

Today's Services of Holy Communion

8:00 am (Book of Common Prayer)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Deacon: The Rev. Rosemary Bishop

10 am (Book of Alternative Services)

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Deacons: The Rev. Carolyn Herold and The Rev. Julie Hendrickson

Lay Reader: Jeff Oneski

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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December 21st, 2014
4th Sunday of Advent
10:00 am Christmas Pageant and Eucharist



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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

Processional Hymn: #118 O Come, All Ye Faithful; vs 1-4 only

Greeting

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

We praise the Lord!

We rejoice in God our Savior!

The mighty One has done great things for us!

Holy is God's name!

Let us worship God.

For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;

from generation to generation God gives mercy.

Advent Wreath: We light the candle of Peace

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 Peace, 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 PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16 Pam Hodgson

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.” But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

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

Canticle 18c, page 87 (Green Book)

Reading: Romans 16:25-27 Robert Johnson

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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

Gradual Hymn: #125 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

The Gospel Reading: Luke1:26-38

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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

The Christmas Pageant

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

Offertory Hymn: #146 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

The Prayer over the Gifts:

Gracious God, **by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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

Faithful God, **in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. 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: #139 The First Nowell

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 Nigeria and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Johan Ibrahim.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Mary and St. Timothy, Sylvan Lake and their Wardens and for the Diocesan Youth and Young adults.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Patrick, Barrouallie with St. David, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, All Saints, St. Mary Magdalene and their clergy, The Rev. Coleridge Brooker.
- 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.

Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by Pam, Ian and Duncan Milne in appreciation of many blessings; by Marg and Malcolm McKay in loving memory of their fathers: Morris Raymond McKay and William James Robinson and by Doreen Thomson, Dustin and family in loving memory of daughter and mother, Christy Ruttan and husband and grandfather, Robert Thomson.

Glenn Werth 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 4th, 2015.