

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

621 W Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL

## The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

*"For an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!  
For I am entrusted with a commission."*



**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.

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

**Processional Hymn**      “*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*”      Hymn 390

## 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.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; 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.*

## **The First Reading**

Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

and spreads them like a tent to live in;

who brings princes to naught,

and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,

scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows upon them, and they wither,

and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,

or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,

calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength,

mighty in power,

not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,

and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,

and my right is disregarded by my God”?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.  
Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

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

**The Psalm**

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

Psalm 147

Hallelujah!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \***  
**he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.

**He counts the number of the stars \***  
**and calls them all by their names.**

Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.

**The LORD lifts up the lowly, \***  
**but casts the wicked to the ground.**

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.

**He covers the heavens with clouds \***  
**and prepares rain for the earth;**

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.

**He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.**

He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

**But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.**

**Hallelujah!**

## **The Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord

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

## **Gospel Hymn**

*“Teach me, my God and King”*

**Hymn 592**

## **The Gospel**

Mark 1:29-39

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

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

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door.

And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

*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 saints 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.*



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** *Adagio*

Allesandro Marcello

**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**                      “Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing”                      **Hymn 344**

**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!*

## Parish Announcements

### *Upcoming Events*

- February 5 (Mon.) February Vestry Meeting  
*7:00 pm, with Evening Prayer at 6:30. All are welcome.*
- February 6 (Tues.) 40s/50s Growth Group  
*7:00pm-9:00pm at Qiana Johnson's home. Contact Qiana for all details.*
- February 10 (Sat.) Knitting Fellowship  
*10:00am-1:00pm at Deacon Nancy's home.*
- 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 at 7:00 am and 12:00 pm  
Holy Eucharist with Hymns at 7:00 pm*
- February 22 (Thurs.) 60s+ Growth Group  
*2:00pm-4:00pm at Kate Wulle-Dugan's home.*
- February 28 (Wed.) 20s/30s Growth Group  
*7:00pm at Wilde's restaurant on Broadway.*

### *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, Judy, John, Tom, Cathy, the Sexton family, Dan, Angel, William, Jim, David Jr., and John.

In thanksgiving for April Zorsky (2/9) who celebrates her 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.

## Opportunities to Connect

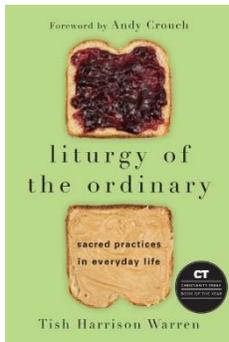
**Growth Groups** are St. Peter's primary "small groups" or "fellowship groups" that meet regularly to discuss life, faith, and more. To find more information about the growth groups, please feel free to reach out to the following coordinators:

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)

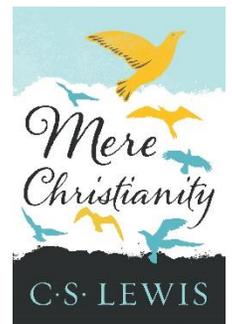
### 60s+ Growth Group



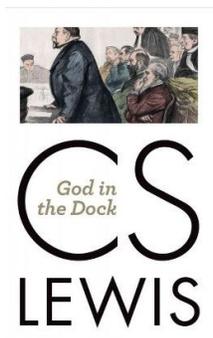
The 60s+ Group is currently reading Tish Harrison Warren's *Liturgy of the Ordinary*, a book that looks at how our everyday routines speak beyond themselves to our relationships with God, one another, and the world. For February's meeting (Thurs., February 22, from 2:00-4:00pm), we'll be finishing the book with chapters 10 ("Drinking Tea: Sanctuary and Savoring") and 11 ("Sleeping: Sabbath, Rest, and the Work of God"). Join us at Kate Wulle-Dugan's home for conversation and fellowship.

### 40s/50s Growth Group

The 40s/50s Group is convening again, beginning on Tues., February 6 from 7:00-9:00pm with a discussion of a chapter from C. S. Lewis's *Mere Christianity*—one of his chapters where he discusses "Faith." We'll be meeting at Qiana Johnson's home, so check in with her for details, and for the reading!



### 20s/30s Growth Group



The 20s/30s Group generally meets on the last Wednesday of each month (February 28, this month), from 7:00-9:00pm at Wilde's restaurant on Broadway. This year, we're launching into an extended discussion of short essays by C.S. Lewis (found in *God in the Dock*, a collection of his essays), as we prepare to read his novel, *Till We Have Faces: A Myth Retold*. The essays for this month's meeting will be chosen soon, so stay tuned for more information.

*All are welcome to attend any Growth Group meeting, regardless of age.*



## 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, *Parish Musician*

Betsy Lent, *Parish Administrator*

### *Vestry*

Randall Fearnow, *Senior Warden*

Becca Wicker, *Junior Warden*

Glenn Charlton, Jarod Couch, John Cummings,

Molly Ekelof, Nancy Fifield, Guy Norred, Jordan Rutledge, Tom Stabnicki

Jack Adrian, *Treasurer*

## 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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