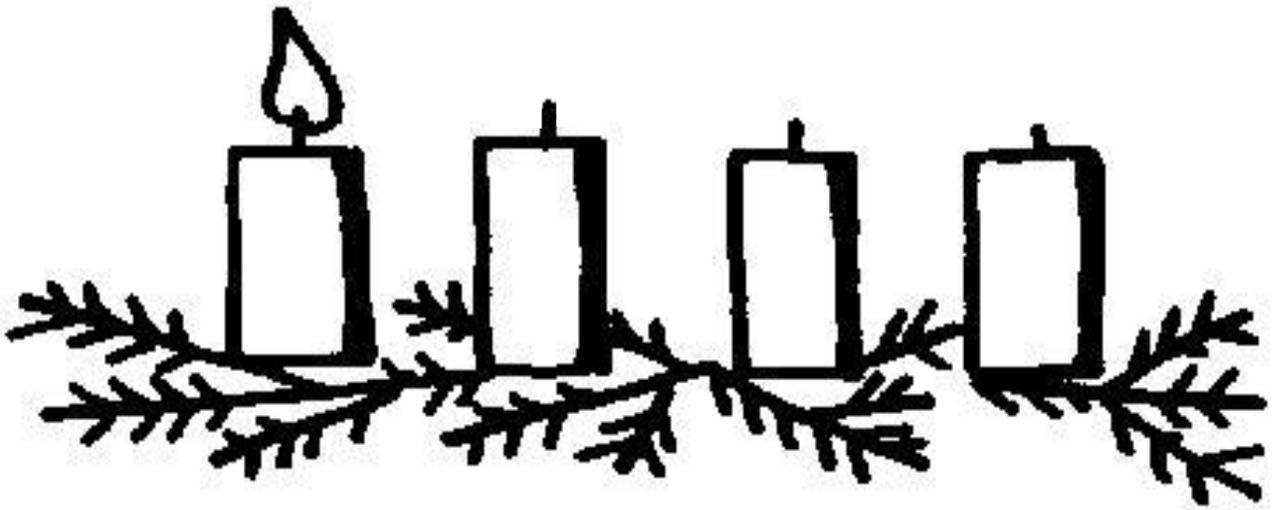


ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

621 W Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL

The First Sunday of Advent

*Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*



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

If you are visiting with us today, please feel free to participate as much or as little as you are comfortable. There are visitor cards in the pews, and if you fill one out, we will get in touch with you. Please introduce yourself to us and join us for coffee hour after the service if you have time.

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.

As this is the first Sunday of the month, Prayers for Healing and Anointing will be offered at the Side Altar (located on the right side of the sanctuary) during communion.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prelude *Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ BWV 604* Johann Sebastian Bach

Processional Hymn “*The King shall come when morning dawns*” **Hymn 73**

The Word of God

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, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. The second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Here is sung or said

Celebrant Lord, have mercy up on us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis (*see insert for service music*) **Hymn S 202**

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

we praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high 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 with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All are seated for the lessons.

First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—

as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil

to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Read responsively by whole verse

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

**You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

“O come, O come, Emmanuel”

Hymn 56

The Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Shane Patrick Gormley

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made.
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Form V

Deacon or other leaders

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Jeff, our own Bishop, for Shane, Ellen, and Nancy our Clergy, and for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald, President of the United States, and Bruce, Governor of Illinois, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who live and work in this community, especially Tom our Alderman, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, especially NN.; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, for those who are present and those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all those whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially NN.; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Anyone may add their own prayers at this point, concluding the petition with, "we pray to you, O Lord."

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Peter, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People **To you, O Lord our God.**

Silence. The people may, again, add their own petitions.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers with the following Collect

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

The Confession

The Deacon says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence is kept.

Minister and People

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all people:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and truth faith turn unto 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.

