

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
29 NOVEMBER 2015



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I  
8:00 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

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: Lord, have mercy upon us. *p. 324*

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.

Psalms 25:1-9 (Said by all)

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.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,\*  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,\*  
world without end. Amen.

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.

*The congregation stands for the reading of the Gospel.*

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	<i>p. 326</i>
The Prayers of the People	<i>p. 328</i>
The Confession of Sin and Absolution	<i>p. 330</i>
The Peace	

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn at the Offering	<i>The Hymnal 1982, #66</i>
Come, thou long-expected Jesus	<i>Stuttgart</i>
The Great Thanksgiving	<i>p. 340</i>
Sanctus	<i>p. 341</i>

The Breaking of the Bread	<i>p. 337</i>
Agnus Dei & Prayer of Humble Access	<i>p. 337</i>
The Post Communion Prayer	<i>p. 339</i>
The Prayer of St. Richard	
<p style="padding-left: 40px;">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.</p>	
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;

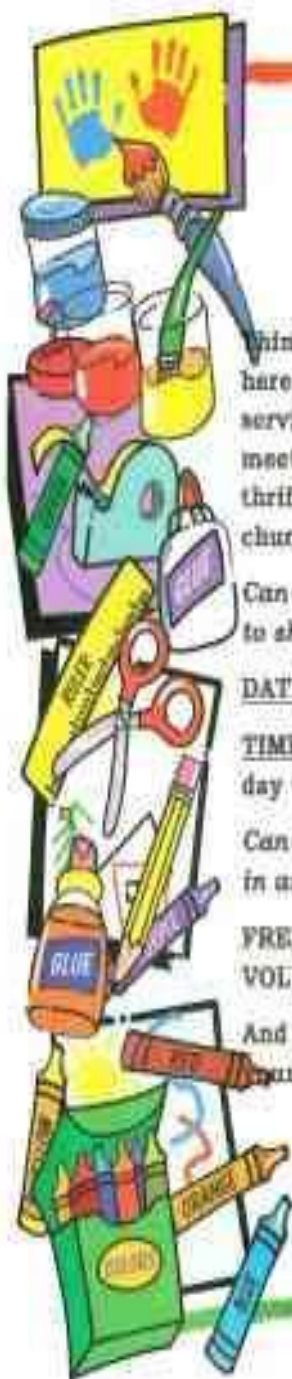
In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Dioceses of West Malaysia (South East Asia); West Missouri (USA); West Texas (USA); West Virginia (USA); Western Izon (Bendel, Nigeria); Northern Izon (Niger Delta, Nigeria); Western Kansas (USA).

**‘TIS THE SEASON, and we have many upcoming events in** the next few months. Please mark the events listed in the Calendar below on your calendars now, and plan to join us as we celebrate the season!

### **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
- Monday, 1/18—Martin Luther King Day (Office Closed)
- Thursday, 1/21—ECW Meeting (11:30 am)
- Saturday, 1/24—Eagle Scout Ceremony (2 pm)
- Tuesday, 2/2—Feast of the Presentation, Holy Eucharist (10 am)





## 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 5<sup>th</sup>

**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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## 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](http://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 Michael B. Curry	<i>Presiding Bishop</i>
The Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano, DD	<i>Diocesan Bishop</i>
The Right Reverend Geralyn Wolf	<i>Assisting Bishop</i>
The Right Reverend Johncy Itty, DD	<i>Bishop-in-Residence</i>
Mark Engelhardt	<i>Associate for Administration, Liturgy, and Music</i>
Sara Merrigan	<i>Preschool Director</i>
Linda Ruggieri	<i>Financial Administrator</i>

*The Wardens and Vestry of the Parish*

Salvatore Basile, Senior Warden  
Brian Clark, Junior Warden  
Kathleen Malloy, Clerk of the Vestry  
Roger Burmeister  
William Crawford  
Debbie Crawford  
Joseph Goncalves  
George Justice  
Chris LeBron  
Clyde Payne  
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*