

Today's Services of Holy Communion

8:00 am (Book of Common Prayer)

Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Deacon: The Rev. Rosemary Bishop

10 am (Book of Alternative Services)

Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Lay Reader: Lynne Smith

Deacons: The Rev. Carolyn Herold and The Rev. David Ney

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 7th, 2014
2nd 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

A voice cries out: "Prepare for God's arrival!
 Make the road straight and smooth, a highway fit for our God.
 Fill in the valleys, level off the hills.
 Smooth out the ruts, and clear out the rocks.
 For our God is coming! Let's worship together.

Processional Hymn: #106 There's A Voice in the Wilderness

Greeting

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**
 People of God: awake!
 The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face.
 Remember the ways and the works of God.
 God calls you out of darkness to walk in the light of his coming.
 You are God's children.
**Lord, guide us we pray 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 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 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 40:1-11 Margaret Cull

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13, p. 818 (BAS green book)

Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a Lynne Smith

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: #103 On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry

The Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the

thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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

Homily: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

The Prayers of the People

Confession

**God of tenderness and love, breathe your grace into our lives.
 Forgive our wandering ways, and guide us along your paths of peace.
 When we lose our way, carry us back to you.
 Lead us up to that high mountain of faith and peace,
 that we might truly proclaim: "Here is our God!"
 In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

**"Comfort, O comfort my people," says our God.
 You have served your term. Your penalty is paid.
 In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
 In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

The Peace

Offertory Hymn: #108 Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding

The Prayer over the Gifts:

God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer #1 BAS p. 193

The Lord's Prayer p. 211

Breaking of the Bread #5 P. 212

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.

Choir Anthem: "Star of Heaven, Child of God" Diane Hannibal

Star of heaven, child of God: come to us and walk this sod.
Shine your holy light, warm us in the night, come to us, O child of God.
Stem of Jesse, holy One, called to be God's chosen son.
Shower us with grace, send us Your embrace, come to us O child of God.
Come, O come, Emmanuel.
Fill all the world with Your peace.
May the light of Your perfect love reflect in me.
God with us, Emmanuel, come into our hearts to dwell.
Give us peace and rest, heal our brokenness, come to us, O child of God.
Of the Father's love begotten, come to us O child of God.

Prayer after Communion

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of 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

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness on your journey, and prepare you to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing ...

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #111 Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement

The Dismissal of the Community

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

Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of Uganda and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Dan Zoreka.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Cyprian, Lacombe and their clergy, The Rev. Dr. Lee Sinclair; for the Church of the Epiphany, Rimbey and their clergy, The Rev. K. David Holmes and for PWRDF.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for Grace Church, Riviere Doree with St. Paul and Christ-the-King and their clergy, The Rev. Captain Frank Gill.
- 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. Julianne Hendrickson as she supports the ministry at Tsuu T'ina.

Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by Elizabeth and Bob Andrews in loving memory of parents: Robert and Eileen Thompson; Ralph and Muriel Andrews, brother Donald Andrews and grandson, Jonathan and by John and Jean Ink in memory of their parents: Allan and Yvonne Fuller and Jack and Patty Ink.

Arnold Williams is Warden on Duty.