A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

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

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

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

Offertory Hymn

“Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding”

Hymn 59

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

Sursum Corda

(if sung, see insert for service music)

Hymn S 112

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst send thy 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 triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High
Blessed is he that commeth in the name of the Lord..
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, 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, he 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 remission of sins. Do this, as often as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may

be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

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

The Lord's Prayer *(see hymnal for service music)*

Hymn S 119

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—Agnus Dei *(see insert for service music)*

Hymn S 158

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Immediately the following is sung

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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 *Savior of the Nations Come*

Robert J. Powell

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God,
we most heartily thank thee
for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body
of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,
so to assist us with thy grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people with the following or similar words

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal (see insert for service music)

Hymn S 174

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn "Lo! he comes, with clouds descending"

Hymn 57

Postlude Nun Komm Der Heiden Heiland BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach

Please join us for coffee, food, and fellowship in the Guild Room.
All are welcome!



Liturgical Notes

At the beginning of this new church Liturgical Year, we're using the form of service commonly called "Traditional" or "Rite One." At St. Peter's, we have used Rite Two at both our Sunday services for some time. The Rite One service was included in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer for those who didn't wish to part with the richness of the language of the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, and it is often the case that you find Rite One used at an early service in many Episcopal Churches.

There may have been the notion that the Rite One service would "fade out" of the Episcopal Church—notice how they still included a Funeral and Burial rite using the traditional language of Rite One, but our only option for Holy Baptism is the contemporary language of Rite Two!

If there was such a notion, it certainly hasn't been fulfilled. Many parishes continue to use Rite One at one service or another (sometimes at each of their services), because there is a richness present in the language of Rite One that we sometimes miss out on when it comes to Rite Two. As the prayers were "updated," we lost some of the great "lines" of Rite One, as well as some of the prayers themselves. In this space each week, I'll point out some of those lines and phrases, and I hope that you'll join me in giving thanks for some of this language, attitude, and reverence that we find in Rite One. Also, in these extra pages each week, I'll provide you with some devotional material as we walk our way through Advent to Christmas.

Rest assured that our service is the same as always—it's just the language we use that changes a little. As always, I welcome and look forward to any conversation you'd like to have about the liturgy and worship.

FATHER SHANE PATRICK

Advent Devotions

A Carol (I)

by Mildmay Fane, Second Early of Westmoreland (1600-1665)

If nothing else, may not this season move,
Or time become the true chronicle of love?
And so allay the fury, stint the rage
Or madness doth predominize this age?
When for to ransom man, whose least offense
Was characterized in disobedience,
He who knew no sin came, that to fulfill

The mercy statute of His Father's will:
Thus he forgave, and gave, to let us know
What to our very enemies we owe,
By his example; and decrees this fate
To the posterity unfortunate
Of too-believing Adam, that they must
Give themselves over to no other trust
Than what His Word assures; nor to make less
That first of sins, create them numberless
In envy, malice, and ambition,
But join to charity contrition
For by-past faults, and resolutions raise
To spend the future in our Maker's praise:
 Obey Him first, then those His glorious powers
 Shall substitute for our superiors:
 And with our own condition whatsoever
 Content, enjoy a full harmonious sphere;
 Leaving no orb for discord's fond increase,
 Since He that's born for us was Prince of Peace.

Christmas (I)

by George Herbert (1593-1633)

After all pleasures as I rid one day,
My horse and I, both tired, body and mind,
With full cry of affections, quite astray;
I took up the next inn I could find.

There when I came, whom found I but my dear,
My dearest Lord, expecting till the grief
Of pleasures brought me to Him, ready there
To be all passengers' most sweet relief?

Oh Thou, whose glorious, yet contracted light,
Wrapt in night's mantle, stole into a manger;
Since my dark soul and brutish is Thy right,
To man of all beasts be not Thou a stranger:

Furnish and deck my soul, that Thou mayst have
A better lodging, than a rack, or grave.

Parish Announcements

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, Dec. 3 Advent Potluck Lunch (following the 11:00 service)
Sign-up Sheet available in the Guild Room, or you can email Betsy Lent
(administrator@stpeterschicago.com)
- Saturday, Dec. 9 Knitting Fellowship
10:00am – 1:00pm at Deacon Nancy's home
- Sunday, Dec. 10 Crib Dinner
Contact Jordan Rutledge for more information (see page 19)

Opportunities to Connect <https://www.facebook.com/messages/t/558451030>

Growth Groups are St. Peter's primary "small groups" or "fellowship groups" that meet regularly to discuss life, faith, and more. To find more information about the growth groups, please feel free to reach out to the following coordinators:

20s/30s Growth Group: Becca Wicker (rgkingman@gmail.com)

40s/50s Growth Group: Qiana Johnson (q-johnson@pobox.com)

60s+ Growth Group: Nancy Fifield (fifielddnancy@gmail.com)

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for the following members and friends of St. Peters (those in bold are appearing for the first time). To add persons to the prayer list, contact Deacon Nancy (deacon@stpeterschicago.com).

