

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

Lay Readers: Connie Kadey 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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January 5, 2014

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:

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.

Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here!

Darkness has been banished!

God's light of hope floods the earth

God's light comes to us all.

Lord, make us ready to journey to this Light.

Prepare our hearts to receive this Light. Amen.

Collect:

Eternal God, **who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Talk

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise

upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Psalms 72:1-14 BAS (Green Book) page 797

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn: #

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the

Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.” ’ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

Homily: The Rev. Christine Conkin

The Prayers of the People

Prayer of Confession

The prophet speaks of the coming light of God which calls all the people of the earth to come together in God’s realm of shalom.

Let us confess the ways in which we have rejected God’s vision of wholeness.

**God of light and darkness,
we have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us,
but we have turned away and followed other paths.**

**We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart,
with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength.**

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**Forgive us, Holy One. Strengthen our faltering steps
and guide us in your holy way of peace. Amen.**

Absolution, Page 191**The Peace**

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

Offertory Hymn: #**The Prayer over the Gifts:**

Gracious God, **accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, 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**

"I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

Give us this bread for ever.

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

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

God of all the nations of the earth, **guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and for ever. 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: #

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 Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and their clergy, The Most Rev. William Brown Turei Pihopa.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Laurence, Calgary and their clergy; The Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee, The Rev. Vic Cabel, The Rev. Don McLeod and for the administration and finance committees.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Andrew with Holy Innocents, St. Giles and St. Michael, Grenada.
- 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: Joy Tufts, Edith Cowan, Ken Willis, Doug Rousell and family, Linda Greene, Maria Dalla Costa, Kolby Thomson, Ruth Elford, Shelley, Alison James, Julienne Hendrickson, Gerry Dawe, Wendy Both, Laurie Arsenault, Kenneth Robertson, Tracey (Janzen) Grenier, Virginia Goodman, Ernie Rice, Edith Lenko, Nellie Werth, Mandy Gravells, Marguerite Dimmer, Joan Brisbane, Chad McGregor, Peggy Brookes, Mariam Jacobs, Eileen Williams, Garnet Wallace, Andrew Howe.
- Today, we remember the family of Connie Clark who passed away Dec. 31st. Funeral service will be held at St. Peter's January 7th at 1:30 pm with a reception to follow. (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 Robert and Delores James in loving memory of Delores' brother, Garry Tomko and by Mary, Lincey and Linita Mathew in thanksgiving and Happy Birthday to Eapen.

