

Today's Services of Holy Communion

8:00 am (Book of Common Prayer)

Preacher: The Rev. David Ney

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Lay Reader: Wendy Both

Deacon: Rosemary Bishop

10 am (Book of Alternative Services)

Preacher: The Rev. David Ney

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Lay Reader: Lorraine Grant

Deacons: The Rev. David Ney and the Rev. Julianne 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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23rd Sunday after Pentecost
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: #450 You Call Us, Lord, to Be

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.**

How shall we enter the house of the Lord?

With songs of great praise and rejoicing!

How shall we prepare ourselves to receive the blessings?

With hearts, minds, and spirits that are open.

Come, let us worship the Lord and bow down.

Let us offer our praise to God who has redeemed us.

Gloria: Hymn # 365

Collect

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world.

Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Children's Time

(Children leave afterwards for Church School. Nursery is also available)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading: Judges 4:1-7 Barbara Jean Moore

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Haroshethha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron,

and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123 page 883 (BAS, green book)

Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:1-15 Betty Nadurak

Now it is not necessary for me to write to you about the ministry to the saints, for I know your eagerness, which is the subject of my boasting about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year; and your zeal has stirred up most of them. But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you may not prove to have been empty in this case, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be; otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—in this undertaking. So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you, and arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised, so that it may be ready as a voluntary gift and not as an extortion.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, ‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.’ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to

the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: #60 I Come with Joy

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

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 said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten

talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth

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

Homily: The Rev. David Ney

Prayers of the People

Confession

Holy One,
We long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace.
To serve each other in love and humility.
To serve your world with wisdom and energy.

Forgive us when we stumble over pride,
when our words and actions are not guided by love.
Turn our hearts when we act in folly.
Restore our energy when it is gone.

Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail.
But your abundant grace is strong and eternal,
And forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

~ Joanna Harader

The Peace

Jesus said, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.'

John 14.27

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

Offertory Hymn: #601 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

The Prayer over the Gifts:

God, whose giving knows no ending, **we offer up the treasure that you have entrusted to us; we offer up the skills and time that you have graciously given to us; we offer up ourselves in service and praise. Receive these gifts by your grace. Multiply and use them through the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish Christ's work of love in the world. Amen.**

~ Joanna Harader

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer #4, BAS p. 201

The Lord's Prayer, p. 211

Breaking of the Bread #4, p. 212

The Communion

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

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 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

Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and 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: #350 Stand Up and Bless the Lord

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 Lusitanian Church of Portugal and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Jose' Jorge De Pina Cabral.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for Christ Church, Nanton and their clergy, The Rev. Gerald Skeet; for St. Aldhelm, Vulcan and their clergy, The Rev. Gordon Cranch and for the National House of Bishops and the Diocesan Clergy Retreat.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for Holy Trinity, Geogetown with St. John, Holy Name, St. Peter and St. Luke and their clergy; The Rev. Michael Marsall.
- In our Parish, we pray for our church leadership of the Children's Ministries: Corinne MacLean, Aaron Havens, Anne Belanger and all those who assist them in their areas.
- 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.
- Today we remember the family of Lois Forsyth on her passing on Nov. 10th. Funeral service will be held on Nov. 19th at 11 am.

Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by Bonnie Sinclair in memory of her mother, Josephine Tilley; by Eapen and Mary Mathew in loving memory of Eapen's father, Dr. M.J. Mathew and by Michael Bishop in memory of Michael R. L. Bishop, missed but not forgotten.

Arnold Williams is Warden on Duty.