

The Feast of Saint Peter
January 17, 2010

“And I tell you, you are Peter,
and on this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of Hades
will not prevail against it.”

Matthew 16:18

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)
 Celebrant and preacher: The Reverend Helen Belcher
 Lay Reader: Wendy Both
 Lector: Elaine Montgomery

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Alternative Services*)
 Celebrant: Archdeacon Richard LeSueur
 Preacher: The Reverend Helen Belcher
 Lay Readers: David Gravells and Connie Kadey
Nursery is open at this service

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn: #525 *The Church's One Foundation*

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.

Almighty God

**to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God,

(Collect of the Day)

**who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles,
 to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God:
 Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith,
 so that in unity and peace we may proclaim
 the one truth and follow the one Lord,
 our Saviour Jesus Christ:
 who lives and reigns with you
 and the Holy Spirit, one God,
 now and for ever. Amen.**

Children's Talk

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Acts 10:1–23, 34–35

Pamela Grigg

In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Cohort, as it was called. He was a devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God. One afternoon at about three o'clock he had a vision in which he clearly saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, 'Cornelius.' He stared at him in terror and said, 'What is it, Lord?' He answered,

'Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter; he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside.' When the angel who spoke to him had left, he called two of his slaves and a devout soldier from the ranks of those who served him, and after telling them everything, he sent them to Joppa. About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. Then he heard a voice saying, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But Peter said, 'By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean.' The voice said to him again, a second time, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven.

Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon's house and were standing by the gate. They called out to ask whether Simon, who was called Peter, was staying there. While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, 'Look, three men are searching for you. Now get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation; for I have sent them.' So Peter went down to the men and said, 'I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for your coming?' They answered, 'Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say.' So Peter invited them in and gave them lodging. The next day he got up and went with them, and some of the believers from Joppa accompanied him. Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

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New Testament Letters: 1 Peter 5:1-4

Alan Flanders

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of

God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: #500 *Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant*

Gospel: Matthew 16:13–19

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

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’

Reader: **The Gospel of Christ**

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

Homily

Apostle’s Creed

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Prayers of the People
Confession and Absolution

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Offertory Hymn: #433 *Lord, you Give the Great Commission*

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Prayer Over the Gifts

Living God,
**accept the offering of your holy Church. As Peter confessed Jesus, The Messiah
 and your Son, give us courage to follow him, the Lord who reigns with you for
 ever. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

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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.*

Prayer after Communion

Priest Keep us Father,
**in this fellowship of faith, the Church of your Son Jesus Christ, and help us to
 confess him as Messiah and Lord in all we say and do. We ask this in his name.
 Amen.**

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: #355 *All Creatures of Our God and King* (vs. 1,2,3 & 7)

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 by:

- John and Betty Nadurak and family in loving memory of Betty's parents, Joan and Hans Mueller.
- Mrs. Doreen Pepper in loving memory of husband, father and grandfather, Silas Pepper.
- Barb Lamoureux in thanksgiving for the blessing of her granddaughter, Mary Isabella and the safe arrival of granddaughter, Sarah Ainsley.
- Shirley Watt in loving memory of her husband, Gordon and other loved ones.

Prayers

- Let us hold before the mercy and compassion of God the people of Haiti, particularly those who are injured, orphaned, the bereaved and all who serve among them in relief efforts. Let us also pray for Yphande Jean, our Church-school sponsored child, who is safe, and living in northern Haiti.
- In our Worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the church of Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil and The Most Rev. Maurício José Araújo de Andrade, Primate of Brazil & Bishop of Brasilia.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. James, Calgary and their clergy, The Rev. Arthur Sheffield and The Rev. Tony Grainger
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for Cathedral Church of St. George with Transfiguration, the Ascension and Holy Redeemer and their clergy, The Very Rev. Patrick McIntosh.
- Parish prayers have been excluded for privacy reasons.

"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 on Sunday following the service. Adults, \$12, Seniors and Students \$10. There will be dinner on Friday and Saturday of each week at a cost of \$15 per person. Please call Vera at 403-255-2406 for tickets.

GETTING MARTHA OUT OF THE KITCHEN – Starting on January 20th 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. Her four talks will explore recent discoveries on the role of women in the early church. Dr. Moore writes:

For several decades, feminist theologians and historians have 'clawed' their way through the centuries of 'male-orientated' scholarship and interpretation in an effort to recover the stories of women within the early church. This scholarship has focused on a few of the female figures found in the New Testament such as Mary Magdalene (recently known through Dan Brown's the Da Vinci Code), the limited roles associated with celibacy such as virgins and nuns, or women's activities within the domestic realm of the house churches. However, a recent shift in scholarship has 'let the cat out of the bag.' There were many more women associated with the evolution of Christianity such as Martha, Salome, Egeria, Maximilla, Drusianna, Proba and others. Further, these women were patrons, pilgrims, prophetesses, scholars, writers, presbyters, deacons and biblical interpreters. And, in terms of women's activities within the house churches, those activities seldom included the kitchen or organizing the bake sale. If Martha of the New Testament is an example, the women were mission organizers and evangelists; they women were in the pulpit, by the altar and in the classroom. Over the next few evenings, we will explore these new discoveries.

