

Today's Services of Holy Communion

8:00 am (Book of Common Prayer)

Preacher: The Rev. David Ney

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Deacon: The Rev. Rosemary Bishop

Lay Reader: Wendy Both

10 am (Book of Alternative Services)

Preacher: The Rev. David Ney

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Lay Reader: Lorraine Grant

Deacons: The Rev. David Ney and The Rev. Julienne 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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1st Sunday of Advent

The Journey to Bethlehem: Preparing for the Journey

10:00 am Intergenerational Service



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*Welcome to our service of Holy Communion. Today's intergenerational service will include the children and youth throughout, and so will involve a variety of events.
We invite you to join the journey to Bethlehem.*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Call to Silence

Processional Hymn: The Gospel Train

The Gospel train's a-comin'
I hear it just at hand
I hear the car wheel rumblin'
And rollin' through the land

Refrain:

***Get on board little children
Get on board little children
Get on board little children
There's room for many more***

I hear the train a-comin'
She's comin' round the curve
She's loosened all her steam and brakes
And strainin' ev'ry nerve

Refrain

The fare is cheap and all can go
The rich and poor are there
No second class aboard this train
No difference in the fare

Refrain

Greeting

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

Let us pray.

Send, O God, into the darkness of this troubled world, the light of your Son: let the star of your hope touch the minds of all people with bright beams of mercy and truth; and so direct our steps that we may always walk in the way revealed to us, as the shepherds of Bethlehem walked with joy to the manger to find the one who now and ever reigns in our hearts, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Preparing for the Journey

Advent Wreath: We light the candle of Hope

People of God: awake!

The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face.

Remember the ways and the works of God.
 God calls you out of darkness to walk in the light of his coming.
 You are God's children.

**Lord, guide us we pray as we prepare for the journey to Bethlehem,
 and grant us that when we arrive we will find you there.**

Song: The Nativity (Tune: Breathe on me, Breath of God)

Kindle this flame of Hope, May it burn bright and true.
 Lighting the way that is of God, the journey we pursue.
 God's realm is our desire, where peace and justice reign,
 Heaven and earth combined as one, when Christ shall come again.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins. Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-19

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,
shine forth ² before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
Awaken your might;
come and save us.

³ **Restore us, O God;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.**

⁴ How long, Lord God Almighty,
will your anger smolder
against the prayers of your people?

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.

⁶ You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors,
and our enemies mock us.

⁷ **Restore us, God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.**

¹⁶ Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire;
at your rebuke ¹ your people perish.

¹⁷ Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

¹⁸ Then we will not turn away from you;
revive us, and we will call on your name.

¹⁹ **Restore us, Lord God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.**

Gradual Hymn: Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus – ‘Hyfrydol’

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
 Born to set Thy people free;
 From our fears and sins release us,
 Let us find our rest in Thee.
 Israel’s Strength and Consolation,
 Hope of all the earth Thou art;
 Dear Desire of every nation,
 Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
 Born a child and yet a King,
 Born to reign in us forever,
 Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
 By Thine own eternal Spirit
 Rule in all our hearts alone;
 By Thine all sufficient merit,
 Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

The Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-37

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

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

Homily: The Rev. David Ney

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

Offertory Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

Oh, come O Rod of Jesse's stem,
From ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust your mighty pow'r to save;
And give them in vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

Oh, come, our Wisdom from on high,
Who ordered all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

Oh, come, O Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

Oh, come, oh, come, our Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law,
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

Oh, come, O Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by your drawing nigh,
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

The Prayer over the Gifts:

God of love and power, **your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.

You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels to celebrate and say:

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.

On the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died. **Jesus Christ has died.**

Jesus Christ is risen. **Jesus Christ is risen.**

Jesus Christ will come again. **Jesus Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

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 bread is 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.

Choir Anthem: "Emmanuel"

Prayer after Communion

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of 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

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness on your journey, and prepare you to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing ...

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Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #109 When the King Shall Come Again

The Dismissal of the Community

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of Falkland Islands and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Nigel William Stock.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. John, Olds and their clergy, The Rev. Joan Schellenberger and for s. Mark, Innisfail and their clergy, The Rev. Jeanne Hunter and for the Committee on Ministry.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Phillip, Mesopotamia with St. Matthias and St. Joseph and their clergy, The Rev. Canon Ashton Francis.
- 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: Alan Manship, Sylvia Stanley, Phyllis Bowness, Jennifer Wiebe, Mary Wojna, Margaret Fawcett, 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.

Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by Daryl and Barb Leinweber in thanksgiving for their 40th Anniversary and Daryl's 65th Birthday and in memory of their parents' Michael and Eileen Kapy and Victor and Vivian Leinweber and by Cheryl and Gary Herle and family in memory of Cheryl's father, Lewis Toole who passed away October 20, 2014.

Pam Milne is Warden on Duty.