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*Celebrations of
The Holy Eucharist*

*Christmas Eve
and
Christmas Day*

2009

CHRISTMAS EVE

Welcome to Saint Peter's Church! We bid your prayers at this season for our parish family and for our ministries. We pray for the mission and unity of the Church. We pray especially for the needs of this world: for goodwill, justice, and peace among all people. We remember those who are poor and those who are homeless, those who are cold and hungry, those who are unemployed, those who are sick, those who mourn, those who are lonely or unloved, and those who live and serve within harm's reach. We remember before God all those who rejoice with us, those who serve in the nearer presence of God, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in Christ we are one forever.

Continuing a tradition of Saint Peter's Episcopal Church, **the Special Christmas Offering** has been designated by the Faith in Action Commission and the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry to support the mission and ministry of The Haven of Grace, a residential and aftercare program that provides a safe, nurturing and educational environment for homeless, pregnant women. By focusing time and resources on mothers and newborn children, The Haven helps individuals become established families in the community. Key to this endeavor is a belief in the power of hope and in the dignity of every person.

Please use the Christmas Offering envelopes if you wish to support this ministry in our community.

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We who have seen the star and heard the angels sing are called to participate in the new birth and new world proclaimed by these stories. The birth stories are not a pipe dream, but a proclamation that what we see revealed in Jesus is the way—the way to a different kind of life and a different future...God will not change the world without our participation....

(Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan, *The First Christmas.*)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I Six o'clock in the evening

Organ Improvisations on the Hymns for this Service

(* An asterisk indicates when the congregation is invited to stand.)

THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn

Adeste fideles

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, Born the King of Angels;

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest; *Refrain.*

See how the shepherds, Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
We too will thither Bend our joyful foot-steps; *Refrain.*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing; *Refrain.*

*The Opening Sentences and Collect for Purity

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*The Summary of the Law

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*Hymn

Gloria

Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

*The Collect of the Day

The First Reading: The Book of the prophet First Isaiah 9: 2-4, 6-7

Psalm 96: 1-4, 11-13

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy
before the Lord, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Hymn

St. Louis

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

*The Gospel according to Luke 2: 1-20

Before the Gospel – Priest:

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel – Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

*Hymn

Carol

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;
Beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong;
And warring human kind hears not the tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing!

The Homily – The Rector

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The Prayers of the People p. 328
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*Exchanging the Peace
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Carol “Torches” John Joubert 1927 -
*The Presentation (*All stand and sing.*) Antioch
Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King:
let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing.

*The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II p. 340
*The Proper Preface of the Incarnation p. 345
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The Lord’s Prayer p. 336
The Breaking of the Bread
The Communion of the People
(*All are invited to receive the Sacrament.*)

Choir Carols

“Ding Dong! Merrily On High” Charles Wood 1866-1926
“Away In A Manger” W. J. Kirkpatrick 1838-1921

A Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Benediction

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*Hymn

Mendelssohn

Hark, the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies,
With angelic hosts proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King.

Christ, by highest heav’n adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord:
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the Virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail the incarnate Deity.

Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King.
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth,
Ris’n with healing in his wings,
Light and life to all he brings,
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Hail the heav’n born Prince of Peace.

Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King.

*The Dismissal

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CHRISTMAS EVE

CAROL SERVICE

Half past ten o'clock in the evening

*The congregation is requested to stand and join in the singing of all hymns.
Please remain seated during the singing of the choir carols.*

- *The Choir Procession Plainsong
"Hodie Christus natus est"
- *Hymn 105 God Rest You Merry
Carol arr. David Willcocks 1919 -
"Resonemus Laudibus"
- *Hymn 79 St. Louis
Carol Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958
"No Sad Thought His Soul Affright"
- *Hymn 115 Greensleeves
Carol Sasha Johnson Manning
"Make We Joy" (*Written for the Saint Peter's Choir*)
- *Hymn 110 Venite Adoremus
Carol Harold Darke 1888-1976
"In The Bleak Midwinter"
Sarah South – Soprano Tony Huenneke – Tenor

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

Eleven o'clock in the evening

*Hymn 83

Adeste Fideles

THE WORD OF GOD

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*The Summary of the Law p. 324

*Gloria in excelsis p. 324
Setting: *Missa Dies sanctificatus* – G. P. da Palestrina 1525-1594

*The Collect of the Day p. 161

The First Reading: The Book of the prophet First Isaiah 9: 2-4, 6-7

Psalms 96: 1-4, 11-13

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it!

Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy
before the Lord, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Second Reading: The Letter to Titus 2: 11-14

*The Gradual: Hymn 96 Gloria

*The Gospel according to Luke 2: 1-20

Before the Gospel – Priest:

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

*People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

After the Gospel – Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

*People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

*Hymn 89 Carol

The Sermon – The Rector

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem	R. L. Pearsall 1795-1856
“In Dulci Jubilo”	

In dulci jubilo Let us our homage shew; Our heart's joy reclineth *In praeseptio*
 And like a bright star shineth, *Matris in gremio. Alpha es et O.*
O Jesu parvule! I yearn for thee always! Hear me, I beseech thee, *O Puer optime!*
 My prayer let it reach thee, *O Princeps gloriae! Trahe me post te!*
O Patris caritas, O Nati lenitas! Deeply were we stained *Per nostra crimina;*
 But thou hast for us gained *Coelorum gaudia.* O that we were there!
Ubi sunt gaudia, where, If that they be not there? There are angels singing *Nova cantica,*
 There the bells are ringing *In Regis curia:* O that we were there!

*The Presentation: Hymn 100 (<i>stanzas 1 and 4</i>)	Antioch
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*The Proper Preface of the Incarnation	p. 345
*Sanctus and Benedictus (Hymnal S-114)	Healey Willan, p. 341
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Agnus Dei (Hymnal S-158)	Healey Willan, p. 337
The Communion of the People	
(<i>All are invited to receive the Sacrament.</i>)	

Choir Carols

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”	arr. David Willcocks 1919 -
“Ding Dong! Merrily On High”	Charles Wood 1866-1926
“Away In A Manger”	W. J. Kirkpatrick 1838-1921

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Carol (<i>sung while kneeling</i>)	Holy Night
Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.	

The Benediction	p. 339
*Hymn 87	Mendelssohn

*The Dismissal	
Postlude	J.S. Bach 1685-1750
“In Dulci Jubilo”	

CHRISTMAS DAY

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I Ten o'clock in the morning

*Hymn 83 (*omit stanzas 4 and 5*)

Adeste Fideles

THE WORD OF GOD

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 Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
 tell of his salvation from day to day.
 Declare his glory among the nations,
 his marvelous works among all the peoples!
 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
 he is to be feared above all gods.
 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
 let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
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 Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy
 before the Lord, for he comes,
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 He will judge the world with righteousness,
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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Hymn 96 (*stanzas 1 and 2*)

Gloria

*The Gospel according to Luke 2: 1-20

Before the Gospel – Priest:
 The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.
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 The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

*Hymn 96 (<i>stanzas 3 and 4</i>)	Gloria
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

At the Offertory	Henri Mulet 1878-1967
“Noel”	
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FLOWERS AND GREENS

are given to the Glory of God, by:

- Francie Jones, in loving memory of William B. Jones, Jr.
- Deborah Zacher, in memory of the Reverend Allan Zacher, Ph.D.
- Lotsie and Rick Holton and Signa and Bob Hermann,
in loving memory of Lilly Busch Hermann,
Christy Busch Hermann, and Jean Evelyn Hermann.
- Douglas Adderton, Jerre Edwards, Jane and Ed Mellers and Family,
and Russ and Joan Edwards and Family,
in memory of Susan Frances Adderton and Lloyd Edwards.
- Bill and Frances Gay, in memory of Merle and Louise Adkins
and Bill and Marion Gay.
- Matt, Rachel, Henri and Harper Sokolich, with love—
in memory of Helen “Nanny” Bascomb, Marco “Papa” Sokolich
and Marc “Dad” Sokolich.
- Kelly Carlson, in memory of Ron and Pete Carlson,
Drew Kerkering, and Karl and Elsie Entsminger.
- Connie Lohr, in thanksgiving for
Stacey and Bob, Wilson, Campbell, Harper and Walker Graves;
Sabrina Lohr; and Anita and Roy Beal;
and in loving memory of Jason K. Lohr.
- Katie and Charlie Claggett, in thanksgiving for their daughters.
- Ginny Crawford, in memory of her husband, Jim.
- Bettie Johnson, in thanksgiving for her family.
- Jim and Alicia Moses, in thanksgiving for their twenty-fifth anniversary.
- The Reck Family, in loving memory of William F. Reck, Jr.
- The Lindsay and Schellenberg Families, in memory of Nancy S. Lindsay.
- Mike and Nancy Grimes, in thanksgiving for
their families being together at Christmas.

The Carnal Family, in memory of Jean-Jacques Carnal
and his grandson, Will Carnal.

