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“You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church.” Matthew 16-18



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# Merry Christmas



# A Christmas Message

From Rev. Bill



**Dear Friends:**

Welcome to St. Peter's at Christmas. It is my first as your Parish Priest. I wish to acknowledge the great ministry of so many of our members during the past years and invite you to consider taking part in our Parish Family.

Our purpose is straight forward; **"Come to Worship, Leave to Serve."** It is my hope that everyone, at every age, who comes to our Parish will feel welcome, at home, and spiritually nourished. We cherish the children and youth in our midst.

Christmas is a time to celebrate the miracle of the Christ Child with family and friends. I pray for the peace that passes all understanding to fall on all of us at this time and we look forward to serving you in 2019.

In His Service,  
**Reverend Bill Strong+**  
**Priest in Charge**

**A special "Thank You"** is extended to all those who volunteer their time and energy to making the church work in this parish. You are Wardens, Vestry members, ACW leaders, Altar Guild members, readers, Eucharistic assistants, choir members, etc. etc. And to those who freely give of their money for the work of church in the parish, the country and the world, "Thank you!"

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**The Collect** Loving God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-Child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

(Gracie Morgan & family)



*Leader: Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus our Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God**

*Leader: Today is Christmas, the day on which we celebrate the gift to us of the birth of Jesus and recall the hope we have in Christ. Today we light again the Candles of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy.*

*Let us pray.*

**All: Lord Jesus, you come as a tiny, fragile baby; yet we know that you are God and you are with us. May the flame of this candle remind us that you are the light of the world and that if we follow you, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life.**

### Hope is a Star

Hope is a star that shines in the night,  
Leading us on till the morning is bright.

When God is a child, there's Hope in our song;  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong  
And none shall be afraid.

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth  
Giving a promise of safety and worth.

When God is a child, there's Hope in our song;  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong  
And none shall be afraid.

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,  
Telling the world that the Saviour is born.

When God is a child, there's Hope in our song;  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong  
And none shall be afraid.

Love is a flame that burns in our heart  
Jesus has come and will never depart.

When God is a child, there's Hope in our song;  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong  
And none shall be afraid.



## A “Godly Play” Telling of the Christmas Story

**Introduction of the Christmas Story** (*This is followed by the children bringing forward the barn animals as the congregation sings.*)

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.

**The story continues...** (*This is followed by the children bringing forward Mary and Joseph as the congregation sings.*)

Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.

**The story continues...** (*This is followed a child brings forward the Baby Jesus as the congregation sings.*)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

**The story continues...** (*This is followed by the children bringing forward the angels and the shepherds as the congregation sings.*)

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around.

**The story continues...** (*This is followed by the children bringing forward the camels and the three kings as the congregation sings.*)

We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

O Star of wonder, star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright

Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy perfect Light

**The story continues...** (*This is followed by the remaining children coming forward carrying stars as the congregation sings.*)

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

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Saviour is born,  
Christ the Saviour is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;  
Radiant beams from thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

*(The children return to join their families in the pews.)*

### **The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People - Litany #13**

**Youth Choir Anthem:** My Grown Up Christmas Light

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Leader:* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins confident in God's forgiveness:

*Silence*

**All: Most merciful God,  
forgive us our sins against you and against each other.  
Strengthen us to overcome our weaknesses,  
that we may live in love as you would have us live,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen..**

### **The Absolution**

#### **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

### **Offertory Hymn – O Come All Ye Faithful**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and for ever.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you

***People:* and also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:* It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*Question:* Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

***Answer:* Listen, and we will hear.**

*Celebrant:* God of all life, you created the universe,  
where all living things reflect your glory.

You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air,  
and every plant and tree; the life that sleeps in the winter earth,  
and awakens again in the spring.

You give us friends and families, busy streets for young and old,

You give us your love, even when things go wrong.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the  
highest.**

We thank you, loving God, because you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.  
Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

*Question:* Why do we share this bread and wine?

***Answer:* Listen, and we will hear.**

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.' After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Loving God, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.



*Question:* How do we follow Jesus Christ?

