

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: Lynne Smith
 Deacon: The Rev. Julianne Hendrickson
 Mary Westell is Warden on Duty
 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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***Third Sunday Of Advent
December 13th, 2015
10:00 am***



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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Call to Silence

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.

Processional Hymn: #89 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation: make us ready for the message that prepares the way, so that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The children are invited to come forward at this time, before going to downstairs to Spirit Zone and returning for communion. There are classes for children, tweens, and teens. Nursery is also available (ask an usher for more information).

***Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.***

***Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.***

In the beginning was the Word— spoken and breathed, a promise made and kept.
Persevere in hope, keep the faith—God's promise is true!

The Word was in the beginning, and through him all things come into being.

Eternal and near at hand, Already and not-yet,

God's promise is the foundation of all life.

Keep going! Persevere in joy, giving voice to God's presence yet again.

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THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah 3:14-20 Martin White

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your for-tunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

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

Canticle #3, page 76 (BAS green book)

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence, and he will be my Saviour.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

make his deeds known among the peoples;

see that they remember that his name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

A Reading from the Book of Philippians 4:4-7 Margaret Cull

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

Gradual Hymn: #102 Prepare the Way, O Zion

The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 3:7-18

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people

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

Homily: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

The Nicene Creed BAS (Green Book) p. 189

Prayers of the People

Peace

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

Offertory Hymn: #91 People, Look East! The Time Is Near

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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 Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer #1 BAS p. 196

The Lord's Prayer BAS p. 211

The Breaking of the Bread #5

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

Agnus Dei *Please join the choir in singing as communion begins:*

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.

Prayers After Communion *Please stand for the prayers*

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.

Anthem - "Remember O thou man" by Bob Chilcott.

Blessing

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy, and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #108 Hark, a Herald Voce Is Sounding

The Dismissal of the Community

Postlude: "Masters in this Hall" by Hark Hayes

Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the West Indies and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Calvert Friday.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for Holy Trinity, Rocky Mountain House and their clergy; The Rev. Dr. Chris Nojonen and the Ven Richard Lemon – for St. Cuthbert and St. George, Sundre and for Gerald Ingeveld and for the Town Hall Meetings in 2016.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Matthew, Biabou with St. Sylvan and St. Mark and for 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: Arnold Williams, Al Both, Carol Kyle, Lorraine Grant, Eileen Williams, Fred Tom Jaeger, Elsie Matthews, Olive Holgate, Rachel Patrick, Basil Stevens, Maria Dalla Costa, Marguerite Dimmer, Edna Webb, Nathan Wadman, Pamela Grigg, Sylvia Stanley, Jennifer Wiebe, Connie Hill, Howie Dawe, Joy Tufts, Judy and Emily Rousell and family, Kolby Thomson, Ruth Elford, Laurie Arsenault, Kenneth Robertson, Tracey (Janzen) Grenier, Ernie Rice, Edith Lenko, Nellie Werth, Joan Brisbane, Chad McGregor, Peggy Brookes, Mariam Jacob, Andrew Howe, Linda Redel.
- **Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by Elizabeth and Bob Andrews in memory of their parents; Robert and Eileen Thompson and Ralph and Muriel Andres and for 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.**

We invite you to join the journey to Bethlehem.

Today is the third Sunday in Advent. Please join us, both young and old, as we continue our Advent Posada journey at St. Peter's.

If you have a certain date in mind to host the *Holy Family*, please email Corinne, corinnesmaclean@gmail.com or sign up today.