

## **Today's Services of Holy Communion**

### **8:00 am (Book of Common Prayer)**

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Lay Reader: Rosemary Bishop

### **10 am (Book of Alternative Services)**

Celebrant: The Rev. Christine Conkin

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Lay Readers: Connie Kadey and Lorraine Grant

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*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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**December 15, 2013**

**10:00 am**



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

*Welcome to our service of Holy Communion. 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.*

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

### Call to Silence

### Processional Hymn: #103 On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry

### 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.**

Joy comes to those who hope in God.

**For the Lord is a Keeper of promises.**

Our God is a God of healing and help and hope!

**The Lord will reign forever,**

Our God will keep faith with all generations.

**Let us praise the Lord both now and forevermore!**

### Song of Mary: Hymn #362 Tell Out My Soul

### Lighting the Advent Candle

In this season of Advent, we celebrate God's joy.

**Knowing that Christ is coming, to bring healing and wholeness to the world, is a source of genuine delight!**

When we gather for worship it is a celebration, an opportunity to rejoice in all that God is doing among us and beyond us.

**Our lives are marked by laughter and friendship, as we love our neighbours with wide smiles and open arms.**

Even when we face difficulty and trouble we sing a song of faith, confident that Jesus is able to redeem our suffering world.

**Together, we are a sign of God's joy for the world.**

(The candle is lit)

**Candle Song:**

One candle for hope, to tell of his birth,  
 One candle for peace he brought to the earth  
 One candle for joy, one candle for love,  
 for Jesus who came from heaven above.

John and Phyllis Miller

Let us pray:

**God of transformation, we rejoice that you lift up the lowly and fill the hungry with good things. We marvel at your power to change hearts and lives. Fill us with your Spirit this season so that our voices declare your goodness and our lives proclaim your mercy in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Children now leave for Spirit Zone and return for Eucharist*

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10 Pamela Grigg**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. 4Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 146:4-9 BAS (Green Book) page 905****New Testament Reading: James 5:7-10 Mary Westell**

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn: #106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness****The Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11**

Response: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Response: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Homily: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland**

**The Prayers of the People**

## Confession

Oh God, you call us to patience and diligence  
in the painstaking work of your Reign,  
But we get discouraged and give up too soon.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Oh God, you call us to collaborate in community  
in the painstaking work of your Reign,  
But we neither trust nor honor the gifts of others.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Oh God, you call us to be full of joyful confidence  
In the painstaking work of your Reign,  
But we burden ourselves with anxiety and fear.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*(a moment of silent prayer)*

Forgive us, O God, and lead us in the ways of patience, community and joy.

~ Susan A. Blain

## Assurance of Forgiveness

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.  
You are forgiven; Go, and sin no more. **Thanks be to God!**

## The Peace

May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord  
Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

## Offertory Hymn: #110 "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

## The Prayer over the Gifts:

God of hope, **renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to  
you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

## Eucharistic Prayer #2, page 197

## The Lord's Prayer

## Breaking of the Bread

God of Promise, you prepare a banquet for us in in your kingdom.

**Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

## Agnus Dei

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. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

## Prayer after Communion

Merciful God, **may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

All your works praise you O Lord.  
**And your faithful servants bless you.**  
**Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**  
**May we, who share his body, live his risen life;**  
**we, who drink this cup, bring life to others;**  
**we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.**  
**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,**  
**so that we and all your children shall be free,**  
**and the whole earth live to praise your name,**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace in your faith,  
 that by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
 your whole life may overflow with hope and confidence.  
 And the blessing...

## Announcements

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

### 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 Church of Kaduna, Nigeria and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Ali Buba Lamido.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for Holy Trinity, Rocky Mountain House and their clergy, The Rev. Dr. Chris Nojonen and for The Sower Staff, Tim Christison, Beckie Grant and Richard Johnson.
- 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. 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: Edith Cowan, Ken Willis, Doug Rousell and family, Linda Greene, Maria Dalla Costa, Kolby Thomson, Ruth Elford, Shelley, Alison James, Julienne Hendrickson, Gerry Dawe, Connie Clarke, Wendy Both, Laurie Arsenault, Kenneth Robertson, Tracey (Janzen) Grenier, Virginia Goodman, Ernie Rice, Edith Lenko, Nellie Werth, Mandy Gravells, Marguerite Dimmer, Joan Brisbourne, Chad McGregor, Peggy Brookes, Mariam Jacobs, Eileen Williams, Garnet Wallace, Andrew Howe.
- We remember the family of Emily Sharpe on her passing, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Emily's funeral was held at St. Peter's on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

(If you would like your name included, excluded or know of someone who may want their name of the above prayer list, please call the office at 403-252-0393.)

**Flowers** are given this morning to the glory of God by Marg and Malcolm McKay in loving memory their fathers, Morris Raymond McKay and William James Robinson and by Michael and Mary-Anne Armstrong in loving memory of Michaels parents, Bev and Elizabeth Armstrong and Mary-Anne's parents, Geraldine and Mac MacKenzie.

**Warden on duty** today is Glenn Werth.