

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: Lynne Smith

Liturgical Assistant: Jeff Oneski

Glenn Werth is Warden on Duty

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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The Celebration of Holy Eucharist
September 27th, 2015
10:00 am



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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 persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?”***

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: #1 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

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.**

Come into this sacred space to worship God
whose teaching is perfect; whose directions are sure.

Come into this holy place to worship God
**whose standards are right; whose commandment is clear;
whose judgements are true.**

Come with holy fear –to be given life, and made wise,
to have your heart stirred and your eyes opened wide.

Come — let us worship God.

**Let the words of our mouths and the whispering of our hearts
be according to your will, O God. Amen.**

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

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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 Esther of Esther (7:1-6, 9, 10, 9:20-22) Angela Bane

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, ‘What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.’ Then Queen Esther answered, ‘If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.’ Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, ‘Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?’ Esther said, ‘A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!’ Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, ‘Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.’ And the king said, ‘Hang him on that.’ So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been

turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

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

Psalm 19:7-14 page725

A Reading from the First Epistle of Peter (1:13-22) Michelle Grimwood

Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.' If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart.

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

Gradual Hymn: #476 God, You Have Caused to Be Written

The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (9:38-50)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it

is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

Homily: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

God our Maker,

long-suffering, full of grace and truth,

you create us from nothing and give us life.

You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.

You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside.

We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbour.

We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.

**Restore us for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by the Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

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

Offertory Hymn: #502 You Are Salt for the Earth

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 5, page 204

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, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of 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: #529 God, My Hope on You Is Founded

The Dismissal of the Community

Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of Spokane and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. James Waggoner.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Barnabas, Medicine Hat and their clergy, The Rev. Dr. Dustin Resch; St. Ambrose, Redcliff and their clergy, The Rev. David Carter and for the University Chaplaincy and their clergy; The Rev. Dr. Roy Darcus (U of C) and The Rev. Canon Erin Phillips (U of L) and for the local post-secondary institutions.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for The Rt. Rev. Leopold Friday and the Staff of the Synod Office.
- 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, Alan Manship, Sylvia Stanley, Jennifer Wiebe, Connie Hill, Howie Dawe, Joy Tufts, Judy and Emily Rousell and family, Kolby Thomson, Ruth Elford, Laurie Arseneault, 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.**