

Today's Services of Holy Communion

8:00 am (Book of Common Prayer)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Christine Conkin

Lay Reader: David Gravells

10 am (Book of Alternative Services)

Preacher: The Rev. Christine Conkin

Celebrant: The Rev. Graham Goode

Lay Readers: Connie Kadey and Jeff Oneski

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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10:00 am



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During Lent, our service is reordered, with the penitential rite at the beginning rather than following the prayers. We do not use the Gloria or say “alleluia” during this season. In the early church, Lent was a time for new believers to prepare for baptism, which took place during the Easter Vigil service.

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: #Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy

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.**

For the forgiveness of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord.

The Penitential Rite (Sung)

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is covered.

They are happy, for the Lord declares them "not guilty"

Let us worship and rejoice

The Lord is our hiding place and our refuge in times of trouble.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life, may we always thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Spiritual Practices

This Lent, we are exploring habits and actions through which we grow spiritually. Each Sunday, a member of the congregation will share a practice which is important for their journey. Today, Lynn Smith will be sharing with us.

Children's Time

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 17:1-7 Robert Johnson

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead

of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 95, page 833 (BAS, green book)

Gradual Hymn: #176 By the Holy Spirit Sent

The Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain,

but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.” Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.”

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

Homily: The Reverend Christine Conkin

Prayers of the People

Peace

Offertory Hymn: #70 Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts

The Prayer over the Gifts:

Spring of life and Source of goodness, **receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to the living water, Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord . Amen**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer #2, BAS page 196

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread #7 BAS page 213

Agnus Dei (Sung)

**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, including children. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

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

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #178 Restore in Us, O God

The Dismissal of the Community (*We do not say alleluia during Lent*)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen**

Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean and their clergy, The Most Rev. Ian Gerald James Ernest.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Barnabas, Three Hills and their clergy, The Rev. James Enns and The Rev. Deacon Monica King; for St. Hilda Arthrvale; St. Columba, Delburne; St. David, Elnora, Holy Trinity, Pine Lake and their clergy, The Rev. Edith Sandusky.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Mary Bequia with Holy Cross, Paget Farm; St. Michael, Canouan; Mustique; St. Matthias, Union Island; St. Vincent and the Grenadines.
- 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: Allan Knobbe, Howie Dawe, Barbara Jean Moore, Joy Tufts, Ken Willis, Doug, Judy and Emily Rousell and family, Linda Greene, Maria Dalla Costa, Kolby Thomson, Ruth Elford, Shelley, Alison James, Julienne Hendrickson, 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.
- We remember Jane and Ashley and their family this morning on the passing of Jane's Dad and Ashley's Grandfather, Ron Rowland this past week. Funeral will be held today, March 23 at 3:30 at the Okotoks Evangelical Free Church.
- Today we remember Pat Wallace and family on the passing of Garnet on March 21st. Service date and time to be announced.

Arnold Williams is warden on duty today.

Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God in thanksgiving.