

## 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)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Christine Conkin

Lay Readers: David Gravells

### 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 29, 2013**

**10:00 am**



**St. Peter's Anglican Church  
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*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: #143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

### 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 here  
because we have heard a promise of peace  
**and we have faith its day will come**  
we have heard a rumour of justice  
**and we have faith its day will come**  
we have heard a whisper of hope  
**and we have faith its day will come**  
we have heard a hint of love  
**and we have faith its day will come**  
we have heard of the birth of the Christ-child  
**and we have faith his day is here.**

Welcome to Christmas

Welcome to worship

### Lighting the Christmas Candle

Behold, I bring you good news of great joy; for to you is born in the city of David  
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord!

**Jesus has arrived in grace and mystery, renewing faded hopes and announcing peace  
to a weary world.**

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God  
favours!

**Jesus comes among us in power and glory inspiring fresh Christmas joy and calling us to lives that are full of God's love.**

Jesus, the light of the world, is born.

**Let Christ's light shine in the darkest corners of our lives. Let Christ's light shine in the darkest corners of our world. God is with us.**

(The candle is lit)

Let us pray:

**God of grace and glory, as we celebrate this Christmas, transform our hearts and our lives so that your Good News is not an old story but a fresh truth lived out every day through the power of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**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

**Collect:**

Almighty God, **you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9**

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 148 BAS (Green Book) page 907**

**New Testament Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18**

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation

I will praise you." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn: #160 As with Gladness Men of Old****The Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13-23**

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

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling

over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

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

**Homily: The Rev. Christine Conkin**

### **The Prayers of the People**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

On this the fifth day of Christmas,  
 as another year draws to a close,  
 we come together before God and with one another,  
 confessing  
**the ways in which we have been caught up  
 in the frenzied spirit of the holidays  
 and turned away from Your Spirit of Peace;  
 the times we have focused so much on our own lives and desires,  
 that we have neglected the voices of your children  
 who cry out for Justice;  
 in our focus on making the season perfect,  
 we have turned away from the hurting people  
 and broken places in our world in need of Healing;  
 in the times we have dismissed Christmas as a time only for children,  
 and we have stubbornly closed our hearts to your amazing gift of Love.**

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, Word Become Flesh,  
 our Savior and King, hear us as we humbly pray,

**Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. Amen.**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news of Christmas.

Today God reveals to us the wonders of divine love.

**For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given. His name shall be called  
 Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.**

**The Peace**

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

**Offertory Hymn: #136 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks****The Prayer over the Gifts:**

God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
**Amen.**

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST****Eucharistic Prayer #3, page 198****The Lord's Prayer****Breaking of the Bread**

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

**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**

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the 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**

## **Announcements**

### **Recessional Hymn: #138 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

#### **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 The Rt. Rev. Gregory Kerr-Wilson and the staff of the Synod office.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for The Rt. Rev. Clvert 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: 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 of the above prayer list, please call the office at 403-252-0393.)

**Flowers** are given this morning to the glory of God.