

Today's Services of Holy Communion

8:00 am (Book of Common Prayer)

Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Deacon: The Rev. Rosemary Bishop

10 am (Book of Alternative Services)

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Liturgical Assistant: David Gravells

Deacons: The Rev. David Ney and The Rev. Julianne Hendrickson

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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4th Sunday in Lent
10:00 am



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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. During Lent, our service is reordered, with the penitential rite at the beginning rather than following the prayers. We do not use the Gloria or say "alleluia" during this season.

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.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Organ Prelude: "Lo, in the wilderness a voice" by Mons Leidvin Takle

Call to Silence

Processional Hymn: #174 Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

Greeting

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.**

For the forgiveness of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord.

Penitential Rite

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is covered.

They are happy, for the Lord declares them "not guilty"

Let us worship and rejoice

The Lord is our hiding place and our refuge in times of trouble.

Collect

Almighty God, **through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Children's Talk

Children are invited to come forward, then leave for Spirit Zone and return for Eucharist. Nursery is also available. Speak to an usher for more information.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22 BAS (Green Book) page 852

Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ —by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

Gradual Hymn: #564 Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

The Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

Homily: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

The Apostle's Creed BAS (Green Book) p. 189

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

Offertory: #455 Dear God, Compassionate and Kind

The Prayer over the Gifts:

God of light, **your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer #5, BAS page 204

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread #7 BAS page 213

Agnus Dei (Sung)

**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.**

Communion

All are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table, including children. 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 vestry room (behind the organ). Prayer will also be available after the service.

Communion Music: "Meditation" and "Heart of Peace" by Mons Leidvin Takle

Anthem: "On the Cross for Me" by Karin Thomas Shovic

Prayer after Communion

Father, **through your goodness we receive your Son in word and sacrament.**
May we always have faith in him, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Blessing**Announcements****Recessional Hymn: #180 Giver of the Perfect Gift****The Dismissal of the Community**

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Episcopal Church, Missouri, and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Wayne Smith.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for All Saints, Oyen, and St. John the Baptist, New Brigden, and their clergy, The Rev. Catherine Holland; and for Native Ministries.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for Grenada: St. George with St. Vincent, St. Peter, St. Luke and St. Alban, and their clergy, The Ven. Christian Glasgow.
- 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: Leif Dixon, Pamela Grigg, Cam Keith, Alan Manship, Sylvia Stanley, Jennifer Wiebe, Mary Wojna, Connie Hill, Olive Holgate, Allan Knobbe, Howie Dawe, Joy Tufts, Doug, Judy and Emily Rousell and family, Maria Dalla Costa, Kolby Thomson, Ruth Elford, Alison James, Laurie Arsenault, Kenneth Robertson, Tracey (Janzen) Grenier, Virginia Goodman, Ernie Rice, Edith Lenko, Nellie Werth, Marguerite Dimmer, Joan Brisbourne, Chad McGregor, Peggy Brookes, Mariam Jacobs, Eileen Williams, Andrew Howe, Linda Redel, Mackenzie and the Walsh family, and Samantha.
- Please pray for the Rev. Julienne Hendrickson as she supports the ministry at Tsuu T'ina.
- Please pray for Kristin Jones as she prepares for confirmation.
- Please pray for The Rev. David Ney and The Rev. Carolyn Herold as they prepare for ordination.

Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by Bruce and Mary Westell in thanksgiving.

Mary Westell is Warden on Duty.