The ACW AGM will be held on January 25th at 7:15 pm in Cormack Hall. Sandra Weinart will be our guest speaking on her mission trip to the Congo.

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 a family service on Sunday, January 31st at 10 am.

"Food For Thought" 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 as we work our way through the Letter to the Hebrews.

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 now due. Reports can be emailed to avril@stpeterscalgary.ca.

HAITI RELIEF – PRIMATE'S FUND

The Honourable Beverley J. Oda, Minister of International Cooperation, today announced that Canada will match individual donations to registered Canadian charitable organizations (The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund) to support humanitarian and early recovery

assistance to people affected by the earthquake in Haiti on January 12th. " . . our government is prepared to match their contributions dollar for dollar," over the period of January 12 to February 12, 2010.

Donations can be made in the envelopes provided in the pews for the Primate's Fund which will be forwarded on Monday, February 1st in time to qualify for the matching government contribution.

HAITI RELIEF BENEFIT CONCERT

St. Peter's will be hosting a Benefit Relief Concert for Haiti on Saturday, January 30 at 7:30pm. featuring artists Georges Gabriel, Haiti, Denis Grady and other Calgary musicians still being gathered for this relief event. Donations received will be channeled through the work of the Primate's Haitian Relief Fund, with matching dollar for dollar grants from the Government of Canada. (Charitable Tax Receipts available).

Reminder: Chancel Guild meeting, Saturday, January 23 at 9:30 AM in Room 9.

The Wisdom Centre, an outreach program of St. Laurence Anglican Church, is partnering again with Trinity Institute for their tele-conference, **Building an Ethical Economy: Theology in the Marketplace**, this January 29 and 30 to be held at St. Laurence Anglican Church, 5940 Lakeview Drive SW, Calgary. Times for the conference are 9:00 am to 4:30 pm on Friday and 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday. The early bird conference rate is only \$60, until January 18 when it increases to \$75. Registration includes lunch for both days. Featured speakers include Rowan Williams, 104th Archbishop of Canterbury and head of the Anglican Communion, Sir Partha Dasgupta, Professor of Economics, University of Cambridge and Kathryn Tanner, Professor of Theology, University of Chicago Divinity School. Please visit the Trinity Institute website at www.trinitywallstreet.org/institute for more information on the conference. More information and a link to the registration page can be found on our website at www.wisdomcentre.ca.

Traditional Hymn Sing – A traditional hymn sing will take place at McDougall United Church (8516 Athabasca Street S.E.) on Sunday, January 24th at 2:00 pm. Come and sing your favorite gospel hymns. A free will offering will be taken.

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.

Small Group Bible Study Are you in your late 20's to early 40's? Do you look around St. Peter's sometimes and wonder where the other people your age are? Come and connect with others in this weekly small group Bible study designed to fostering fellowship among St. Peter's "younger" adults. Monday January 18th 7:30pm - 9pm Meet, greet & decide on study topic.

Monday January 25th 7:00pm - 9pm First study group session. Please contact Jennifer Flanders. jenn@flandersfamily.net

KAIROS Calgary is preparing a day that will be of interest to many. This will take the form of public, constructive dialogue on the environmental, economic and ethical issues concerning oil production and Alberta oil sands. This February 6th, 2010 public debate will feature, among others, Andrew Nikiforuk (a widely published author and sought after speaker on the issue) and Don Thompson (The Oil Sands Developers Group) who will present the concerns of both sides, in the hope of generating a wider public dialogue. The aim of such a consensus-seeking approach is to find mutually satisfying solutions to issues that threaten our health and the health of our children, on the one hand, and the financial and economic well-being of our society, on the other. The aim is to discover a truth that we can all live by, addressing existing problems in mutual respect and understanding.

The venue is Our Lady of Grace church, 1714-14th Avenue N.E., Calgary, from 9:00 to 4:30. Lunch will be included. For more enquiries or to register please go to www.kairos-calgary.ca or email pwrdfcalgary@telus.net or contact Alison Longson. Telephone 403-5478.

Fellowship of The Least Coin (F.L.C.) – News Flash! The \$241.10 collected in 2009 exceeded any previous years' collection. Thank you to all who contributed. In a few weeks, word will be received from the international office about the grants issued from the total world fund of FLC. Meanwhile the "penny jar" will be on the welcoming table on Sundays. Joyce Willis.

CHANCEL RENEWAL TASK FORCE UPDATE

Please feel welcome to provide your thoughts and impressions on the test relocation of the choir and Nave Altar position. Richard Bane will be in Cormack Hall to receive your comments.

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 – Next Sunday

Sunday, January 24th 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 seek 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
	5:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	'Getting Martha Out of the Kitchen' with Anne Moore
Thursday	9:30 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		'Food For Thought' with Helen
	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
Saturday	9:30 am	Chancel Guild Meeting (Room 9)

Please note that the 2 pm Wednesday, Fellowship Tea will be cancelled on January 20th, 2010

The next one will be at 2 pm Wednesday, February 16th, 2010.