Ganka and Boss, in thanksgiving for Hall, Madison, Ellie, Cooper,
Scottie, Grace, Layne and Tatum.

Wendy Olk, in thanksgiving for her children—
Hillary and Scott Dutcher, Nate Olk and Molly Olk;
and for her friends—especially Annie, Christy, Karen and Susan.

David and Kathleen Stevens, in thanksgiving for their fiftieth wedding
anniversary, and for their three children and seven grandchildren.

Mrs. David J. Newbern, in thanksgiving for Marilyn and George Koob,
Lisa and Jon Clyne, and Lauren and Brady Tomlinson.

Lisa Reynolds, in thanksgiving for the Playgroup children, families and staff.

Laura and Charlie Barnes, in memory of their fathers
—Donald Danforth, Jr. and William Barnes, III;
and in thanksgiving for their children—Billy, Charlie and Kate.

Sarah and Geoff Partlow, in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.

Mary and Frank Rassieur, in thanksgiving for their children
—The McDonalds, Martins, Medarys, T. Rassieurs and B. Rassieurs;
and for their grandchildren—Matt, Rebecca, Koehler, Toby, Charles, John,
Katie, Ben, Will, Tee, Nick, Karen and Emily.

Louise Wilson, in thanksgiving for her children,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ray and June Sellenriek.

Dan and Susan Schettler, in memory of Alwin, Meta and William Schettler and
Ron Mende; and in thanksgiving for their children—Brian, Maranda and John.

The Ferrie Family, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Clemens Maise
and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ferrie.

Jim and Mary Schreiber, in thanksgiving for their grandchildren
—Tommy, Kaitlyn and Jimmy.

S. William Aitken, in memory of parents and grandparents
and Patricia Ann Aitken.

Susie and Wes Horner, Andrew and Ben Heitner, and Mead, Jim, William,
Ellie and Josie Ploszay, in memory of Sandy Heitner.

Annie Schlafly, in memory of George and Ellen Conant.

Jim and Betty Freeman, in memory of Charles and Helen Schack
and J. Arthur and Frances Freeman;
and in thanksgiving for the clergy of Saint Peter's Church.

Patricia Hecker, in thanksgiving for her family.

Beth Woods Bradbury, in memory of
Marjorie Hawkins Woods and John Riner Woods;
and in thanksgiving for her children—Beth, Meg, Slade and Trask,
and grandchildren—Dean, Jeremy, Sophie, Hannah, Parshall and Charlotte.

Robert and Linda Jones, in honor of Clara Pevril's ninetieth birthday;
and in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.

Julie B. Cowhey, in memory of Julia Hudson Freund and S. E. Freund;
and in thanksgiving for Henry Buhl Cowhey.

Ed, Karen, Amy, Emily, Kristie and Meredith,
in loving memory of Doug Horner and Dottie Hempstead.

Audrey, Karen, Debbie, Emily and Meredith,
in loving memory of Bill Smith, Barbara Smith, Dick Deglman,
Doug Horner, Jim Wilson, and Alma and Bill Frank.

Robert and Louise Harre, in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.

Kathy and Jim Snowden, in loving memory of
Marie K. and James M. Snowden, and George Y. Wheeler.

Sarah Bryan Miller and Eleanor M. Rix,
in memory of Eleanor Cosens Simons Miller.

Constance Peterson Schnuck, in memory of John and Carolyn Peterson.

Emmy and Jim Purdy, in thanksgiving for their family.

Mrs. John K. Lilly and The Roland Hoerr Family,
in memory of William G. Moore, Jr.

Katy Mullins, Megan, Tim, Zach, Keke, Lily and Timmy,
in memory of Norma Zachritz.

“Work of Christmas”
When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,
 To feed the hungry,
 To release the prisoner,
 To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers and sisters,
 To make music in the heart...

(Howard Thurman, *The Mood of Christmas*.)

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Peter’s Episcopal Church is a Christian community dedicated to knowing and serving God by: providing a haven for worship, education, spiritual nourishment, and fellowship; sharing our time, talents and resources with the broader community; and building trust and understanding among all people.

The Rector, Wardens and Vestry, April 24, 2000

OUR STEWARDSHIP STATEMENT

We believe God is the source of all that we are and all that we have. These gifts are expressions of God’s presence in the world. Therefore, we commit to being good stewards by:

- Living our faith and trusting God in support of our mission;
- Sharing our resources freely, abilities joyfully, and our time willingly;
- Holding God’s standard of generosity as our standard of giving;
- Providing responsibly for our present mission and for future generations.

The Rector, Wardens and Vestry, May 15, 2006