

St. Peter's Anglican Church  
Loveland, CO

HOLY EUCHARIST  
*3rd Sunday in Advent*

WELCOME  
IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD  
JESUS CHRIST



December 14, 2025

## **Prelude**

### **Processional: O Come, O Come Emmanuel – H #7**

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who ord'rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in its ways to go.

*(Refrain)*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse's stem,  
From ev'ry foe deliver them;  
That trust thy mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

*(Refrain)*

O come, thou Day-spring from on high,  
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh'  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadow put to flight.

*(Refrain)*

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be thyself our king of Peace.

*(Refrain)*

*Celebrant:* Surely the Lord is coming soon.

***People:* Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

***All:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Deacon/Priest:* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

*- Matthew 22:37-40*

## **The Kyrie**

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

*Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.*

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

*Lord, have mercy, have mercy.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray:

## **Collect for the Day**

*Celebrant:* O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*(The people may sit.)*

## **The First Lesson: Isaiah 35**

1 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; 2 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. 3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. 4 Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 6 then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; 7 the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. 8 And a highway shall be there, and it shall be

called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. 9 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. 10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

### The Psalm 146

*Lauda, anima mea*

- 1 Praise the Lord, O my **soul**; \*  
while I live I / will praise **the** Lord.  
2 Indeed, as long as I have my **be**-ing, \*  
I will sing praises / un-to **my** God.  
3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of **man**,\*  
for there is / no help **in** them.  
4 For when one breathes his last, he shall return again  
to the **earth**; \*  
and in that day all / his thoughts **per**-ish.  
5 Blessed is the one who has the God of Jacob for his  
**help** \*  
and whose hope is in / the Lord **his** God,  
6 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is  
there-**in**; \*  
who keeps his pro-/mise for **e**-ver;  
7 Who does right to those who suffer **wrong**; \*  
and who / feeds the **hun**-gry.  
8 The Lord sets prisoners **free**; \*  
the Lord gives / sight to **the** blind.  
9 The Lord helps those who have **fall**-en; \*  
the Lord / loves the **righ**-teous.  
10 The Lord cares for the strangers in the land; he  
defends the fatherless and **wi**-dow; \*  
but the way of the ungodly / he makes **croo**-ked.  
11 The Lord shall be King for **e**-vermore, \*  
even your God, O Zion, throughout all genera-/tions.  
Praise **the** Lord.

**All:** *Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son**,  
And / to the **Ho**-ly Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is **now**,  
and shall be for-/ever **A**-men.*

### The Second Lesson: James 5:7-20

7 Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. 8 You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. 9 Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. 10 As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. 12 But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. 13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18 Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. 19 My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, 20 let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### ***Wait For The Lord***

Chorus:

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

*Cantors: Prepare the way for the Lord.*

*Make a straight path for God.*

*Prepare the way for the Lord.*

(Chorus)

*Cantors: Rejoice in the Lord always:*

*God is at hand.*

*Joy and gladness for all who seek the Lord.*

(Chorus)

*Deacon or Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

***All:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2-19**

2 Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples 3 and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" 4 And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: 5 the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. 6 And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." 7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. 9 What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is he of whom it is written, "'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.' 11 Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. 12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. 13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, 14 and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. 15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear. 16 "But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, 17 "'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang

a dirge, and you did not mourn.' 18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' 19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

*Deacon or Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

***All:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### ***Wait For The Lord***

Chorus:

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*Make a straight path for God.*

*Prepare the way for the Lord.*

(Chorus)

### ***The Sermon***

*Deacon or Priest:* Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

***All:* We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.***

*(Please kneel, stand, or sit as you are able.)*

### ***Prayers of the People***

*Deacon or Priest:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

*Intercessor:* For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace; Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord: that as there is but one Body and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

For our Archbishop, Steve Wood; for our Bishops, Jeff Bailey and Brian Wallace; for our Rector, Father Matt Rucker, and for our assisting clergy: Father Bill Easterling, and Deacon Larry Doyle. We pray also for our Seminarian, Joel, and for those in formation and discernment, Seth and Anthony.

