

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

Reflection: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Lay Readers: Jeff Oneski and David McKeown

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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December 22, 2013

10:00 am



**St. Peter's Anglican Church
903-75th 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: #123 Once in Royal David's City

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.

We are in awe of God's unending love,

For the Lord is faithful forever.

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!

Lighting the Advent Candle

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

We welcome the beautiful and radical love of God as Jesus Christ comes to live among us.

We embrace our identity as beloved children and let this truth guide our decisions and relationships.

In our homes and in our church we offer warm hospitality by welcoming those we don't know, those who are in need, and those who are different from us.

We demonstrate our care for creation in real and tangible ways through the products we buy, the food we eat, and the way we live every day.

Together, we are a sign of God's love 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 extravagant generosity, in Jesus we discover the depth of your care and the lengths you will go to save us. Forgive us when we ignore the needy, trample your creation and refuse to share all that we receive from you. Teach us to love our neighbours, caring for each other in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16**

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Response: **Thanks be to God**

New Testament Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn: #125 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**The Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-25**

Response: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Symbols of Christmas: Presented by the Sunday School

The Christmas Tree

The Star of Bethlehem

120 O Little Town of Bethlehem, v. 1, 2

The Christmas Angel

The Christmas Present

138 Hark the Herald Angels Sing, v.1

The Candy Cane

The Virgin Mary

Baby Jesus

154 Joy to the World, v.1

Reflection: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

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

Offertory Hymn: #137 What Child Is This

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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**
Lift up your hearts, **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, our Source and Ending, we give glory to you:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

In these latter days, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

Holy God,to whom we give honor and glory in joy, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

**Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

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

Happy are those who are called to the supper of the lamb.

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.

Because it is now flu season, we ask that you do not dip your wafer. If you are not comfortable drinking from the cup, it is acceptable to receive bread only.

Prayer after Communion

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 his 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 God keep you in all your days.

May Christ shield you in all your ways.

May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.

May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you
and pour upon you blessing and light. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: #145 Good King Wenceslas

Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of Japan and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Laurence Yutaka Minabe.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Mary and St. Timothy, Sylvan Lake and their clergy, The Rev. Rilla Sommerville.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for The Rt. Rev. Calvert Leopold Friday, Bishop of the Diocese of the Windward Islands.
- 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.

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

Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by Doreen Thomson, Dustin and family in loving memory of daughter and mother, Christy Ruttan and husband and grandfather, Robert Thomson.

Warden on duty today is Angela Bane.