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**The Anglican Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul**  
**December 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 – 4:00pm**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**Communion Service & Carol Singing**  
**“Embracing and Spreading God’s Love”**



**WELCOME! To all! The Parish family of St. Peter & St. Paul is pleased that you are here. Whether you are new, visiting or a long time member, our prayer is that today you have an encounter through worship with the Living Christ. We wish you and your family and friends a blessed Christmas Season!!**

**We journey together in a year of Discipleship.**

## Carols

**136 – While Shepherds Watched Their Flock**

**145 – Good King Wenceslas**

**146 – Huron Carol (v. 1-2, 4)**

**138 – O Come, All Ye Faithful (v. 1-4)**

**Preludes:** Es ist ein Ros entsprungen - *Johannes Brahms*

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645 - *J.S. Bach*

### Holy Communion - Book of Alternative Services

Words of Greeting and Welcome: *The Rev. Doug Friesen*

**Opening Hymn: 139 – The First Noel (v. 1-2, 6)**

### Lighting of the four Advent Candles and the Christ Candle

Celebrant: In the season of Advent we have used the Advent wreath and its candles to help us get ready for this great celebration of the birth of Christ.

When we lit the first purple candle, we asked God to remind us to wait for Jesus, our Hope.

When we lit the second purple candle, we asked God to forgive our sins. We acknowledged that only through Christ will Peace come.

When we lit the third candle, we felt joyful in the knowledge and experience of Joy. Christ, who has been born in a manger, will come again in glory to wipe away every tear from our eyes!

When we lit the fourth candle, we were reminded that Love came through Christ.

Pastoral Care: please contact the Wardens by leaving a message at the office or, in an emergency, please call one of the Wardens directly.

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Compline Service: Compline service will continue on the first Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. each month in 2019 with the exception of January which will change from the 1st to the 8th. Until further notice, the service will be held in the Chapel, Lower floor in the Parish Hall.

Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival 2019: April 17th – Classical Guitar, April 23rd – 27th Junior Strings at St. Peter and St Paul's Church. For more information visit: <http://www.gvpaf.org> or contact [festival@gvpaf.org](mailto:festival@gvpaf.org) or call 250-386-9223.

Altar Flowers 2019: There is a new list for Altar Flowers for 2019 on the bulletin board near to the main entrance of the church, if you would like to participate by providing altar flowers for a service in 2019 please fill this sheet out and either write a message next to your week, or send your message a few weeks before to [stpeterandpaul@shaw.ca](mailto:stpeterandpaul@shaw.ca).

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Blessing:

Celebrant: May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Sending Hymn: 138 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

**Dismissal**

Celebrant: let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

Postlude: XII Noel (Suisse, Grand Jeu, et Duo) - *Louis Claude Daquin*

*We thank those who prepared the sanctuary and those who had roles in the worship service today.*

**REMINDER- TOMORROW**

**Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.**

**Holy Communion with Hymns**

Office Closure over Christmas/New Year: The office will be closed December 24-28, 2018. The deadline for all announcements and messages for the bulletins for all services over this period are due by Tuesday December 18<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 10:30a.m. For emergencies during this time, please contact Sharon Wickware at 250-386-6833 or John ducker at 250-381-8208. We will be back to work on January 2nd, 2019. Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday season.

Holy Communion and Healing Service: - The Holy Communion and Healing Service on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December is cancelled. Please look out for further dates in 2019.

Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus the Christ, Jesus the Good Shepherd, Jesus who forgives our sins, Jesus who will come again, Jesus the son of Mary, the Son of David and the very Son of God!

**All: Dear God, as we light the center candle, may we celebrate with full joy the birth of your Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen!**

Gathering of the Community

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Celebrant: Almighty God,

**All: To you all hearts are open, all desires 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.**

Gloria: (*sung*) 365 - **Glory to God on High**

The Collect of the Day:

Celebrant: Almighty God,

**All: Eternal God Who made this most holy night  
To shine with the brightness of your one true light;  
Bring us who know the revelation of that light on earth,  
To see the radiance of your heavenly glory;  
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
Who is alive and reigns with you,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit One God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Story of Faith is Proclaimed

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:6-12

*Margaret MacKenzie*

p. 604 Bible

**Psalm 97 (Said)**

p. 835 BAS

1 The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice; \*

let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.**

3 A fire goes before him \*  
and burns up his enemies on every side.

**4 His lightnings light up the world; \*  
the earth sees it and is afraid.**

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

**6 The heavens declare his righteousness, \*  
and all the peoples see his glory.**

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in false gods! \*  
Bow down before him, all you gods.

**8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgements, O Lord.**

9 For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; \*  
you are exalted far above all gods.

**10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; \*  
he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from  
the hand of the wicked.**

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

**12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, \*  
and give thanks to his holy name.**

**Psalm Prayer:**

**Almighty God, your whole creation declares your glory. May  
we perceive you in all your works and live in the light of your**

may share the banquet you have promised;  
through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.  
**All: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant:* As our Saviour taught us, let us sing,

All: **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 forever.  
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

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Celebrant: We break the bread of life,  
And that life is the light of the world.

All: **God here among us, light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

Behold the Lamb of God...

*Celebrant*

*Chalice Administrants: Lynn Schumacher & Victor Flett, Sr.*

**Communion Hymn: 121 – O Little Town of Bethlehem**

**Interlude:** on "Silent Night: - Charles Callahan & Calvin Hampton

Prayer after Communion:

*Celebrant*

Glory to God...

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All: **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.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,  
who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,  
took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends,  
and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper,  
he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks,  
and said, "Drink this, all of you:  
this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,  
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,  
and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations.  
We who have been redeemed by him,  
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,  
now bring you these gifts.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church,  
that we who eat and drink at this holy table  
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth  
and make it your new creation.  
Gather your Church together  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,  
where peace and justice are revealed,  
that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation,

**righteousness, through him who is the light of the world, Jesus Christ  
our Lord.**

Second Reading: Titus 3:4–7; *Jean Smith* p. 969 Bible

**Gradual Hymn: 126 – Away in a Manger**

*(v. 1-2 before Gospel, v. 3 after)*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1–20; p. 832 Bible

Christmas Message *Rev. Doug Friesen*

The Apostles' Creed p. 189

Prayers of the People *Lynn Schumacher*

Confession & Absolution - *led by celebrant*

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in  
mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess  
our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

**All: We confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us,**

**that we may delight in your will,**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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

The Peace

**Offertory Hymn: 154 – Joy To the World**

Prayer over the Gifts:

*Doxology as the Gifts of wine, bread, money, and food are presented at the Altar.*

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Sacred Meal is Shared Eucharistic Prayer #4

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right to give you thanks and praise,  
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,  
you are worthy of glory and praise.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be:  
the vast expanse of interstellar space,

galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,  
and this fragile earth, our island home;  
by your will they were created and have their being.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race,  
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;  
you made us the stewards of creation.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: But we turn against you, and betray your trust;  
and we turn against one another.

Again and again you call us to return.

Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law.

In the fullness of time you sent your Son,

born of a woman, to be our Saviour.

He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities.

By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus,  
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation  
who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory,  
in their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**