

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

621 W Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL

The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

"In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters."



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.

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.**

And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Second Reading

Acts 19:1-17

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them,

**My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?**

Celebrant

My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me,
“Where now is your God?”

People

**I pour out my soul when I think on these things: *
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,
With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.**

Celebrant

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *

People

**Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.**

The Celebrant says

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the People.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Ministers process back to the Altar while the Celebrant asperges the people with holy water. The following is recited as indicated.

Deacon

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

People

My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watched over you will not fall asleep.

Deacon

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

People

The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

Deacon

The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

People

The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Hymn

“O God, our help in ages past”

Hymn 680

The Great Thanksgiving

(if sung, see insert for service music)

Eucharistic Prayer B

Sursum Corda

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.**

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 129

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.

The people stand or kneel.

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

Hymn S 152

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

Voluntary on Crusaders Hymn

Franklin D. Ashdown

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving 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 with the following or similar words

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

The Dismissal

(if sung, see insert for service music)

Hymn S 174

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn

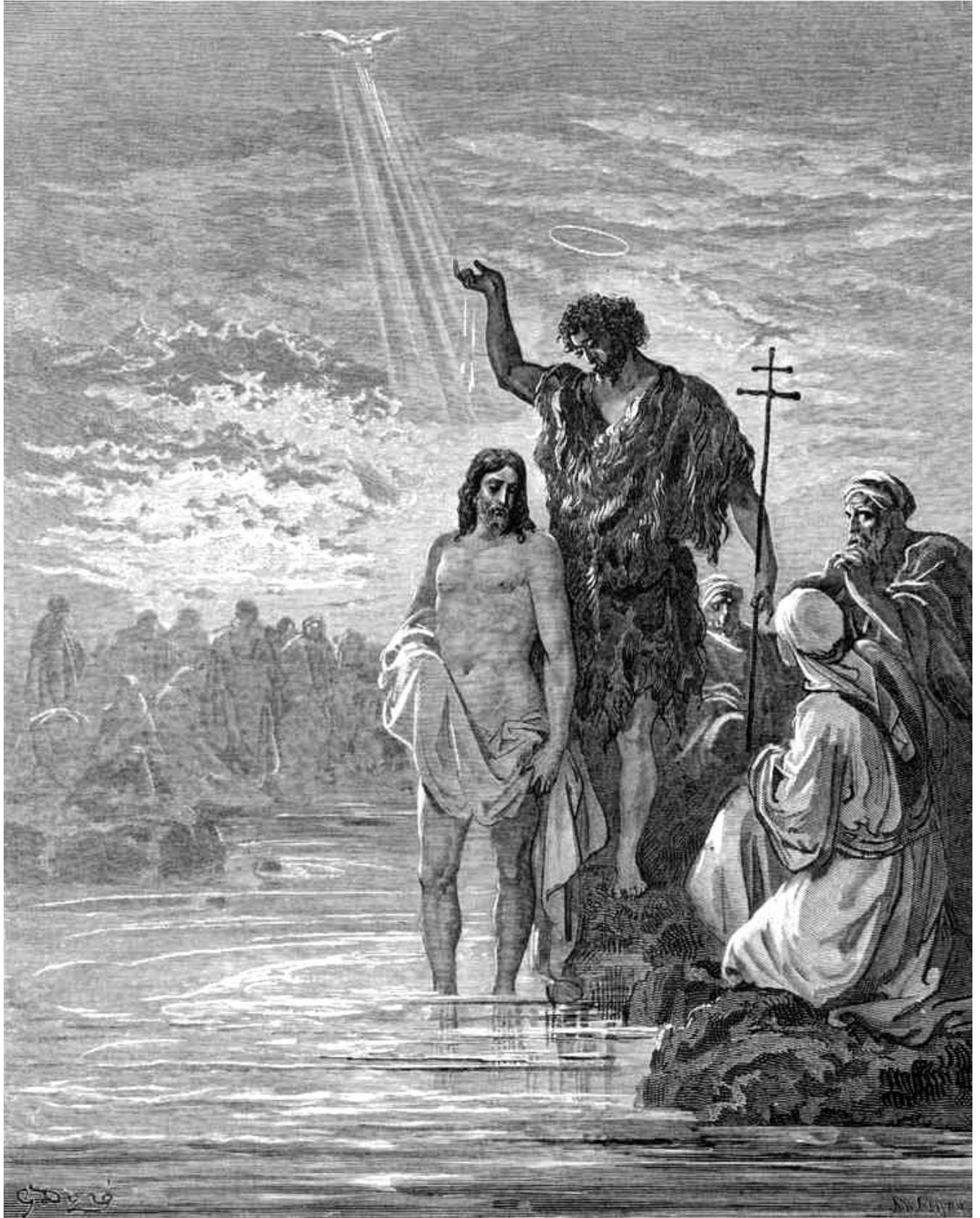
“What star is this, with beams so bright”

Hymn 124

Postlude

Variations on Puer Nobis Nascitur

Hal H. Hopson



Parish Announcements

Upcoming Events

- January 13 Knitting Ministry and Fellowship
10:00am to 1:00pm at Deacon Nancy's home.
- 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
2:00pm to 4:00pm at Kate Wulle-Dugan's home.

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 (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, John, Tom, Cindy, the Sexton family, Dan, Kate, Louis, and Angel.

In thanksgiving for Mark Bereyso (1/9) who celebrates his birthday next 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 for 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 to 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. Dr. 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

Parking is no longer available at PARK ONE.

Alternatives are being sought.

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

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