

## **Today's Services of Holy Communion**

8:00 am (Book of Common Prayer)

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Preacher: The Rev. Carolyn Herold

Lay Reader: Wendy Both

Deacon: The Rev. Rosemary Bishop

10 am (Book of Alternative Services)

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Preacher: The Rev. Carolyn Herold

Lay Reader: David Gravells

Deacon: The Rev. David Ney and

Organist: Chris Fullerton

Soloist: Jennifer Wolsey

## **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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**December 14th, 2014**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**10:00 am**



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*Welcome to our service of Holy Communion. 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. As today's service begins, a gong will sound, calling us to stillness before God. As its sound fades away, we stand to sing our processional hymn.*

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

### Call to Silence

**Introit: Soloist Jennifer Wolsey**

**Processional Hymn: #114 Lo, he Comes with Clouds Descending**

### Greeting

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**

Holy One, you have come among us to lead us in paths of righteousness.

**Lead us through the wilderness to the living water of your grace,**

Direct us as we follow in the steps of our Savior,

**Guide us as we prepare for the journey to Bethlehem,**

**and grant us that when we arrive we will find you there.**

### Advent Wreath: We light the candle of Joy

*The children are invited to come forward and help light the wreath.*

**Song: The Nativity** (Tune: Breathe on me, Breath of God)

Kindle this flame of Joy, May it burn bright and true.

Lighting the way that is of God, the journey we pursue.

God's realm is our desire, where peace and justice reign,

Heaven and earth combined as one, when Christ shall come again.

Let us pray.

**Send, O God, into the darkness of this troubled world, the light of your Son: let the star of your peace touch the minds of all people with bright beams of mercy and truth; and so direct our steps that we may always walk in the way revealed to us, as the shepherds of Bethlehem walked with joy to the**

**manger to find the one who now and ever reigns in our hearts, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*The children are invited to go to Spirit Zone at this time. There is also nursery available. Please speak to one of the sides people if you wish more information.*

### **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Jodi Delday**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion —to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 18A, page 86 (Green Book)**

**Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Arnold Williams**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from

every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn: #101 Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

**The Gospel Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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

**Homily: The Rev. Carolyn Herold**

**The Apostle's Creed BAS p. 189**

**The Prayers of the People**

**The Peace**

**Offertory - Soloist Jennifer Wolsey**

### The Prayer over the Gifts:

God of hope, **renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### 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.**

It is always right to give you thanks, ... from on high.

And so we join the angels to celebrate and say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

On the night before he died ... Do this to remember me.

After the meal ... Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died. **Jesus Christ has died.**

Jesus Christ is risen. **Jesus Christ is risen.**

Jesus Christ will come again. **Jesus Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine...

Pour your Spirit on us ...

For honour ... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

God of Promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.  
**Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

### **The Communion**

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.**

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

*If you desire personal prayer following communion, a prayer team is available in the vestry room (behind the organ). Prayer will also be available after the service.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Merciful God, **may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. 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: #91 People, Look East! The Time Is Near**

### **The Dismissal of the Community**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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### Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of Uganda and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Benjamin Qjwang.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for Holy Trinity, Rocky Mountain House, “Partners in Christ Shared Ministry” and their clergy; The Rev. Dr. Chris Nojonen and The Ven. Richard Lemmon.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Matthew, Biabou with St. Sylvan and St. Mark and their clergy, The Ven. Clive Thomas.
- 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: Alan Manship, Sylvia Stanley, Phyllis Bowness, Jennifer Wiebe, Mary Wojna, Margaret Fawcett, Connie Hill, Olive Holgate, Allan Knobbe, Howie Dawe, Joy Tufts, Doug, Judy and Emily Rousell and family, Maria Dalla Costa, Kolby Thomson, Ruth Elford, Alison James, Laurie Arsenault, Kenneth Robertson, Tracey (Janzen) Grenier, Virginia Goodman, Ernie Rice, Edith Lenko, Nellie Werth, Marguerite Dimmer, Joan Brisbane, Chad McGregor, Peggy Brookes, Mariam Jacobs, Eileen Williams, Andrew Howe, Linda Redel.
- Please pray for the Rev. Julienne Hendrickson as she supports the ministry at Tsuu T'ina.
- We would like to extend a special thank you to Jennifer Wolsey, our soloist for sharing her special music with us today.

**Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Hunt in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Lowrie and Mr. and Mrs. F. Hunt and by Michael and Mary Anne Armstrong in loving memory of Michaels’s parents; Bev and Elizabeth Armstrong and Mary Anne’s parents; Geraldine and Mac MacKenzie.**

**Mary Westell is Warden on Duty.**

There are **special envelopes** marked “Clergy and Staff gift”. These are to express your thanks for the ministry of the clergy and staff. These are personal gifts and are not receipted. The envelopes will be available until January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.