***Answer:* Listen, and we will hear.**

Help us, God, to love one another, as we look forward to that day  
when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.  
And now with St. Peter and all your saints  
we give you glory, through Jesus Christ,  
in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.  
*All: Amen.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant:* As our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us 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.**



## The Breaking of the Bread

*The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread, and says:*

*Celebrant:* We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**People:** God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

## The Communion

*(All are invited to share in the Communion. The hymns during Communion are found in the "Common Praise" hymnbook Numbers )*

**O Holy Night: Michelle Noftall**

## Prayers After Communion

**All:** Father of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray

*Celebrant:* Glory to God

**All:** whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Blessing

**Closing Hymn: Joy to The World**

## Dismissal

**Come to Worship**



**Leave to Serve**

**We pray for those who are sick or otherwise in need, especially:** Rodney Andrews, Janet Butler, Mary Dawe, Brian Gosse, Deneal Haines, Mackenzie Jones, Glenys O'Brien, Pat Reid, Lucy Thistle, Mary Bussey, Violet Batten, Les MacDonald, Fred Kelly, Elizabeth Crewe, Payton Best, Rod Ward, Judy Barker, Kathy Dawe, Myrtle Button, Annie Barrett, Robert Moulton, Sylvia Gillespie-Miller, Janet Andrews, Sandra MacLennan, Yvonne Lawlor and Pauline McCann.

**Today's Christmas Bulletins is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the lives of:**

**Graham Mifflen.** Wife Joan and Family

**Todd Hennessey.** Mom Judy, Lorrie, Scott & Mitchell.

**Michael Pardy.** Sisters Reneta, Angus and Kelly Pardy and families.

**Kevin (Dick) Aylward.** Donna, Heidi & Jamie and grandsons William and Thomas.

**Arthur Blagdon.** Wife Dora and family.

**Jim Dawe.** Wife Doris

**Michael C. Pardy.** Dad Ches & Mom Regina.

**The Reverend Frederick R. Rowsell+.** Wife Isabel and Family

**David William Andrews; Tom & Evelyn Andrews; David & Dorcas Coates; Brother David & Sister Joyce; Brother in laws, Leonard Mills and James Brazil.** Jean & Paul, Sheri Lynn & Stephen, Sheldon & Robyn, Nathan and Rylan.

**Damien Paul Haines ; George and Edna Haines.** Paul & Jean

**Debbie Noseworthy.** Husband Arch & Family

**Daughter Linda Coates and Grandson Nicholas Coates.** Kevin and Yvonne Lawlor

**Barry and Jeremy Scott.** Amelia Mooney



**Upcoming for January at St. Peter's**  
**Tentative Plans for Patronal Festival January 18-20**

**Friday January 18, 7:30 p.m. -** A Night of Foolishness, Music & Skits

**Saturday January 19, 10:00 am** A Morning at the Morgan Farm  
**7:00 pm** Patronal Supper

**Sunday January 20 9:00 am** Men's Service Club Breakfast

**10:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist & Celebration of the Confession of St. Peter along with the ***Induction of Reverend William Strong as Rector.***

**Worship Service Today, December 24, 2018**

**Christmas Eve**

**4:00pm, 7:00pm & 10:00pm**

ON DUTY	Today: December 24, 2017		
	4:00 PM	7:00 PM	10:00 PM
Sides-Persons:	Dennis M. Al Lemoine Goldie Halley Paul St. Croix Pam St. Croix	Dave Bishop Wayne Bishop Keith Pack Albert Spracklin	Albert Morgan Daphne Morgan Roxanne Baird Terri Lynn Baird
Eucharist Assistant	Pam St. Croix Rev. Bonnie Morgan Amy Anthony	Annie Scott Kelly Scott Keith Pack	Debbie Bradbury
Servers' Guild:	Jennifer Warford Daniel Button	Darcy Scott Austen Scott	
Altar Guild	<b>Barbara R, Edna W, Elsie B, Daphne H, Betty S. Irene M, Florence Marina Led, Paulette S, Karen J.</b>		
Readers	ST. PETER'S YOUTH	Mabel White Jerry White	Betty Howell Betty Scott

## St. Peter's, CBS



### O Holy Night

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14