



# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

621 W Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL

## The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

*"Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up."*



**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 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**Prelude**      *Adagio for Strings*      Samuel Barber; Arranged Organ by William Strickland

**Processional Hymn**      “*Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim*”      **Hymn 535**

## 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 and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:  
Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated for the lessons.*

**The First Reading**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm**

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

Psalm 111

Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the deeds of the LORD! \***  
**they are studied by all who delight in them.**

His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

**He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \***  
**the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.**

He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.

**They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.**

## **The Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.



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,



*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.]

**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**

*"I'll praise my Maker while I've breath"*

**Hymn 429**

**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**

*Rigaudon*

Andre Campra

***Please join us in the Guild Room for Coffee and Refreshments following the service. All are welcome!***

## A Thank You . . .

Last week we held our Annual Meeting following our Sunday Service, and I want to express a heart-felt thank you to all who showed up and participated in any way.

To those who helped set up for the meeting (especially during the 10:00 service), thank you so much for making the Guild Room as ready as it was. It was a seamless transition from the Eucharist to the Meeting.

To those who cooked and brought food, thank you for feeding us, and contributing to the sustenance and substance of the meeting.

To those who stayed and helped clean up afterward, thank you for your additional time and commitment to helping us all along.

To those who were absent, but wished they could have attended, thank you for your prayers and well-wishes as the meeting was underway.

And to all those who lent their voices to the conversation, I am so incredibly grateful. St. Peter's wouldn't be what it is without you.

*Shane Patrick +*

## Parish Announcements

### *Upcoming Events*

- 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.*
- February 5 (Mon.) February Vestry Meeting  
*7:00 pm, with Evening Prayer at 6:30. All are welcome.*
- February 13 (Tues.) Shrove Tuesday Supper at Stella's  
*6:30 pm. Contact Tom Stabnicki (tomstabnicki@yahoo.com) if you are interested.*
- February 14 (Wed.) Ash Wednesday  
*Spoken Holy Eucharists with the Imposition of Ashes at 7:00 am and 12:00 pm  
Holy Eucharist with Hymns at 7:00 pm*

### *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 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, Angel, William, Jim, David Jr., John, and Glenn.

In thanksgiving for Peter Wasik (2/1) who celebrates his birthday this week.

For the repose of the soul of Shirley June Powell (John Cummings' grandmother) and for her family 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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*

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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