

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

II DECEMBER 2016

THEN THE EYES OF THE
BLIND SHALL BE
OPENED, AND THE EARS
OF THE DEAF SHALL BE
UNSTOPPED.

- ISAIAH 35:5

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

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WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S BY-THE-SEA EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We extend a warm welcome to everyone, and especially any visitors who may be worshipping with us today. If you do not already have a church home, please feel welcome to join this Parish family.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcomed to the table to receive Holy Communion.

Our Services begin with the Opening Voluntary. You are invited to enter quietly into the spirit of worship as the music is played.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES.

PARISH NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF 11 DECEMBER 2016

ADVENT: A SEASON OF WATCHING, WAITING, AND PREPARING FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD. The Latin word *adventus* means coming, but it can also be used for *arrival, approach, and appearance*, all appropriate for the season. In early Advent we focus on “arrival” - the second coming of Christ. Two Sundays are given to waiting for Christ with John the Baptist, and finally, on the Fourth Sunday, we focus on Christ’s first coming as Jesus, the child of Mary. Today, the Third Sunday, is sometimes called “Rejoice” Sunday, from the word Latin word “Gaudete” which is the first word of the Introit on that day. In other traditions, it’s called “Stir ‘em up” Sunday, from the opening of the Collect for the Day. In any case, we take a “break” from the more penitential atmosphere of Advent, rose-colored vestments are worn, and flowers are used at the altar. At St. Peter’s, this day is often also the day of “Greening of the Church.” While historically, “Greening” meant decorating the church for Advent, replacing flowers with greens. In many places now, this is a time of preparation for Christmas . . . yet another reminder that Christ is coming . . . in the joyous Festival of Christmas, yes, but in the larger sense, in His Second Coming for which we wait, watch, and prepare.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 10:15 SERVICE THIS MORNING, the Altar Guild will direct the Greening of the Church. Any who would like to participate in this act of preparation are invited to remain after the service and lend a helping hand!

THIS AFTERNOON AT 4:00 PM YOUR PARISH CHOIR with Members of the Island Symphony will present Part I of George

Frederic Handel’s masterpiece “Messiah”, concluding of course with the “Hallelujah Chorus.” A Festive Reception will follow in the Lounge. Suggested Donation is \$20/\$15 for students & seniors. FAMILIES OF THREE OR MORE pay only \$30 TOTAL, so bring the kids!

— PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK —

We pray for those seeking healing: Allan, Ann, Ann, Autumn, Beryl, Betty, Bill, Bruce, Cathy, Chris, Connie, Craig, Daisy, David, Elizabeth, Ellen, Emily, Gary, Gavin, Glenda, Jack, Jackie, Jean, LaJune, Lee, Lisa, Manuel, Meg, Michaela, Nancy, Peggy, Richard, Roger, Rosemarie, Sarah Grace, Susan, Susan W.;

We pray for those who have died,

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

We pray for the unemployed and underemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who suffer chronic illness, and for all caregivers;

We pray for our companion dioceses of Torit & Ecuador-Central; and for mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, especially those whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters, terrorism, war, famine, tyranny, or injustice;

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church, Babylon; St. Peter’s, Bay Shore; Christ Church, Bellport; Christ Church, Brentwood; St. Ann’s, Bridgehampton; St. James’, Brookhaven; St. John the Baptist, Center Moriches;

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Dioceses of Kericho (Kenya); Khartoum (Northern Sudan); Kibondo (Tanzania); Kibungo, Kigali, and Kigeme (Rawanda); Kigezi (Uganda).

Total Weekly Parish Expenses:	5,707.00
Income weekend of 12/4/16	7,302.00
Amount Over for week	+1,595.00

G. F. Handel's

Messiah
Part 1

The Parish Choir and Soloists
Members of the Island Symphony
Mark Engelhardt, *Director*

Sunday, December 11

4:00 P.M.

\$20/\$15

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Advent & Christmas at St. Peter's 2016



Sunday, November 27

Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8 am

Choral Holy Eucharist: Rite I 10:15 am

Saturday, December 3

Holiday Fair: 9 am - 5 pm

Sunday, December 4

Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8 am

Altar Guild Meeting: 9 am

Choral Morning Prayer with Communion: Rite I 10:15 am

Sunday, December 11

Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8 am

Choral Holy Eucharist: Rite I 10:15 am

Greening of the Church: following the service

“Messiah” Part I (Choir and Orchestra): 4 pm

Thursday, December 15

ECW Christmas Luncheon: 11:30 am

Sunday, December 18

Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8 am

Lessons and Carols with Communion: Rite I 10:15 am

eVoco Women's Ensemble Concert: 4 pm

— **Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve** —

Family Service and Pageant: 4 pm

Congregational Carol Sing: 10:30 pm

Festival Holy Eucharist: Rite I: 11 pm

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Carols: 10 am

Sunday, January 1, 2017 - New Year's Day

Holy Eucharist, Rite II: 10 am

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, p. 323

THE WORD OF GOD

Voluntary—Organ Voluntary in E Minor John Stanley

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People His mercy endureth forever.

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.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel

on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146:4-9

Said by all

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
 whose hope is in the Lord their God;
5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
 who keeps his promise for ever;
6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
 and food to those who hunger.
7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
 the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; *
 he sustains the orphan and widow,
 but frustrates the way of the wicked.
9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
 your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!
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: James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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The congregation stands for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon	The Right Reverend Johncy Itty
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The Peace	

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Hymn at the Offering	<i>The Hymnal 1982, #76</i>
On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry	<i>Winchester</i>
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II	<i>p. 340</i>
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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 Blessing and Dismissal	
Closing Voluntary - Trumpet Voluntary in D	William Boyce

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The Voluntary: Organ Voluntary in E Minor John Stanley

Hymn at the Procession *The Hymnal 1982, #59*

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding *Merton*

The Opening Acclamation

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

The Song of Praise: Lord, have mercy *The Hymnal 1982, S 91*

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Anthem: (From “Messiah”)

George F. Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

—Isaiah 40:5

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.*



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he has anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor.*

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Hymn at the Offering	<i>The Hymnal 1982, #68</i>
Rejoice! Rejoice believers	<i>Llangloffan</i>
The Great Thanksgiving	p. 340

<p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p>♭</p> <p>The Lord be with you.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p> <p>♭</p> <p>And with thy spi - rit.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p>♭</p> <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p> <p>♭</p> <p>We lift them up un - to the Lord.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p>♭</p> <p>Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.</p>	
<p><i>People</i></p> <p>♭</p> <p>It is meet and right so to do.</p>	

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, #640</i>
Watchman, tell us of the night	<i>Aberystwyth</i>
The Postcommunion Hymn	<i>The Hymnal 1982, #76</i>
On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry	<i>Winchester New</i>
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The Prayer of St. Richard

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The Right Reverend GERALYN WOLF	<i>Assistant Bishop</i>
The Right Reverend Johncy Itty, DD	<i>Bishop-in-Residence</i>
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Debbie Crawford
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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*