

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

29 NOVEMBER 2015



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I
10:15 AM

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THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, P. 323

THE WORD OF GOD

The Voluntary: Prelude on "Sleepers, wake" G. A. Homilius

Hymn at the Procession *The Hymnal 1982, #61*
"Sleepers wake!" A voice astounds us *Wachet auf*

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

People His mercy endureth for ever.

The Collect for Purity *The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323*

The Song of Praise *The Hymnal 1982, S 91*

Lord, have mercy upon us Healey Willan

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9 (*Sung by the choir*)

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;*
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;*
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord,*
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,*
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,*
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;*
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;*
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right*
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness*
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Second Lesson:

I Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

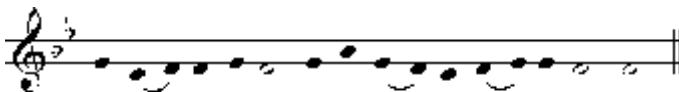
People Thanks be to God.

Anthem: E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sin, who loved us all, and shed his blood
That we might saved be.
Sing holy, holy to our Lord
The Lord almighty God Who was and is, and is to come.
Rejoice in heaven,
all ye that dwell therein
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below
For Christ is coming soon.
E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come
And night shall be no more
They need no light, no lamp, nor sun
For Christ will be their all!

— Adapted from the Book of Revelation

Alleluia Verse At the conclusion of the anthem, all stand. The cantor sings the Alleluia Verse, then it is sung by all; and again after the Verse.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.
Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

The Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon	The Right Reverend Johncy Itty
The Nicene Creed	p. 326
The Prayers of the People	p. 328
The Confession of Sin and Absolution	p. 330
The Peace	

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn at the Offering	<i>The Hymnal 1982, #58</i>
Lol he comes, with clouds descending	<i>St. Thomas</i>
The Great Thanksgiving	p. 340

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Sanctus (<i>Holy, holy, holy</i>)	<i>The Hymnal 1982, S 114</i>
<i>Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena</i>	Healey Willan
The Breaking of the Bread	p. 337
Fraction Anthem	<i>The Hymnal 1982, S 158</i>
<i>Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena</i>	Healey Willan
Prayer of Humble Access	p. 337

Hymn at the Communion	<i>The Hymnal 1982, #454</i>
Jesus came, adored by angels	<i>Lowry</i>
The Post Communion Prayer	<i>p. 339</i>
The Prayer of St. Richard	
Lord Jesus Christ, Most Merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,	
help us this day and everyday to see Thee more clearly,	
to follow Thee more nearly, to love Thee more dearly,	
for Thy Name's sake. Amen.	
The Postcommunion Hymn	<i>The Hymnal 1982, #66</i>
Come, thou long-expected Jesus	<i>Stuttgart</i>
The Blessing & Dismissal	
The Voluntary: Toccata in E Minor	Johann Pachelbel

— PARISH NOTICES —

THE NEXT ALTAR GUILD MEETING is today at 9am in the Lounge.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 IS FALL-CLEANING DAY AT ST. PETER'S! **Beginning at 10am and continuing until work is done, we'll** get our buildings spruced up for the holidays! We need volunteers . . . so sign up for any amount of time that you can spare on that day. Pizza and Soda for all volunteers!

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, WE WILL HAVE ONLY ONE SERVICE AT 9:30 AM. During the service we will recognize all ALTAR GUILD AND ECW MEMBERS, and their officers and committee chairs will be installed. We will also be graced with the presence of June Gerbracht, Diocesan ECW President. Please plan to attend this service honoring the loyal service and devotion to God and St. Peter's parish of ECW and Altar Guild members, past, present, and future!

THE BOY SCOUTS TROOP 43 WILL THANK AND HONOR RETIRING TROOP LEADER PHIL JACOBS ON BOY SCOUT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

THE FOOD PANTRY is especially in need of Canned Chili, Ravioli, Beef Stew, Corned Beef and SPAM.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY 11/29/15

We pray for those seeking healing: Alice, Ann, Ann, Beryl, Bradley, Bruce, Bryan, Chris, Daniel, David, Debbie, Deron, Donald, Ellen, Ellie, Ezra, Gary, Hugh, Irene, Jack, James, Joy, Kelly, LaJune, Leo, Linda, Lisa, Lon, Louie, Manuel, Mike, Nancy, Natalie, Nicole, Patrick, Paul, Roger, Ryan, Samantha, Sandra, Sarah Grace, Theo, Tom, Tom, and the Reverend Robert J. McCloskey, Jr.;

We pray for those in military service, and especially for Eileen, John, Kyle, Robert, and Stephen;

We pray for those with special needs: the unemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who have AIDS and those who care for them;

We pray for lasting peace in the world, for refugees and the victims of the violence of war, and for those separated from their loved ones;

