

The Anglican Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul  
December 29th 2019  
First Sunday After Christmas  
“Nourishing Faith and Community”





Preludes: Fidelis - *Percy Whitlock*

Pastoral Symphony from "The Messiah" - *George Frideric Handel*

Hymn: **CP139 The First Nowell**

Territorial Acknowledgement

Welcome *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

*Leader:* Blessed are you, O Christ, Son of God,  
you were before time began  
and came into the world to save us.  
Blessed are you, Sun of righteousness;  
you shine with the Father's love  
and illumine the whole universe.  
Blessed are you, Son of Mary;  
born a child, you shared our humanity.

**All: Let heaven and earth shout their praise.**

*Leader:* Blessed are you, Son of David;  
born to rule,  
you received gifts from the wise men.  
Blessed are you, Son of Man;  
baptized by John,  
you saved us from ourselves.  
Blessed are you, heavenly King;  
teaching and preaching, healing and comforting,  
you proclaimed the kingdom.

**All: Let heaven and earth shout their praise.**

*Leader:* With all the voices of heaven  
we celebrate the coming of our Saviour.

**All: Let heaven and earth shout their praise.**

Leader: With all the creatures on earth  
we sing and dance at his birth.

**All: Praise and honour and glory to you, O Lord most high.**

### **Canticle 26 You are God**

You are God: we praise you;  
you are the Lord: we acclaim you;  
you are the eternal Father:  
all creation worships you.

**To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

You, Christ, are the King of Glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.

**When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.**

You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

**You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.**

Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,

**and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.**

**Hymn: CP 140 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**

*Leader:* Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us praise and worship God who has called us together. Let us celebrate God's majesty, and delight in the wonder of God's love. Together we shall confess our sins and receive assurance that we are forgiven. As the scriptures are read, we can allow God's word to speak to us, and ponder its meaning for our lives. In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness, we pray for others as well as for ourselves, and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.

If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth.

If we confess our sins, God is just and may be trusted to forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

*Leader:* Let us pray, remembering our need for God's forgiveness.

*Silence*

**All: Almighty and merciful God,  
we have sinned against you,  
in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with all our heart.**

**We have not loved others  
as our Saviour Christ loves us.**

**We are truly sorry.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

*Leader:* Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent,  
may forgive our sins, strengthen us by the Holy Spirit,  
and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.  
**Amen.**

Hymn: CP126 **Away in a Manger**

### **The Ministry of the Word**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9

*Leatrice Lam*

p. 605 Bible

Psalm 148;

*(Said Responsively by full verse)*

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights.

**Praise him, all you angels of his;  
praise him, all his host.**

Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars.

**Praise him, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord;  
for he commanded, and they were created.

**He made them stand fast for ever and ever;  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;  
**Fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**  
Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;  
**Wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and wingèd birds;**  
Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;  
**Young men and maidens,  
old and young together.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name only is exalted,  
his splendour is over earth and heaven.

**He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18;

*Sue Williams*

p. 971 Bible

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading : Matthew 2:13-23;

*John Ducker*

p. 784 Bible

*Leader:* The Song of Zechariah

Benedictus

1. Blessed are you O Lord our God, you have come to your people  
and set them free.
2. **You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of your servant David.**
3. Through your holy prophets you promised of old,

that you would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

4. **You promised to show mercy to our forbears, and to remember your holy covenant.**
5. This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
6. **free to worship you without fear, holy and righteous in your sight all the days of our life.**
7. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way
8. **to give God's people knowledge of salvation, through the forgiveness of their sins.**
9. In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
10. **to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**All: Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

Sermon

*Rev. Gail Rodger*

The Shemah:

**All: Hear, O Israel,  
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.  
This is the first and the great commandment.  
The second is like it:**

**Love your neighbour as yourself.  
There is no commandment greater than these.**

Prayers of the People

*Rev. Gail Rodger*

Collect of the day

*Leader:* Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

*Leader:* As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we pray

**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.**

Hymn: CP126 Away in a Manger

Prayer over the Gifts:

God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory.  
May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

*Leader:* Let us conclude with:

**All: In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and**



**to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Hymn: **CP 145 Good King Wencelas**

Commissioning:

*Leader:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Prelude from "Te Deum" - *Marc-Antoine Charpentier*

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

**Next Week's Readings:**

**Sunday Jan 5th**

Isaiah 60:1-6;  
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;  
Ephesians 3:1-12;  
Matthew 2:1-12;

**Pastoral Care**

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## **Weekly Cycles of Prayer**

In our Anglican Communion, Pray for The Episcopal Church in Georgia, The Rt Revd Scott Benhase, Linda Nicholls, our Primate, Mark MacDonald, the National Indigenous Archbishop, Melissa Skelton our Metropolitan, The Diocese of New Westminster - Archbishop Melissa Skelton.

In our Diocese, we pray for Logan, our Bishop, Parish of Pender & Saturna Islands - Ellen Willingham.

In our Region, we pray for St Mary of the Incarnation Metchosin, Rev Aneeta Saroop, in our parish we pray for Mavis Pillar; Fred and Kathy Samuel; Peter Saunders; Lynn Schumacher; Annabelle Schuring.

In our community we pray for Our Place Society and the Mustard Seed.

**Welcome to all those visiting us at St. Peter and St. Paul.**

**You are always welcome to join us every Sunday morning at 8:30 am for Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion and at 10:30 am for Eucharist using the Book of Alternative Services.**

**Every third Sunday of the month we offer a service using the Eucharistic Liturgy for the Islands and Inlets.**

**Everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments and conversation after the services.**

We worship on the traditional lands of the Esquimalt, Songhees and other Nations of the Salish and Coast Salish Peoples. We, who came from many lands to join the line of Anglicans worshipping here, commit our Church to continue the journey of truth and reconciliation with our First Nations' neighbours.



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