



# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

615 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL

## The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany of Our Lord

*O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing.*

*– The Collect for the Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany –*



**Welcome to St. Peter's. We are glad you are here!**

A Blessed Sunday to you! Our arms are wide open to welcome you here today. If you are visiting with us today, please feel free to participate as much or as little as you are comfortable. If you can stay for coffee hour following the service, we look forward to getting to know you! If you can't stay, please fill out a visitor card from one of the ushers. We'd love to get in touch!

At the time of communion, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive. If you do not want to receive communion, but would like a blessing, come forward at the time of communion and place your arms across your chest to indicate your intention. If you have any questions at all, don't hesitate to ask.

Gluten-free bread for communion is available. Just let the minister know when he or she presents the bread to you.

# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Prelude *Andantino in D* Eugene Gigout

Processional Hymn "God is love, and where true love is" Hymn 577

## The Word of God

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*The people standing, the Celebrant may say*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

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

*The Celebrant says*

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.**

Gloria in excelsis *See insert for service music* Hymn S 280

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks.  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated for the lessons.*

## First Reading

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**For they shall soon wither like the grass, \***

**and like the green grass fade away.**

Put your trust in the LORD and do good; \*  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

**Take delight in the LORD, \***  
**and he shall give you your heart's desire.**

Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, \*  
and he will bring it to pass.

**He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \***  
**and your just dealing as the noonday.**

Be still before the LORD \*  
and wait patiently for him.

**Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \***  
**the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

**For evildoers shall be cut off, \***  
**but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.**

In a little while the wicked shall be no more; \*  
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

**But the lowly shall possess the land; \***  
**they will delight in abundance of peace.**

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; \*  
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

**The LORD will help them and rescue them; \***  
**he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,**  
**because they seek refuge in him.**

**The Epistle**

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body,

there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn**                “*Day by day*”

**Hymn 654**

**The Gospel**

Luke 6:17-26

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

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

Jesus said, “I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

*Deacon*           The Gospel of the Lord.

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



## 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; and for Qiana as she continues in discernment for ordination.

*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.

*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 Gloria Donnelly and Timothy Green who celebrate birthdays this week; for peace and strength for Deacon Nancy as she prepares for new ministries in New Hampshire; for Becca and Nate Wicker, and for Hazel Elizabeth Wicker, who was born earlier this month; for Greta Holt as she begins a new job; for Father Shane as he works on his dissertation; and 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, Pam, Bruce, Paul, Joyce, the Sexton family, Angel, Mark, Carol, Matthew, Maryanne, Ted, Tara, Joe, Larry, 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, especially Theresa Boi (cousin of Kate Wulle-Dugan), that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence. The people may add their own petitions.*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant concludes the prayers with an appropriate Collect.*

## **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 with thy spirit.**

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

# The Holy Communion

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Offertory Hymn

*“Take my life, and let it be”*

Hymn 707

The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

Sursum Corda

*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.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

Sanctus

*(see insert for service music)*

Hymn S 130

*Celebrant and People*

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.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Peter the Apostle, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever. *AMEN.*

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*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.

*As the Celebrant consumes the Sacrament in both kinds, a bell is rung, and the people may proceed to the altar rail to receive communion. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.*

*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**

*Les Plaintes d'une Poupee*

**Cesar Franck**

### **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**      *“In your mercy, Lord, you called me!”*

**Hymn 706**

### **The Dismissal**

*Deacon*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**      *Allegro in E-flat*

Eugene Gigout

*Many thanks to Bob Vogler, who’s substituting for Charlie Carpenter today.*

## Upcoming Holy Days and Events at St. Peter's

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- February 24 (Sun.) Night Ministry Crib Dinner  
Contact Jordan Rutledge ([jordanrutledge@gmail.com](mailto:jordanrutledge@gmail.com)) for more information.
- February 25 (Mon.) Pray for St. Peter's  
Evening Prayer at 6:45–7:15 pm
- March 3 (Sun.) Deacon Nancy's Last Sunday  
Celebratory coffee hour to follow.
- March 5 (Tues.) Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner  
6:00 pm at Stella's; RSVP to Tom Stabnicki [tomstabnicki@yahoo.com](mailto:tomstabnicki@yahoo.com).
- March 6 (Wed.) Ash Wednesday  
7:00 pm Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

### *Ash Wednesday*

On Ash Wednesday (March 6), join Father Shane at 5:30 pm or following the Holy Eucharist for a reading and meditation on T. S. Eliot's poem *Ash Wednesday*. Copies are available on the bulletin board or in the parish room.

### *Lenten Programing*

During the month of Lent, we will be reading the next book in our series, Rowan Williams's *Being Disciples*, taking us beyond the fundamentals of our faith and teaching us in more ways how we *live them out* as *disciples of Christ*. If you would like a copy of the book (\$8.00, scholarships available), please let Father Shane know as soon as possible.

On Wednesday evenings and Sundays after the Eucharist, we will discuss the chapters of the book. On Wednesday Evenings, Evening Prayer begins at 6:30 pm, with dinner and discussion beginning at 7:00 pm. Join us for one or both! Bring a sandwich, and we'll provide soup! Let Father Shane know as soon as possible if you'll be joining us for some or all of our Lenten Program.



## St. Peter's Episcopal Church

### *Clergy and Staff*

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

The Rev. Nancy R. Meyer, *Deacon*

The Rev. Ellen Wondra, *Assisting Priest*

Charlie Carpenter, *Parish Musician*

Betsy Lent, *Parish Administrator*

### *Vestry*

Becca Wicker and Guy Norred, *Wardens*

Glenn Charlton, John Cummings, Gus Higginson,

Greta Holt, Darrick Malone, Jordan Rutledge,

Tom Stabnicki, Maya Zimmerman

Jack Adrian, *Treasurer*

## Regular Sunday Services

10:00 (with hymns) Holy Eucharist

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

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