

**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: Jeff Oneski**  
**Deacon: The Rev. Julienne 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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***Second Sunday Of Advent***

***December 6th, 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: #103 On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry

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.**

### Hymn: #12 We Bless You, God of Israel

### 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).*

***Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."***

In the beginning was the Word— spoken and breathed, a promise made and kept.  
**Speak it loud and clear—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.**

Do not hold back!

Speak out, giving voice to God's peace that passes all understanding.

~ *candle is lit* ~

## 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: #117 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

### 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. David Ney

### Ohana Presentation

### Prayers of the People

### Confession

A voice cries out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.' So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

Turn to us again, O God our Saviour, and let your anger cease from us:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Show us your compassion, O Lord, and grant us your salvation:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Your salvation is near for those that fear you, that glory may dwell in our land:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Peace**

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

**Offertory Hymn: #106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness****THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST****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 Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer #2      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*

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; 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: #114 Lo, he Comes with Clouds Descending**

## The Dismissal of the Community

### Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of Western Louisiana and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby.
- 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 the Companion Diocese Committee.
- 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: 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 Brisbourne, Chad McGregor, Peggy Brookes, Mariam Jacob, Andrew Howe, Linda Redel.
- Please remember Wanda Crowchild Simon and her family on the recent death of her son, Theodore Simon – from Tsuu T'ina Nation.
- **Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by Mike and Mary Anne Armstrong in loving memory of Michael's parents, Bev and Elizabeth Armstrong and Mary Anne's parents, Geraldine and Mac MacKenzie and by Marg and Malcolm McKay in loving memory of our fathers, Morris Raymond McKay and William James Robinson.**

*We invite you to join the journey to Bethlehem.*

Today is the second 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 sing up or email Corinne, [corinnesmaclean@gmail.com](mailto:corinnesmaclean@gmail.com)

**Canticle (The Song of Zechariah) Luke 1:68-79**

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
who has come to his people and set them free.

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,

4 To show mercy to our ancestors,  
and to remember his holy covenant.

5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6 Free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8 To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9 In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**