

The Second Sunday after Christmas

January 3, 2010

"Get up and take the child" Matthew 2:13



8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

Celebrant and preacher: Archdeacon Richard LeSueur
 Lay Reader: Rosemary Bishop
 Lector: Des Bourke

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Alternative Services*)
 Celebrant and preacher: Archdeacon Richard LeSueur
 Lay Readers: Connie Kadey and The Rev. Julianne Hendrickson
Nursery is open at this service

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
and also with you.

God of power and life, *(Collect of the Day)*
**the glory of all who believe in you,
 fill the world with your splendour
 and show the nations the light of your truth;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. Amen**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Mike Armstrong

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a

watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Reader: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.**

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading : *The New Jerusalem* Isaiah 60

Arise , shine, for your light has come
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**Though night still covers the earth
and darkness covers the nations**

Yet over you will the Lord arise
over you will his glory appear

**Nations will stream to your light
And kings to your dawning brightness**

Your gates will always be open
Day or night, they will never be shut

**They will call you, "The City of the Lord
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel"**

Violence will no more be heard in your land
Ruin nor destruction within your borders

**You will name your walls, "Salvation"
You will call your gates, "Praise"**

No longer will the sun be your light by day
No longer the moon give you light by night

**The Lord will be your everlasting light
And your God will be your glory.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen**

New Testament Letters: Ephesians 1:3–14

Mike Armstrong

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Reader: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.**

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Gospel: Matthew 2:7–15

Reader: **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt

down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

Reader: **The Gospel of Christ**

Response: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Homily

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God
The Father Almighty
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge both the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offertory Hymn

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Prayer Over the Gifts

Source of love and life,

**receive all we offer you this day, and through the coming of your Son,
help us to see in others Him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(the Eucharistic Prayer continues)

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*(the Eucharistic Prayer continues and ends **Amen.**)*

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ,

We being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Communion

All are welcome to join in the sacred feast of Holy Communion. If you would prefer to come forward for a blessing, please do so. All are invited to draw near the table of the Lord.

Bishop Hoskin has written to all parishes in the Diocese requesting that we no longer carry on the practice of dipping our Communion wafers "intincting" into the Communion cup. Dioceses across the country are stopping this practice. To receive Communion in "one kind," that is, the bread alone, is to fully Commune. One may wish to receive the consecrated wafer and then simply fold one's arms to indicate a preference not to receive from the chalice.

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Priest Light eternal,

**you have nourished us in the mystery of the body and blood of your Son.
By your grace keep us ever faithful to your word, in the name of Jesus
Christ our Lord.**

All your works praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.
**Gracious God we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**
**May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.**
**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn:

Dismissal Let us go forth into the world,
 rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia

Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God.

Something to look forward to – Starting on January 20th, 2010 at 7 pm, Dr. Anne Moore from the Religious Studies Department at the University of Calgary will be leading 4 challenging and fun sessions in the Cormack Hall. Please contact Richard or Helen for more information.

Stephen Ministry Morning Classes

Classes will be held on **Tuesday** mornings (**9:15 am-11:45 am**) commencing **January 5th**, 2010. This course is not only for those wanting to Care for a Care Receiver but will help **YOU to** deal with difficulties that arise with family members and friends. You will learn how to handle a variety of critical situations with confidence and Christian care. Talk to Rev. Helen Belcher at the church or Al or Wendy Both (403-281-5657) if you need more details or information. Encourage a friend to come along with you. We now have 7 applicants and we have room for 5 more.

Prayers

- In our Worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the church Yangon, Myanmar and The Most Rev. Stephen Than Myint Oo and The Rt. Rev. Joseph Than Pe.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Edmund, Calgary and their clergy, The Rev. Ed Davies
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. John with St. Mark and St. Matthew.
- 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: Rudy Janzen, Connie Hill, Michael Smith, Peggy Peckover, Rachael Brisbin, Rachael Patrick, Paulette Sinkinson, Doreen Thomson and family, Claire White and her parents, Marguerite Dimmer, Peggy Brookes, Bunny Hale, The Rev. Kerry Bourke, Ken Willis, Annis Siddall, Laurie Houghton-Evans, Tony Luca, Elma, Blaine Bonner, Mariam Jacobs, Pat Clayton, Emily Sharpe, Teresa & Geoff Dawe, Win Ferrie, Eileen Williams, Eapen Mathew, Garnet Wallace, Andrew Howe, Elric Hicks. Let us also pray for Yphande Jean, our Church-school sponsored child in Haiti.