*(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

*(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

*(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially our President, Donald, and our Governor, Jared. Give them a discerning heart and a wise mind to lead and serve as God desires.

*(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

*(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*(Additional petitions may be made during this moment of silence.)*

*Deacon or Priest:* Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

*Deacon or Priest:* Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

***All:* Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.***

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and  
I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-  
begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should  
not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full  
acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to  
save sinners. *I Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for  
our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins  
of the whole world. *I John 2:1-2*

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### **The Peace**

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

**All: And with your spirit.**

### **The Offering**

*“Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for  
us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God”.*

*Ephesians 5:2*

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### **Offertory: People Look East - H #12**

People, look east.  
The time is near  
Of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able;  
Trim the hearth and set the table.

*People, look east and sing today:  
Love the Guest is on the way.*

Furrows, be glad.  
Though earth is bare,  
One more seed is planted there.  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
That in course the flow’r may flourish.

*People, look east and sing today:  
Love the Rose is on the way.*

Birds, though you long have ceased to build,  
Guard the nest that must be filled.  
Even the hour when wings are frozen  
God for fledgling time has chosen.

*People, look east and sing today:  
Love the Bird is on the way.*

Stars, keep the watch.  
When night is dim,  
One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as sun and moon together.

*People, look east and sing today:  
Love the Star is on the way.*

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set ev’ry peak and valley humming  
With the word, the Lord is coming.

*People, look east and sing today:  
Love the Lord is on the way.*

### **The Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Celebrant:* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the  
power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty:  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is  
the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head  
above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

**People: And of your own have we given you.**

*1 Chronicles 29:11, 14*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*Celebrant:* It is right, our duty and our joy, always and  
everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

*(Proper Preface)* Because you sent your beloved Son  
to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs  
in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again

in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### ***The Sanctus***

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

*(The people may kneel, stand, or sit.)*

*Celebrant:* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
And the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*(Please kneel or stand as you are able.)*

### ***Prayer of Humble Access***

**All: We do not presume to come to this your table,  
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not  
worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under  
your table; but you are the same Lord whose  
character is always to have mercy. Grant us,  
therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your  
dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that  
our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious  
blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and  
he in us. Amen.**

### ***Agnus Dei***

*Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:  
Give us your peace, give us your peace.*

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and  
feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*(You may kneel, stand, or sit during Communion.)*

### ***Communion Hymns***

#### ***God in Mortal Flesh Revealed - H #384***

God in mortal flesh revealed,  
Explain the mystery.  
Show it still on man fulfilled;  
Be manifest in me.  
Thou who didst on earth appear,  
By faith conceived thyself impart;  
Pitch thy tabernacle here  
In my believing heart.

Thou who didst so greatly stoop,  
To a poor virgin's womb,  
Here thy mean abode take up;  
To me, my Savior, come.  
Come, and Satan's works destroy,  
And let me all thy Godhead prove,  
Filled with peace and heav'nly joy,  
And pure eternal love.

Then my soul, with strange delight,  
Shall comprehend and feel  
All the length, and breadth, and height  
Of love unspeakable;  
Then I shall the secret know  
Which angels would search out in vain:  
God was man and served below,  
That man with God might reign.

Father, Son, and Spirit, come,  
And with thine own abide;  
Holy Ghost, to make thee room,  
Our hearts we open wide,  
Thee and only thee request,  
To ev'ry asking sinner giv'n;  
Come, our life, and peace, and rest,  
Our all in earth and heav'n.

