

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

621 W Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL

## The First Sunday after Christmas

*The Word became flesh and lived among us.*



**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.

# THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Prelude                      *Air from Water Music*                      George Frederic Handel

Processional Hymn              “O come, all ye faithful”                      Hymn 83

## 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. This is the first and great commandment. And 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, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated for the lessons.*

### First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

**The Psalm**

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

Psalm 147:13-21

Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your GOD, O Zion;  
**For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \***  
**he has blessed your children within you.**  
He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.  
**He sends out his command to the earth, \***  
**and his word runs very swiftly.**  
He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.  
**He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \***  
**who can stand against his cold?**  
He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.  
**He declares his word to Jacob, \***  
**his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**  
He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

## The Epistle

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord

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

## Gospel Hymn

*"Thy strong word did cleave the darkness"*

**Hymn 381**

## The Gospel

John 1:1-18

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*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."

*The people respond to each petition with the words "Lord, have mercy," until the final petition.*

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.**

*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*

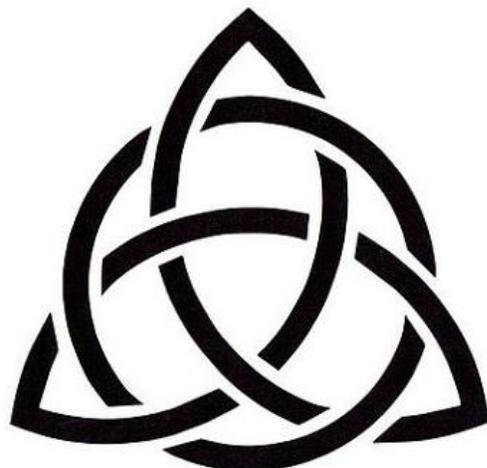
## **The Peace**

*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

*“Of the Father’s love begotten”*

Hymn 82

The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer II*

Sursum Corda

*(if sung, see insert for service music)*

Hymn S 120

*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 give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying

Sanctus

*(see insert for service music)*

Hymn S 114

*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 oft 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 insert 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** *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Gustav Holst

**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.*

**Recessional Hymn**            *“Good Christian friends, rejoice”*            **Hymn 107**

**The Dismissal**            *(if sung, see insert for service music)*            **Hymn S 174**

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

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

**Postlude**            *Angels We Have Heard on High*            Humphrey Turner

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

## Parish Announcements

### *Upcoming Events*

- January 7      The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
*Holy Eucharist with the Renewal of Baptismal Vows at 8:00am and 11:00am*
- January 13     Knitting Ministry and Fellowship  
*At the home of Deacon Nancy, 10:00am to 1:00pm*
- January 14     The Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
*Holy Eucharist at 8:00am and 11:00am*
- January 21     The Confession of Saint Peter (trans.)  
*One Service at 10:00am, followed by St. Peter's Annual Meeting*  
*A sign-up sheet is available in the Guild Room for bringing food.*
- January 25     60s+ Growth Group  
*2:00 to 4:00 pm, Location TBD*

### *Opportunities to Connect*

**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 (fifieldnancy@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 the sick in body, mind or soul and for those caring for them: Maryann, Carol, Pam, Bruce, Judy, Gary, Philip, Judy, William, Mary, John, Tom, Cathy, Betty, the Sexton family, George, Dan, Kate, **Louis, and Angel.**

In thanksgiving for Jordan Rutledge (12/28) and Joe Ceh (12/29) who celebrate birthdays this week.

For the repose of the souls of Pete Teschner and Derek Hogg and for their families and friends as they grieve.

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

For Qiana as she continues in parish discernment.

## St. Peter's Transformation Teams

There are four teams that need to be (re)formed in the interest of moving St. Peter's forward. The following is a brief description of each team.

**Mission and Ministry Team**—This team is responsible for discussing the mission of St. Peter's, with regard to our members and the community/communities around us. The big *questions* of this team are: "What does God want to do with St. Peter's?" and "What does God want St. Peter's to do?" Other questions we'll be asking include "What does St. Peter's do well?", "What makes St. Peter's unique?", and "What difference does St. Peter's *already* make in our lives, and how could it make a difference in others' lives, too?" The *goal* of this team is to help us define the vocation and mission of St. Peter's, and to develop a plan for implementing that vocation and mission as we begin to move forward.

**New Space Team 1 - Temporary Space**—This team is responsible for finding our temporary home while renovations take place in the Church. We already have some ground to start on, but now that we have a clearer map of the road ahead, we need to do more work here.

**New Space Team 2 - Renovating St. Peter's**—In cooperation with the Mission and Ministry Team, this group is responsible for (re)envisioning what our worship space will look like. What is currently the "Church Building" will have to house our worship space *and* all of the things in the current Parish House. There's a lot of work that goes into this, and a lot of creativity, so I hope you will lend your voice to this task.

**Communication Team**—This team will work to figure out how we communicate everything going on in the other teams both *internally* and *externally*. We'll aim to make sure that there is a clear line of communication within the parish, helping to make sure everyone is informed and up to speed. We'll also look for new ways to communicate what we're doing for the neighborhood (and diocese) around us. There are good things going on, and many people will want to know about it.

*If you are interested in participating in one or more of these teams, or in learning more about it, mark your choice below, tear off this last page, and either place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of the ushers at the end of the service.*

I am interested in joining or getting more information about:

- Mission and Ministry Team
- New Space Team 1 - Temporary Space
- New Space Team 2 - Renovating St. Peter's
- Communication Team

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



## 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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