For those who are sick in body, mind, or soul and those caring for them: Maryann, Carol, Pam, Bruce, Judy, Gary, William, Philip, Mary, Pete, John, Tom, Cathy, Thessy, Betty, and the Sexton family.

In thanksgiving for James H. Dunkerley (12/4) who celebrates his birthday this week.

For inspiration, perseverance, and insight for Ellen as she works to complete her book, and for Shane as he works on his dissertation.

For John as he applies to doctoral programs and deals with personal and family issues.

For Qiana as she continues in parish discernment.

Administrative Announcements

E-Blast and Bulletin. If you would like to announce something (a meeting, a notice, an event) in the E-Blast or the Bulletin, please send the text of your announcement and any other details to Betsy Lent (administrator@stpeterschicago.com) by Wednesday of the week you'd like the announcement posted.

Opportunities to Deepen Your Faith

“Becoming Disciples” Class—For our next class, we’ll continue to talk about the basics of what’s in the Bible and begin to talk about how we read and interpret the Bible. ***Our next class is set for Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 pm.*** Bring a sandwich and we’ll bring the soup.

Weekly Bible Study—At 10:00am every Sunday morning, Father Shane is offering an informal Bible study on the lessons of the week. Come have coffee and chat about the Word of God! There’s no pressure—we read the lesson, we notice what stands out to us and what questions we have, and we learn more about how God may be speaking to us through Scripture. *Next week’s (Dec. 10) lessons are [Isaiah 40:1-11](#); [2 Peter 3:8-15a](#); [Mark 1:1-8](#); [Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13](#)*

“The World Will Be Saved by Beauty”—Sunday, December 10, 2:00 p.m., The Immaculate Conception Rectory Assembly (7211 N Talcott). Kate Hennessy, granddaughter of Dorothy Day, will discuss her new book, *The World Will Be Saved by Beauty*. Kate will be accompanied by Rosalie Riegle, author of *Dorothy Day: Portraits by Those Who Knew Her* and *Doing Time for Peace: Resistance, Family, and Community*. The event is sponsored by the Chicago Chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society. Refreshment, ample parking, freewill donation.

The Gospel of Mark—Performed—Sunday, December 10, 4:00 p.m., St. James Cathedral. Stage and film actor Tom Bair will deliver the Gospel according to Mark in a passionate performance as though an eyewitness were sharing it for the first time. Regardless of church affiliation or denomination, all Christians revere the riveting journey that Mark tells of Jesus’ life and the urgency with which he shares the Kingdom of God. It is performed in the simple, elegant English prose of the King James Bible.

Outreach Ministry

Crib Dinners. We’ve resumed serving dinner at the Night Ministry’s Crib once a month. The next dinner is scheduled for Dec. 10. If you’d like to help out by providing, cooking, transporting, or serving food, please contact Jordan Rutledge (jordanlrutledge@gmail.com).

Lakeview Pantry. During the month of December, we are collecting non-perishable food donations which can be placed in the donation basket in the back of the church. We hope that you will participate in this month’s drive. Please contact Deacon Nancy with questions or to sign up for more outreach opportunities.



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, *Organist*

Betsy Lent, *Parish Administrator*

Vestry

Jack Adrian, *Treasurer*

Randall Fearnow, *Interim Warden*

Glenn Charlton, Jarod Couch, Nancy Fifield,

Whitney Michel, Guy Norred, Jordan Rutledge, Becca Wicker

Regular Sunday Services

8:00 (spoken) and 11:00 (with hymns) Holy Eucharists

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

Parking

Please note that our Parking garage, PARK ONE, has closed.

We are searching for an alternative option.

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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