennifer Cull.
 - Hendrick Heskes, son of Justin and Katharine Heskes.
 - Lylah Remmer, daughter of Jon and Sarah Remmer.
 - Connor Martin, son of Jeffrey and Elizabeth Martin.

Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by Al and Wendy Both in remembrance and in thanksgiving for their parents, Otto and Gertrud Both and Carl and Sheila Hester.