### ***Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (Hyferdol)***

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art:  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child, and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us for ever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

### ***In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (Taizé)***

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,  
In the Lord I will rejoice.  
Look to God, do not be afraid,  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;  
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.*

### ***Post Communion Prayer***

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

***All:* Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

### ***The Blessing***

*Celebrant:* The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***



***Recessional: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers - H #16***

Rejoice, rejoice, believers!  
And let your lights appear;  
The evening is advancing,  
And darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising,  
And soon he will draw nigh:  
Up, watch in expectation!  
At midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning;  
Replenish them with oil;  
Look now for your salvation,  
The end of sin and toil.  
The watchers on the mountain  
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;  
Go meet him, as he cometh,  
With alleluias clear.

O wise and holy virgins,  
Now raise your voices higher,  
Until in songs of triumph  
Ye meet the angel choir.  
The marriage feast is waiting,  
The gates wide open stand;  
Raise up, ye heirs of glory!  
The Bridegroom is at hand.

Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, thou Sun so longed for,  
O'er this benighted sphere!  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
We plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption,  
And ever be with thee.

***The Dismissal***

*Deacon or Priest:* Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love  
and serve the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Announcements for This Week – December 14, 2025**

### **Volunteers Needed for Livestream Team**

We're looking for a few individuals who would like to help with our church's sound & livestream. No prior experience is needed (but you do need a smartphone)—training will be provided! If you're interested in serving or want to learn more, please contact Adam DeLorme after service or at 970.290.7042

### **Christmas Gift Collection for Clergy & Staff**

We are collecting monetary gifts for our clergy and staff this Christmas season. You'll find a special envelope in your Sunday bulletin, and we wanted to make sure you knew what it was for!

If you feel led to contribute, please place your gift in the provided envelope or bring it to the church office. Thank you for helping us bless those who serve our parish so faithfully.

### **Greening of the Church**

Following the 9:30 Eucharist on December 21, we will decorate the church for the season of Christmas. All are welcome to help in this tradition of "greening" the church.

### **Christmas Service Schedule**

4pm: Sung Eucharist (Christmas Eve)

8pm: Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist (Christmas Eve)

9:30am: Christmas Day service

### **Zeteo Update**

Last week, Zeteo suffered significant damage from Typhoon Fung-wong. Praise the Lord, Kate, the kids, and staff are safe. The original mission property sustained serious damage, including the loss of a whole building, which blew away in the storm, a collapsed roof, missing security lights, and significant flooding. The new Mission house did not flood, but they did lose electricity. They bought a generator, which enables them to run the kids' medical equipment and keep phones charged, so communication remains possible. They are using propane to boil water for consumption and are starting the cleanup process. Please pray for Zeteo:

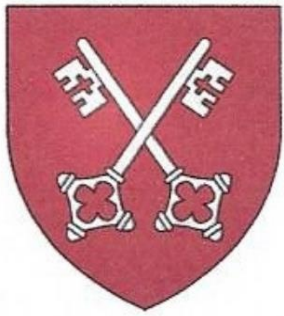
- Provision for the additional expenses of running the mission in emergency conditions (generator, gas, propane, medication...).
- The kids' health- Several of the children are running very high fevers of 101-105 degrees.
- Hannah- Hannah's PEG tube broke just as the storm was building. Kate was able to get her to the ER, where she was triaged. She now needs emergency surgery, which requires transportation to a larger hospital, a difficult task in the best of circumstances, and even more so with the current road conditions.

Thank you for your care and support of Zeteo. If you want to help, you can use the QR to donate directly to Zeteo or contact Debbie DeLorme(970-310-4009) if you need help facilitating a donation. Anything helps!

### **EVERY WEEK:**

**Wednesday Bible Study** – Bible Study at St. Peter's at 1:00 PM on Wednesdays

**Thursday Bible Study** – Bible Study over *ZOOM* at 7:00 AM on Thursdays



# St. Peter's Anglican Church

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## SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship: 8 AM Spoken Eucharist

Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM Sung Eucharist

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## CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev. Matt Rucker, Rector

The Rev. William Easterling, Assisting Priest

Emily Maeda, Music Minister

Beth Boddie, Administrative Assistant

## VESTRY

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