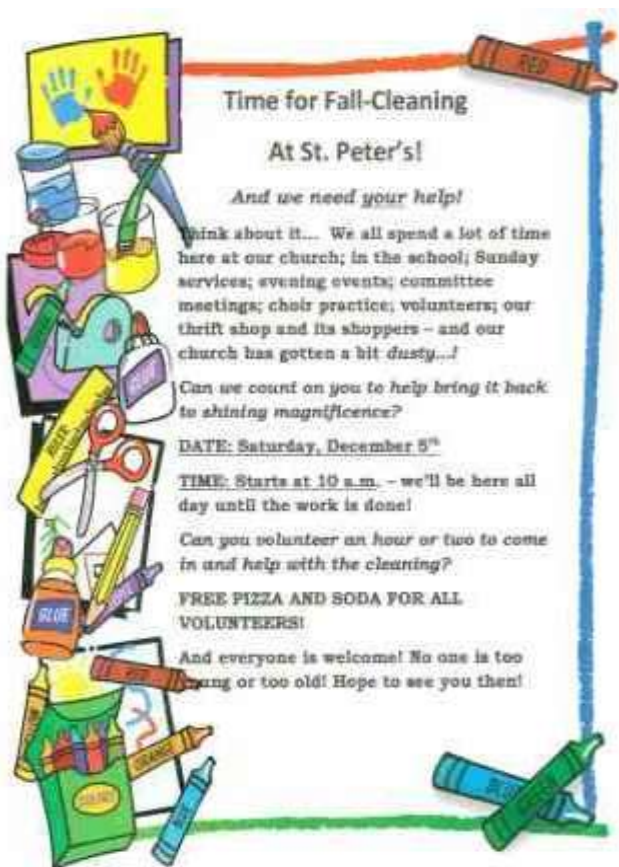
We pray for our companion dioceses of Torit & Ecuador-Central.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Luke's, Sea Cliff;; the Brotherhood of St. Andrew; Ministries in our Diocese to those with HIV/AIDS; St. Michael and All Angels, Seaford; Convention Committee on Dispatch; Holy Trinity, Valley Stream; St. Jude's, Wantagh;

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Dioceses of West Malaysia (South East Asia); West Missouri (USA); West Texas (USA); West Virginia (USA); Western Izon (Bendel, Nigeria); Northern Izon (Niger Delta, Nigeria); Western Kansas (USA).

COMING EVENTS AT ST. PETER'S

- Sunday, 11/29—Altar Guild Meeting (9 am)
- Saturday, 12/5—Parish Clean-up Day
- Sunday, 12/6—ONE SERVICE 9:30 am Altar Guild and ECW Officers' Installation.
- Sunday, 12/13—Lessons and Carols (4 pm)
- Thursday, 12/17—ECW Meeting (11:30 am)
- Sunday, 12/20—eVoco Women's Chorus Concert (4 pm)
- Thursday, 12/24— CHRISTMAS EVE
Family Eucharist and Pageant—4:00 pm
Solemn Choral Eucharist—11:00 pm
- Friday, 12/25—CHRISTMAS DAY EUCHARIST—10 am
- Wednesday, 1/6—Feast of the Epiphany, Holy Eucharist (10 am)
- Sunday, 1/17—Patronal Festival and Annual Meeting



Time for Fall-Cleaning
At St. Peter's!

And we need your help!

Think about it... We all spend a lot of time here at our church; in the school; Sunday services; evening events; committee meetings; choir practice; volunteers; our thrift shop and its shoppers - and our church has gotten a bit *dusty*...!

Can we count on you to help bring it back to *shining magnificence*?

DATE: Saturday, December 5th

TIME: Starts at 10 a.m. - we'll be here all day until the work is done!

Can you volunteer an hour or two to come in and help with the cleaning?

FREE PIZZA AND SODA FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS!

And everyone is welcome! No one is too young or too old! Hope to see you then!



Lessons and Carols
by candlelight

The Parish Choir

Holly Rusch - Franctwick, flute
Mark Engelhardt, director

Sunday, 13 December 2015
4 o'clock in the afternoon

Choral music of Manz, Archer, Gibbons,
Tallis, de Victoria, Martin, and Willcocks

Traditional hymns and carols for choir and congregation

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NOVEMBER 29, 2015— FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

ADVENT RESOURCES

Today the Episcopal Church celebrates the first Sunday of the season of Advent, which will continue for four Sundays, until Christmas Day. The word “advent” is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, which means “coming,” and during this season, the church enters a time of preparation and expectation for the coming of Christ “in power and glory” (Mark 13:26).

This year’s Advent campaign for The Episcopal Church website and social media will be based on daily themes highlighting cultural practices and traditions of the season. Each day, beginning 1 Advent (Nov. 29) through Christmas Day (Dec. 25), history and information, family-centered projects, music, recipes, prayers, and other resources that focus on the day’s particular theme will be offered on episcopalchurch.org and throughout our social media outlets. Take part here: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/adventreflections>



Photo: Lawrence Lew

Additional Advent Resources:

Society of St. John the Evangelist #AdventWord2015:
<http://ssje.org/adventword>

Episcopal Relief & Development Advent Toolkit:
<http://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-groups/advent-toolkit>

d365.org Following the Star:
<http://d365.org/>



— **St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church** —

A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island

The Most Reverend Katherine Jefferts Schori, DD *Presiding Bishop*
The Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano, DD *Diocesan Bishop*
The Right Reverend Johncy Itty, DD *Bishop-in-Residence*
Mark Engelhardt *Organist and Choirmaster*
Sara Merrigan *Preschool Director*

The Wardens and Vestry of the Parish

Salvatore Basile, Senior Warden
Brian Clark, Junior Warden
Kathleen Malloy, Clerk of the Vestry
Roger Burmeister
Debbie Crawford
Chris Elton
Joseph Goncalves
George Justice
Edward Perry
Julia Fienga Schneider
Carl M. Siciliano



Praising God, Serving Neighbor

*We seek to worship the Lord as one loving family
by serving our parish and community
through prayer, music, education, and outreach*