

Today's Services of Holy Communion  
 8:00 am Service (Book of Common Prayer)  
 Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev. David Ney  
 Liturgical Assistant: Wendy Both  
 Deacon: The Rev. Rosemary Bishop

10 am (Book of Alternative Services)  
 Preacher: The Rev. David Ney  
 Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland  
 Liturgical Assistant: David Gravells  
 Deacon: The Rev. Julianne Hendrickson  
 Pam Milne 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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***Fourth Sunday Of Advent***

***December 20th, 2015***

**10:00 am Christmas Pageant and Eucharist**



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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: O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant  
 O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:  
 Come and behold him born the king of angels;

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
 O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light,  
 Lo he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
 Very God, Begotten not created: (Refrain)

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
 Sing all ye citizens of heaven above;  
 Glory to God, in the highest: (Refrain)

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

Heavenly Father, **who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## 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).*

**“As soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”**

In the beginning was the Word—spoken and breathed, a promise made and kept.  
**Trust the good news—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.**

Trust in God! Wait with faith, giving voice to Christ’s love for all.

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## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**A Reading from the Book of Micah 5:2-5a** Barbara Jean Moore

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. There-fore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

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

**A Reading from the Book of Hebrews 10:5-10** Lynne Smith

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

**Gradual Hymn: #125 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

**The Gospel Reading**

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 1:39-55

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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

**The Christmas Pageant**

**The Apostles Creed led by the children**

**BAS Prayers of the People**

**Peace**

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

**Offertory Hymn: #145 Good King Wenceslas**

### **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 #3      BAS p. 198**

**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 sing*

**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.**

**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: #148 See Amid the Winter's Snow**

The Dismissal of the Community

### Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of Nigeria and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Michael Adebayo Oluwarohunbi.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Mary and St. Timothy, Sylvan Lake and their wardens and for the Bishop, Archdeacons and Regional Deans.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Patrick, Barrouaillie 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: 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 Mrs. C.E. Hunt in loving memory of her husband, Charles and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Lowrie and Mr. and Mrs. F. Hunt and by Doreen Thomson & Family in loving memory of daughter, sister and mother, Christy Ruttan and husband, father and grandfather, Robert Thomson.**

*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](mailto:corinnesmaclean@gmail.com) or sign up today.