



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

615 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany of Our Lord

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

– Jeremiah 17 –



Welcome to St. Peter's. We are glad you are here!

A Blessed Sunday to you! Our arms are wide open to welcome you here today. If you are visiting with us today, please feel free to participate as much or as little as you are comfortable. If you can stay for coffee hour following the service, we look forward to getting to know you! If you can't stay, please fill out a visitor card from one of the ushers. We'd love to get in touch!

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 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Prelude *Andante from Piano Sonata in C Major K 545* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Processional Hymn “*Lord of all being, throned afar*” **Hymn 419**

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, 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 Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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.

First Reading Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse — who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm *Read in unison.* Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn “*Blessed be the God of Israel*” **Hymn 444**

The Gospel Luke 6:17-26

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

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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



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 Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader 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. We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jeff our bishop; for Shane, Nancy, and Ellen our clergy; and for Qiana as she continues in discernment for ordination.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader 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. We pray for our national and local elected officials; and we pray for peace in the midst of discord throughout this country.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader 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. We pray for all those suffering from the ravages of natural disasters.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader 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. We pray for this congregation, for those present and those absent; for peace and strength for Deacon Nancy as she prepares for new ministries in New Hampshire; for Becca and Nate Wicker, and for Hazel Elizabeth Wicker, who was born earlier this month; for Greta Holt as she begins a new job; for Father Shane as he works on his dissertation; and for the future life of Saint Peter's.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader 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. We pray especially for Mary Katherine, Pam, Bruce, Paul, Joyce, the Sexton family, Angel, Mark, Carol, Matthew, Maryanne, Ted, Tara, Joe, Larry, and for any others we now name.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Theresa Boi (cousin of Kate Wulle-Dugan), that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Leader 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 with thy spirit.

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



The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn “Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old” Hymn 567

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B*

Sursum Corda

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 130

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.

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

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 164

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

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 *Solace* Scott Joplin

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everlasting 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

Recessional Hymn *“Christ for the world we sing!”* **Hymn 537**

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus!*

George Webb

Upcoming Holy Days and Events at St. Peter's

- February 18 (Mon.) Pray for St. Peter's
Evening Prayer at 6:45–7:15 pm
- February 19 (Tues.) Parish Dinner
6:30 pm. Join us for fellowship and discussion; dinner provided!
- February 23 (Sat.) Volunteer Work Morning
Sign- up sheet available during coffee hour, or contact Betsy Lent.
- February 24 (Sun.) Night Ministry Crib Dinner
Contact Jordan Rutledge (jordanlrutledge@gmail.com) for more information.
- February 25 (Mon.) Pray for St. Peter's
Evening Prayer at 6:45–7:15 pm
- March 3 (Sun.) Deacon Nancy's Last Sunday
Celebratory coffee hour to follow.
- March 5 (Tues.) Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
6:00 pm at Stella's; RSVP to Tom Stabnicki tomstabnicki@yahoo.com.
- March 6 (Wed.) Ash Wednesday
7:00 pm Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

February Parish Dinner

Join us for dinner (provided!) and a discussion of the final chapter of Rowan Williams's book *Being Christian* on "Prayer." Prayer is an essential part of the Christian life—it's what maintains and propels our relationship with God. We pray with confidence that we are heard as Jesus himself promises us. Join us for a beautiful conversation about what part prayer plays in our everyday lives and relationships.

Lenten Programing

It's hard to believe that Lent is almost upon us! During the month of Lent, we will be reading the next book in our series, Rowan Williams's *Being Disciples*, taking us beyond the fundamentals of our faith and teaching us in more ways how we *live them out* as *disciples of Christ*. If you would like a copy of the book (\$8.00, scholarships available), please let Father Shane know as soon as possible. During Lent, we will offer a weekly program on Wednesday evenings with Evening Prayer and a Soup-Sandwich dinner. Stay tuned for more details!



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, *Parish Musician*

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Greta Holt, Darrick Malone, Jordan Rutledge,

Tom Stabnicki, Maya Zimmerman

Jack Adrian, *Treasurer*

Regular Sunday Services

10:00 (with hymns) Holy Eucharist

Every first Sunday of the Month with Anointing and Prayers for Healing

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

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