

Today's Services of Holy Communion
8:00 am Service (Book of Common Prayer)
Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland
Deacon: The Rev. Rosemary Bishop

10 am (Book of Alternative Services)
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland
Celebrant: The Rev. David Ney
Liturgical Assistant: Lorraine Grant
Deacon: The Rev. Julianne Hendrickson
Jeff Oneski 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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First Sunday Of Advent

November 29, 2015

10:00 am



**St. Peter's Anglican Church
903-75th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta 403-252-0393**

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Call to Silence

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion. Today's service is a Sung Eucharist, following the 1962 liturgy. 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: #88 Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

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, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Summary of the Law

Response:

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

The Gloria in Excelsis

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer, Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Jesu Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Almighty God, **give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

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).

***Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.***

In the beginning was the Word—
spoken and breathed,
a promise made and kept.

**Listen and hear—
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.**

Listen! Hear the covenant anew, giving voice to a future with hope.

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THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah 33:14-16 Pamela Grigg

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

Psalm 2:1-9, p. 705 (green book)

A Reading from the First Book of Thessalonians 3:9-13 Jodi Delday

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

Offertory Hymn: #111 Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement

The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 21:25-36

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until

all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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

Homily: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution BAS 248

Peace

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

Offertory Hymn: #114 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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 Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A BAS pg. 241

The Lord's Prayer BAS 245

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

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

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.

Prayers After Communion

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, World without end.

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #108 Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding

The Dismissal of the Community

Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of West Malaysia and their clergy; The Rt. Rev. Ng Moon Hing, The Rt. Rev. Charles Samuel and The Rt. Rev. Jason Selvaraj.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. John , Olds and their clergy, The Rev Joan Schellenberger; St. Mark, Innisfail and their clergy, The Rev. Jeanne Hunter and for the General Synod (July 7-13, 2016) in Toronto, Ontario.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Phillip, Mesopotamia with St. Matthias & 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: 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.
- **Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by Joan and Doug Dunn in loving memory of family and friends and by Daryl and Barb Leinweber in thanksgiving for blessings received and in memory of their parents; Michael and Eileen Kapy and Victor and Vivian Leinweber.**

We invite you to join the journey to Bethlehem.

Today is the first Sunday in Advent. Please join us, both young and old, as we begin our Advent Posada journey at St. Peter's. If you have a certain date in mind to host the *Holy Family*, please email Corinne, corinnesmaclean@gmail.com or sign up starting November 29th.