



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

621 W Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL

The Confession of St. Peter, Apostle

Jesus said, "And I tell you, You are Peter."



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 CONFESSION OF ST. PETER, APOSTLE

Prelude *In Cloud and Sea Meditation on Jesus Savior Pilot Me and Rock of Ages* Richard Elliott

Processional Hymn “Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us” **Hymn 559**

The Liturgy of the Word

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 Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Almighty Father, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior 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.

The First Reading

Acts 4:8-13

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Read in unison.

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Second Reading

Peter 5:1-11

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for

‘God opposes the proud,
but gives grace to the humble.’

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

“By all your saints still striving”

Hymn 231

The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

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

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Shane Patrick Gormley

The Nicene Creed

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Form IV

Deacon or other leaders

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

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. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

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. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

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. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

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. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saint in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

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 also with you.**

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

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Hymn

“The King of love my shepherd is”

Hymn 645

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, through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages. 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 (if sung, 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

Rhosmedyre

Ralph Vaughn Williams

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.*

Recessional Hymn “God of grace and God of glory” **Hymn 594**

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 *Doctor Gradus Ad Parnassum* from *Children’s Corner* Claude Debussy

*Please join us in the Guild Room for
Coffee and Refreshments following the service.*

All are welcome!

Peter the Apostle

Today we celebrate “The Feast of the Confession of Peter,” one of our potential Patronal Feasts (feasts commemorating and celebrating our Patron Saint). June 29 is officially the Feast of *both* Peter and Paul, a day that commemorates their lives as Apostles and Servants of Christ.



Today, however, we celebrate a very specific moment in the life of Peter—his *Confession* of Jesus as the long-awaited messiah and savior of the Jewish people. What is a confession? Usually we associate it with *sin*, as we are invited by our deacon to “*confess* our sins against God and our neighbor.” But, *confession* also carries with it the sense of *profession*, as when we stand and *profess* or *confess* our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed. Augustine’s great work *Confessions* is certainly a confession of his sins, but much more than that it is a proclamation about what he believes about God—and what he believes God has done in his own life.

Peter’s Confession, which we celebrate today, should be thought of in the latter sense. Peter, having left his life as a fisherman on the Sea of

Galilee, followed Jesus at his call and has been around ever since. Peter is well-known as the most vocal of the Apostles, but he is also famous for continually putting his foot in his mouth. Although he would be the Apostle to explicitly deny Christ when push came to shove, Peter would be reinstated and forgiven by Christ after his resurrection, and become the leader of the Church and Mission to the Jews throughout the early years of the Christian movement.

Even today, we only get half the story—Peter confesses Jesus as the long-awaited savior, and he is commended for it. But Peter’s idea of a savior, of a messiah, were far from what Jesus embodied. Despite the boldness and confidence that Peter exhibits in today’s reading, his story still has its ups and downs. Peter’s Confession of Jesus didn’t mean that he had everything figured out—it meant that Peter earnestly sought to understand and devote himself to Jesus’s life and teaching, whatever that might mean. Peter’s bold confession is a model for us—to own Christ as our own, and as the savior of the world. But also, like Peter, we must remember that no matter how far we think we’ve come, there’s still more that God has in store.

Parish Announcements

Upcoming Events

- January 25 (Thurs.) 60s+ Growth Group
2:00pm to 4:00pm at Kate Wulle-Dugan's home.
- January 28 (Sun.) The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist at 8:00am and 11:00am
- February 13 (Tues.) Save the Date: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at Stella's
More details next week!
- January 30 (Tues.) Deacon Nancy's Gospels Class Moves to Matthew
Anyone is welcome to join in at this point—Ask Deacon Nancy for details.
- January 31 (Wed.) 20s/30s Growth Group
7:00 pm. See the next page and contact Becca Wicker for details.

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)

See the next page for getting this group going again!

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

See the next page for getting this group going again!

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, John, Tom, Cathy, the Sexton family, Dan, Kate, Louis, Angel, William, and Jim.

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.

Upcoming Growth Group Events

The **60s+ Growth Group** continues to dig into Tish Harrison Warren's *Liturgy of the Ordinary*. Contact Nancy Fifield at fifielddnancy@gmail.com for more information.

We are looking forward to *revitalizing* the **40s/50s Growth Group**. For the first meeting, the group will discuss C.S. Lewis's essay Faith (chapter 11, Book III of *Mere Christianity*). The essay is short and will be provided in advance. In order to give as many people as possible the opportunity to join us, please complete this Doodle poll so that we can pick the best date: <http://bit.ly/40s50sGrowthGroup>. This first meeting will be at Qiana's (address to come) and we can rotate locations if the group would like. Everyone is welcomed to come, regardless of age. All that's required is a willingness to share in good food, good company, and good conversation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Qiana at q-johnson@pobox.com.

The **20s/30s Growth Group** is also going to be digging into some C. S. Lewis in the months ahead, including reading "The Weight of Glory" and other essays, as we make our way to reading *Till We Have Faces*. Our next meeting is January 31. If you are interested in being a part of this, please contact Becca Wicker at rgkingman@gmail.com.





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*

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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

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Alternatives are being sought.

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