

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 and Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland
 Liturgical Assistant: Lorraine Grant
 Deacon: The Rev. Julianne Hendrickson
 Mary Westell is Warden on Duty
 Organist: Marg McCulloch

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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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: #148 See Amid the Winter's Snow

The grace of our lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And with thy spirit.**

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

Children stay

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight— indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to

the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

A Reading from the Book of Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

Gradual Hymn: #160 As with Gladness Men of Old

The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 3:1-6
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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

Homily: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Prayers of the People

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Peace

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

Offertory Hymn: #120 O Little Town of Bethlehem

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Prayer over the Gifts:

God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 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*

Source of truth and joy, **may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask 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

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: #138 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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. Benjamin Vager.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, Calgary and their clergy; The Rev. Leighton lee, The Rev. Helen Dunn, The Rev. Canon Cyril Challice and the Ven J. Barry Foster and for a Happy New Year.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for The Rt. Rev . Calvert Leopold Friday the Staff of the Synod Office.
- 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 Michelle, Jon, Sam and Finnian Grimwood, dedicated to Michelle's sister, Corrie Radlo on the occasion of her birthday on December 30th.**

