

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

10 am (Book of Alternative Services)
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. David Ney
Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland
Liturgical Assistant: Lorraine Grant
Deacon: The Rev. Julianne Hendrickson
Mary Westell is Warden on Duty

The Leadership Team at St Peters

If you or someone you know is ill or in need of pastoral care,
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Please feel free to direct any inquiries, questions or concerns to one of the wardens.

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The Celebration of Holy Eucharist

September 20, 2015

10:00 am

*"Christ has no body on earth but ours,
no hands but ours, no feet but ours.
Ours are the eyes through which the
compassion of Christ
looks out upon the world,
ours are the feet with which he
goes about doing good,
ours are the hands with which he
blesses his people."*

—St. Teresa of Avila

Over the next weeks, we are reflecting on our baptismal covenant. Each week we will look at one of the vows we make and renew at every baptismal service. This week's vow asks the question: *"Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?"*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Call to Silence

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion. As today's service begins, a gong will sound, calling us to stillness before God. As its sounds fade away, we stand to sing our processional hymn. 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.

Processional Hymn: #465 Here in This Place New Light Is Streaming

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.**

There is one body and one Spirit,
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
One God and Father of all.

The Gloria (sung

Glory to God in the highest, **and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father:

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Let us pray (in silence)*pause*

Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs (31:10-31) Keith Shaw

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. 27 She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. 28 Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

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

A Reading from the First Epistle of Peter (2:1-10) Marilyn Shaw

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: ‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner’, and ‘A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.’ They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. .

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

Gradual Hymn: #576 For the Healing of the Nations

The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (9:30-37)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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

Homily: The Rev. David Ney

The Prayers of the People

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The Peace

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

Offertory Hymn: #643 Holy Spirit, Come with Power

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of power, **the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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The Lord's Prayer

The 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 us at the Lord's Table. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Prayers After Communion

Please stand for the prayers

Father in heaven, **whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven, and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ our 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

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers,
feeding us with your word,
and encouraging us in our meeting together.

Take us and use us to love and serve you, and all people,
in the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Prayer Book of Australia*

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #565 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

The Dismissal of the Community

Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of Southern Brazil and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Humberto Maiztegue.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for All Saints, Medicine Hat and their wardens, St. Theodore, Taber and their wardens and for the Property Committee.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Patrick, Barrouaillie with St. David, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, All Saints, St. Mary Magdalene and their clergy, The Rev. Fr. Coleridge Brooker.
- 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: Eileen Williams, Fred Tom Jaeger, Carolyn Newrick, Elsie Matthews, Olive Holgate, Rachel Patrick, Basil Stevens, Joan Siddall, Maria Dalla Costa, Marguerite Dimmer, Edna Webb, Nathan Wadman, Mackenzie and the Walsh family, Pamela Grigg, Cam Keith, Alan Manship, 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, Virginia Goodman, Ernie Rice, Edith Lenko, Nellie Werth, Joan Brisbane, Chad McGregor, Peggy Brookes, Mariam Jacob, Andrew Howe, Linda Redel..
- **Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by Doreen Thomson and family in loving memory of Bob Thomson; husband, father and grandfather**