

Today's Services of Holy Communion

8:00 am (Book of Common Prayer)

Celebrant: The Rev. Rosemary Bishop

Preacher: The Rev. David Ney

Lay Reader: Wendy Both

10 am (Book of Alternative Services)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. David Ney

Lay Reader: Lynne Smith

Deacon: The Rev. Julienne Hendrickson

Organist: Marg McCulloch

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 4th, 2015

Epiphany

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: #155 From East to West, from Shore to Shore

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.

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
**To you all hearts are open, All desire known And from you no secrets are hidden.
 Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, That we
 may perfectly love you, And worthily magnify your holy name; Through Christ our
 Lord. Amen.**

Holy God, holy and mighty holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us
(Three times)

Collect

God of power and life, **the glory of all who believe in you. Fill the world with your
 splendor and show the nations the light of your truth; Through Jesus Christ your
 Son our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now
 and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn: We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are
 Bearing gifts we traverse afar.
 Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
 Following yonder star.

Refrain

O star of wonder, star of night,
 Star with royal beauty bright,
 Westward leading, still proceeding,
 Guide us to thy perfect Light.

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
 Gold I bring to crown Him again,
 King forever, ceasing never
 Over us all to reign. *Refrain*

Frankincense to offer have I.
 Incense owns a Deity nigh.
 Prayer and praising all men raising,
 Worship Him, God on high. *Refrain*

Myrrh is mine: it's bitter perfume
 Breaths a life of gathering gloom.
 Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding dying,
 Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Refrain*

Children's Time**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD****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.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

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 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 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.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: #146 ‘Twas in the Moon of Wintertime**The Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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.

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: The Rev. David Ney

The Apostle’s Creed BAS p. 189

The Prayers of the People

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

Offertory: #122 in the Bleak Mid-winter

The Prayer over the Gifts:

Source of love and life, **receive all we offer you this day, and through the coming of your Son, help us to see in others him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Introduction to the Deacon’s Mass

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.

Silence

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

*All are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table, including children. If you prefer to receive a blessing, **please cross your arms. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.***

If you desire personal prayer following communion, a prayer team is available in the vestry room (behind the organ). Prayer will also be available after the service.

Prayer after Communion

Light eternal, **you have nourished us in the mystery of the body and blood of your Son. By your grace keep us ever faithful to your word, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day;
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.

Refrain

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

In Bethlehem, in Israel, this blessèd Babe was born,
And laid within a manger upon this blessèd morn;
The which His mother Mary did nothing take in scorn. *Refrain*

From God our heavenly Father a blessèd angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. *Refrain*

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding in tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethl'em straightaway this blessèd Babe to find. *Refrain*

Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place,
 And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
 Among your friends and kin-dred that live both far and near—
 That God send you a happy new year, happy new year,
 And God send you a happy new year.

The Dismissal of the Community

Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of Nigeria and their clergy; The Rt. Rev. James Odedeji and the Rt. Rev. Adebayo Akinde.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Laurence, Calgary and their clergy; The Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee, The Rev. Victor W. F. Cabel, The Rev. Cathy Fulton, The Rev. Mary-Jane Leewis-Kirk and the Rev. Don McLeod.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Vincent: Holy Trinity, Georgetown with St. John, Holy Name, St. Peter and St. Luke (Byera Chapel) and their clergy The Rev. Fr. Kari Marcelle and for the Diocesan Council.
- 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: Alan Manship, Sylvia Stanley, Phyllis Bowness, Jennifer Wiebe, Mary Wojna, Margaret Fawcett, Connie Hill, Olive Holgate, Allan Knobbe, Howie Dawe, Joy Tufts, Doug, Judy and Emily Rousell and family, Maria Dalla Costa, Kolby Thomson, Ruth Elford, Alison James, Laurie Arsenault, Kenneth Robertson, Tracey (Janzen) Grenier, Virginia Goodman, Ernie Rice, Edith Lenko, Nellie Werth, Marguerite Dimmer, Joan Brisbane, Chad McGregor, Peggy Brookes, Mariam Jacobs, Eileen Williams, Andrew Howe, Linda Redel.
- Please pray for the Rev. Julianne Hendrickson as she supports the ministry at Tsuu T'ina.

Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by Robert and Delores James in loving memory of Delores' brother, Garry Tomko.

Glenn Werth is Warden on Duty.

There are **special envelopes** marked "Clergy and Staff gift". These are to express your thanks for the ministry of the clergy and staff. These are personal gifts and are not receipted. The envelopes will be available until January 3rd, 2015.