SPIRIT ZONE (Children's Programs)

- **Nursery** –The nursery located on the lower level is now available during the 10 am service.
- Do you like working with children? Teachers are always needed for the fall term. Joan can help you to job-shadow for a few weeks with an experienced teacher. Please contact Joan if you would like to participate in this very important ministry.
- Please note that there will be no Sunday School, today, January 3rd. Regular classes will resume on January 10th, 2010.

“Food For Thought” Resumes this week on Thursday, January 7th. Thursday mornings following the 9:30am mid-week Communion service. Come for Communion at 9:30, or just come at 10am for some snacks, a cup of coffee and an hour of discovery and reflection.

“I Remember Mama” St Peter's Players presents a delightful production on February 25 – 28, and on March 4-6. Tickets will be on sale from Sunday, January 3rd. Adults, \$12, Seniors and Students \$10. Dinner on Friday and Saturday of each week (\$15 each extra, and free for children 12 and under).

Please Note:

- Hunger For Healing will resume on January 6th.
- The Lectors are hosting coffee time in January

A Hunger For Healing: 12 Steps for Christians – a study group with a purpose. Are you searching for a way to strengthen your faith, understand yourself and grow spiritually? God has used the healing power of the 12-step programs to restore health and offer healing to countless individuals. God has conveyed this healing message through people who know what it is to be broken by life and mended by God. We are a support group using a book called 'A Hunger for Healing' by W. Keith Miller. We meet at St. Peter's every Wednesday from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm (participants bring a bag lunch). If there is enough interest, an evening group would be started. For more information please call Betty Nadurak at 403-686-1110 or Gwen Smith at 403-238-0105.

St. Peter's Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 7, 2010. Please note that all annual reports are due on January 12th, 2010. Reports can be emailed to avril@stpeterscalgary.ca.

Staff and Clergy Gift There are special envelopes marked either "St. Peter's Anglican" or "Clergy and Staff gift". These can be used to express your thanks for the ministry of the clergy and staff. These are personal gifts and are not receipted. The envelopes will be available until January 3rd.

Thank you to everyone who generously donated their time, groceries, gifts and money to the Christmas hampers. The recipients were truly grateful to receive these hampers. A special thank you to Angela Bane and Barb Leinweber for their time and commitment to putting these hampers together.

Offering Envelopes are now in your mailbox in the narthex. Please check the mailbox list for your mailbox number and if you do not have one and wish to have one, please contact the office at 403-252-0393 or Cathy Bird at bird_cathy@hotmail.com.

Operation Doll Knit is looking for knitters who would like to knit small dolls to be handed out to children in Malawi who are orphans that have AIDS and are visiting medial clinics of Dr. Chris Brooks. For more information check the poster on the bulletin board or call Mary at 403-257-0802.

Fellowship of The Least Coin – please collect and bring your pennies to church on Sundays. There will be a jar in the Narthex for collection. Let's see how much good one penny can do!

CHANCEL RENEWAL TASK FORCE UPDATE

A big thank you to everyone who provided their thoughts on the test relocation of the choir and Nave Altar position. Over 85% of the feedback received was positive towards the changes and encouraged further work.

Next Steps The next stage in the chancel renewal process is, with the help of an architectural firm, to develop and cost the ideas endorsed by the congregation from the June 2009 Congregational Consultation in response to the Preliminary Report circulated in May 2009. Proposals have been solicited from five architectural firms and are being reviewed. On three Sundays in January (10, 17 & 24) we will again give trial to the relocation of the choir and Nave Altar with thoughts and comments being sought.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 17th following the 10 am service. The purpose of the meeting is for the Chancel Renewal Task Force to provide an update of progress, describe the next stages and architectural firm proposal and see k a decision from those present to commit the funds to engage the recommended firm and start the next step in this exploratory stage.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Sunday	2:00 pm	St. Peter's Players Practice
Monday	7:00 pm	Christian Meditation
Tuesday	7:30 pm	St. Peter's Players Practice
Wednesday	11:30 am	Hunger For Healing
	3:00 pm	Christian Meditation
Thursday	9:30 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		'Food For Thought' with Richard
	7:00 pm	EFM (Education for Ministry)
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9:30 am	Yoga
	7:00 pm	Youth Group
	7:30 pm	St. Peter's Players Practice

Flowers are given today by:

Dustin Ruttan in loving memory of his mother, Christy Ruttan.

Anne Selkirk and family in loving memory of husband and father Bob Selkirk Sr. and son Bob Selkirk Jr.

Robert and Delores James in loving memory of Delores' brother, Garry Tomko.

Mary, Lincy and Lenita Mathew in thanksgiving and happy birthday Eapen.