

Today's Services of Holy Communion

8:00 am (Book of Common Prayer)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Christine Conkin

Lay Reader: Rosemary Bishop

10 am (Book of Alternative Services)

Preacher: The Rev. Christine Conkin

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Deacon: The Rev. Julienne Hendrickson

Lay Reader: Lynne Smith and Connie

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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April 27th, 2014

10:00 am



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The 50 Great Days of Easter

The feast of Easter is fifty days, from Easter Eve through the Day of Pentecost. During this season, "alleluia" (praise the Lord) is said or sung repeatedly, which contrasts sharply with the season of Lent when the alleluia was omitted. The large Paschal (Easter) Candle, which represents Christ, the light of the world, is lit from now until Ascension Day.

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.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Call to Silence

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.

Processional Hymn #205 The Day of Resurrection

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
May his grace and peace be with you. **May Christ fill our hearts with joy.**

The risen Christ meets us at the tomb, and turns our tears to joy.
For your love and goodness **we give you thanks, O God.**

Christ comes through our locked doors, and turns our fear to courage.
For your love and goodness **we give you thanks, O God.**

Christ comes to daily life and work, and turns our failure to new vision.
For your love and goodness **we give you thanks, O God.**

Christ breaks the bread, and turns our despair to hope.
For your love and goodness **we give you thanks, O God.**

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.

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, **the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Children's Time

Children are invited to come forward, then leave for Spirit Zone and return for Eucharist.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Lynne Smith

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

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

Psalm 16, page 719 (BAS, green book)**Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9 Pam Hodgson**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith— being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn: #309 Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet**The Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31**

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my

hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Homily: The Reverend Christine Conkin

The Apostle’s Creed, page 199 (BAS Green Book)

Prayers of the People

The Peace

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you **and also with you. Alleluia.**

Offertory Hymn: #312 Sing a New Song unto the Lord

The Prayer over the Gifts:

God of grace, **you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer # 4, BAS p. 201

The Lord’s Prayer

Breaking of the Bread #8, BAS p. 212

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 wafers are available upon request.

Prayer after Communion

Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen 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

Go from here as witnesses of what you have seen and heard.
Share God's love with those you meet.
Bring hope to those who are in despair.
Live lives of gratitude and praise.
And may the love of God, the peace of Jesus Christ,
and the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit
be within you and among you always. Amen.

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #231 That Eastertide with Joy Was Bright

The Dismissal of the Community

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

Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East and their clergy, The Most Rev. Dr. Mouneer Hanna Anis.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for All Saints, Cochrane and their clergy, The Rev. Greg Clark and for the Calgary Anglican Cursillo.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Paul, Calliaqua with St. John, Belair and their clergy, The Rev. Otis Nichols.
- 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: Olive Holgate, Jocelyn Hutchinson, Allan Knobbe, Howie Dawe, Joy Tufts, Doug, Judy and Emily Rousell and family, Linda Greene, Maria Dalla Costa, Kolby Thomson, Ruth Elford, Shelley, Alison James, Julienne Hendrickson, Laurie Arsenault, Kenneth Robertson, Tracey (Janzen) Grenier, Virginia Goodman, Ernie Rice, Edith Lenko, Nellie Werth, Marguerite Dimmer, Joan Brisbane, Chad McGregor, Peggy Brookes, Mariam Jacobs, Eileen Williams, Andrew Howe.
- Today we pray for the Men's Cursillo weekend and for Aaron Havens who is attending as a candidate from St. Peter's.
- We remember the family of Jean Henderson (Ruth Henderson's sister-in-law) and family on her passing this past week.

Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by Harold and Bessie Romness in memory of their parents and brothers.

Flowers were to the glory of God on Easter Sunday by Peter and Sheila Leigh in loving memory of Peter's parents, Lynette and David and Sheila's parents, Jean and Denis; by The Rev. Julienne Hendrickson in thanksgiving of gifts of courage, patience and peace during the past several months and for the loving prayers and kindness from family, friends, parish community and care givers; by Marg Haynes in memory of parents Elfie and Eddie Wirsch, Aunt Margaret MacLaine and loved ones; by Ellen Lee in memory of loved ones; by Maryann Pope and family in memory of her mother, Mary Pope who recently passed away, cousin, Kathleen in the UK, John Petrapolous, Nan Nan, family and friends and by Harold and Bessie Romness in memory of their parents and brothers.

Arnold Williams is warden on duty today.