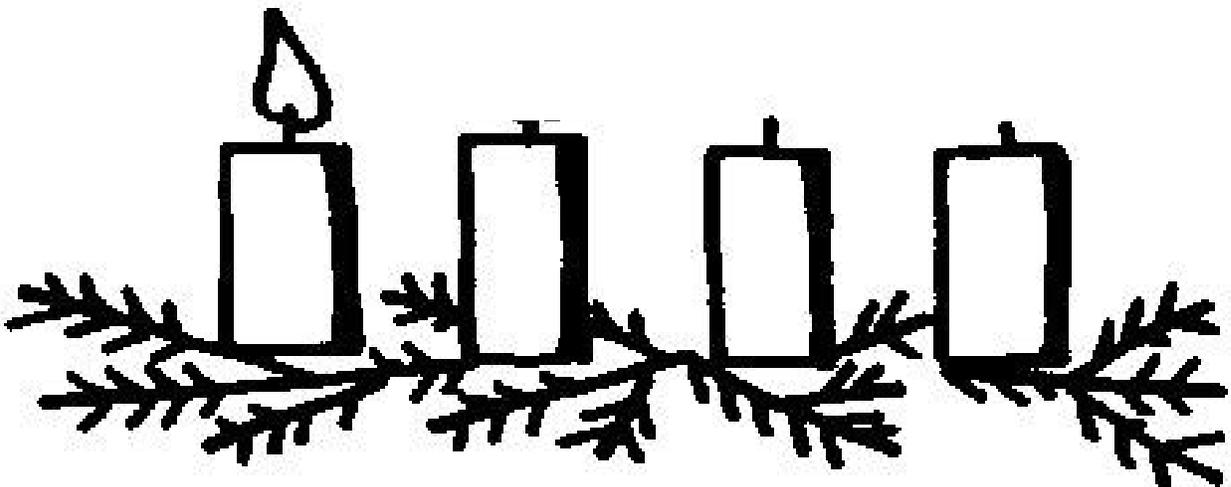


ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

615 W. Wellington Avenue, Chicago, IL

The First Sunday of Advent

*And this is the name by which it will be called:
"The LORD is our righteousness."*



Welcome to Saint Peter's!

Whether you're a regular at Saint Peter's or you're here for the first time, welcome. We are blessed by your presence here, and we pray that you are, too.

All baptized persons are invited to receive communion. You are welcome to come forward at the prompting of the usher(s), and you can receive however you are comfortable. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. Just place your arms across your chest to indicate that you'd like to receive a blessing. Gluten-free hosts are available.

As this is the first Sunday of the month, Prayers for Healing and Anointing will be offered during communion.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude *Clair de Lune* from *Suite Bergamasque* Claude Debussy

Processional Hymn “*Prepare the way, O Zion*” **Hymn 65**

The Word of God

The Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

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.

Kyrie (Lord, have mercy) *See insert for service music* **Hymn S 96**
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says or sings

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All are seated for 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response *Read as indicated.* Psalm 25:1-9

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.

**Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

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.

**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.**

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.

**Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**

**He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

**All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**



The Second Lesson 1 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

Gospel Hymn “O come, O come, Emmanuel” **Hymn 56**

The Gospel Luke 21:25-36

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily The Rev. Shane Patrick Gormley

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

The Prayers of the People Form IV

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jeff our bishop; for Shane, Nancy, and Ellen our clergy; for Qiana as she continues in discernment for ordination; for John as he begins discernment for community.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our national and local elected officials; and we pray for peace in the midst of discord throughout this country.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray for all those suffering from the ravages of natural disasters, especially those in California; we pray that we would be good stewards of the resources with which you have blessed us.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for this congregation, for those present and those absent; for Father Shane as he works on his dissertation; for those traveling throughout the holidays; for Luzyimindi Famanas, Parker Ramey, Betty Hickman, Craig Murders, Jarod Couch, and Ruby Woods who celebrate birthdays; for the future life of Saint Peter's.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for Mary Katherine, Maryann, Pam, Bruce, the Sexton

family, Angel, Mark, John, Carole, Joe, Craig, and Matthew, and for any others we now name.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for Deacon Elaine Billis (retired diocesan archdeacon and Deacon Nancy's mentor), Todd L. (friend of Tom Hunter), Marjorie Garrard (Betsy Lent's aunt), and Wanda Dole (former St. Peter's parishioner).

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only mediator and advocate.
Amen.

The Confession

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.



Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn “Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding” Hymn 59

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer C*

Sursum Corda (*if sung, see the front of the hymnal for service music*) **Hymn S 120**

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again you called us to return. Through the prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory in their unending hymn:

Sanctus *See insert for service music* **Hymn S 130**

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.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me.”

Celebrant Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer *(if sung, see the front of the hymnal for service music)* **Hymn S 119**
The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread *See insert for service music* **Hymn S 164**
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

Communion Interlude *Es ist ein ros entsprungen* Johannes Brahms

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everlasting God
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 for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn *“Lo! he comes, with clouds descending”* **Hymn 57**

The Dismissal *(if sung, see front of the hymnal for service music)* **Hymn S 174**

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Nun Komm Der Heiden Heiland* Andreas-Nikolaus Vetter

Please join us for Coffee Hour and Conversation following the Service!

Parish Announcements

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 3 (Mon.) St. Peter's Vestry Meeting: 6:30pm – evening prayer. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. All are welcome!
- Dec. 6 (Thurs.) Saint Nicholas Feast Potluck Dinner and Celebration
See details below
- Dec. 8 (Sat.) Knitting Fellowship, 10:00am – 1:00pm. Contact Deacon Nancy (deacon@stpeterschicago.com) for details.
- Dec. 10 (Mon.) Pray for Saint Peter's
Evening Prayer at 6:45–7:15 pm

Stewardship

This past week letters were distributed to those on the books as members of the parish regarding stewardship and pledges for 2019, both electronically and in the mail. If you didn't receive an electronic copy and would like one, please let us know! We're constantly in the process of updating distribution lists and don't want to leave anyone out. You can find a copy of Father Shane's letter on the bulletin board.

Due date for Pledge cards: December 6 (December Parish Dinner) or **December 9** (Sunday following).

Saint Nicholas Feast

Our December Parish Dinner will be a festive occasion! This year we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Nicholas on **Thursday, December 6** (beginning at 6:30 pm) with a potluck dinner, decorating our Christmas tree, singing Advent carols, and giving thanks for the past year at Saint Peter's. Please consider joining us for this wonderful and festive occasion. Sign-ups can be found at coffee hour and online.



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Shane Patrick Gormley, *Priest in Charge*

The Rev. Nancy R. Meyer, *Deacon*

The Rev. Dr. Ellen Wondra, *Assisting Priest*

Charlie Carpenter, *Parish Musician*

Betsy Lent, *Parish Administrator*

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Molly Ekelof, Nancy Fifield, Guy Norred, Jordan Rutledge, Tom Stabnicki

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Regular Sunday Services

10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Hymns

Every first Sunday of the Month with Anointing and Prayers for Healing

Parking

Parking opportunities are being sought out. Please stay tuned for more information.

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