

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: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Preacher: The Rev. Christine Conkin

Lay Readers: Jeff Oneski and 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 8, 2013

10:00 am



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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: #89 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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 come together as one, united in our common loyalty to Jesus Christ.

We come to worship and praise the God who calls us here.

Let's open our hearts to one another, just as Christ has opened his heart to us,

So God will be glorified.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts: Cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, Amen.

Song of Zechariah: Hymn #12 We Bless You God of Israel

Lighting the Advent Candle

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

Jesus Christ, whose birth we await, calls our community to justice and leads us in the way of peace.

May our community be forgiving. Let us call one another to honesty and humility and respond to each other with abundant grace.

Our community values relationships. Let us live in harmony with one another even when we disagree, and strive to glorify God in everything we do.

Our community longs for unity. Let us work together with one another, with other churches and organizations, and live out God's reconciling love for all to see.

Together, may we be a sign of God's peace in 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 all people and all nations, you break through the cynicism of our world and offer a vision of the lion and lamb lying down together. Open our eyes to see the signs of your coming kingdom and inspire us to participate in all you are doing in Jesus' name. Amen.

Children now leave for Spirit Zone and return for Eucharist

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 Margaret Cull

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of

Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Psalm 146:4-9 BAS (Green Book) page 882

New Testament Reading: Romans 15:4-13 Betty Nadurak

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the people praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gradual Hymn: #117 Lo, How a Rose E'

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to

Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

Homily: The Rev. Christine Conkin

The Prayers of the People

Confession

When our faith is rooted deeply in you, O God,
our lives reflect your kingdom values of justice and righteousness,
but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world,
that your ways take second place.

Forgive us, O God, and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit, source of power and life.

**Merciful God, strip our hearts and minds of all
that prevents our lives being firmly rooted in you.
May our lives bear fruit worthy of our faith in you,
as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more,
in the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen**

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: #

The Prayer over the Gifts:

God our strength, **we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name 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

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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: #

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 of Western North Carolina and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Cyprian, Lacombe and their clergy, The Rev. Dr. Lee Sinclair and for the Church of the Epiphany, Rimbey and their clergy, The Rev. David Holmes.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Matthew. Biabou with St. Sylvan and St. Mark and their clergy, The Ven. Clive Thomas.
- 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, Emily Sharpe, Doug Rousell and family, Linda Greene, Maria Dalla Costa, Kolby Thomson, Ruth Elford, Shelley, Alison James, Julianne 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 by Elizabeth and Bob Andrews in loving memory of their parents; Robert and Eileen Thompson, Ralph and Muriel Andrews; brother Donald Andrews and grandson Jonathan and by John and Joan Ink in memory their parents; Allan and Yvonne Fuller and Jack and Patty Ink.

Warden on duty today is Arnold Williams.