

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

621 W Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL

The First Sunday in Lent

*"This is the sign of the covenant that I have established
between me and all flesh that is on the earth."*



From T.S. Eliot's *Ash Wednesday*

This is the time of tension between dying and birth
The place of solitude where three dreams cross
Between blue rocks
But when the voices shaken from the yew-tree drift away
Let the other yew be shaken and reply.

Blessèd sister, holy mother, spirit of the fountain, spirit of the garden,
Suffer us not to mock ourselves with falsehood
Teach us to care and not to care
Teach us to sit still
Even among these rocks,
Our peace in His will
And even among these rocks
Sister, mother
And spirit of the river, spirit of the sea,
Suffer me not to be separated
And let my cry come unto Thee.

From George Herbert's *The Temple*

A broken ALTAR, Lord, thy servant rears,
Made of a heart, and cemented with tears:
Whose parts are as thy hand did frame;
No workman's tool hath touch'd the same.
A HEART alone
Is such a stone,
As nothing but
Thy pow'r doth cut.
Wherefore each part
Of my hard heart
Meets in this frame,
To praise thy name:
That if I chance to hold my peace,
These stones to praise thee may not cease.
O let thy blessed SACRIFICE be mine,
And sanctify this ALTAR to be thine.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude *Aria* W. A. Mozart

Processional Hymn “*Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church*” Hymn 149

A Penitential Order

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Celebrant says

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself There is no other commandment greater than these.”

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.*

Kyrie

(see the front of the hymnal for service music)

Hymn S 95

The People repeat after the Celebrant

Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.

The Word of God

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.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me

and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Read responsively by whole verse.

Psalm 25:1-9

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not

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 VI

Deacon or other leaders

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;
People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;
People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Jeff, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers.

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Leader Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers with an appropriate Collect

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 Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

“O Food to pilgrims given”

Hymn 309

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Sursum Corda

(if sung, see the front of the hymnal for service music)

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 Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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 the front of the hymnal 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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate this memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 the front of the hymnal 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.

Agnus Dei

(see the front of the hymnal 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.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. If you are not baptized, or do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing—place your arms across your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing.

Gluten-free hosts are available.

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 *In a Medieval Monastery*

Walker Baylor

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 *“Now let us all with one accord”* **Hymn 147**

The Dismissal *(if sung, see the front of the hymnal for service music)* **Hymn S 174**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

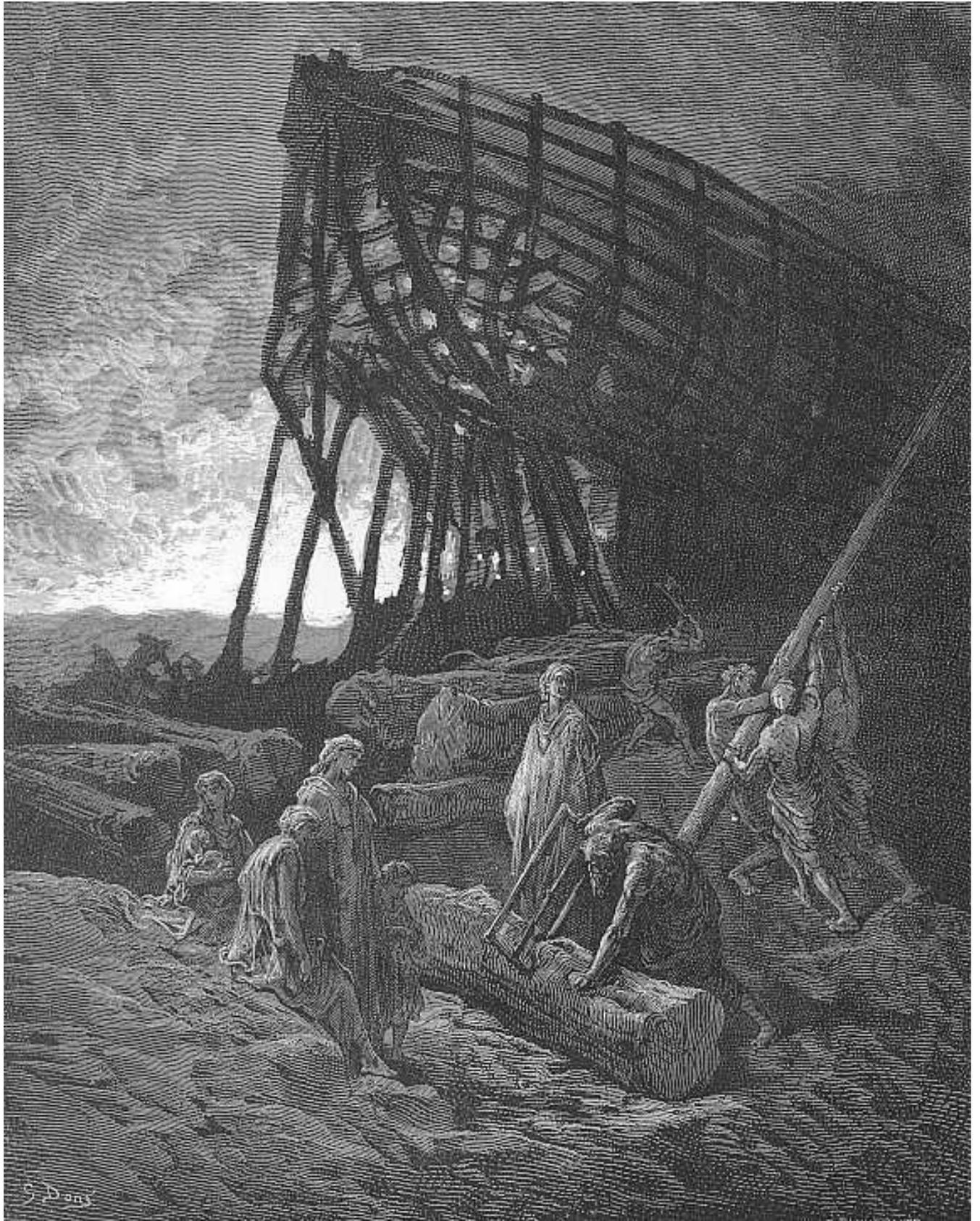
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Postlude in D Major* J. K. F. Fischer

**Many thanks to organist Robert Vogler,
filling in for Charlie Carpenter today.**

*Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are visiting with us, we are so glad you are here as we begin to journey through Lent together at St. Peters. We pray you have experienced the presence, power, and peace of God on this day,
and we hope to see you again.*

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



S. Dons

Parish Announcements

Upcoming Events

- February 22 (Thurs.) 60s+ Growth Group
12:30pm potluck luncheon at Kate Wulle-Dugan's home.
- February 24 (Sat.) Parish Work Day
9:30am-1:00pm. Join us for any or all of the time!
- February 25 (Sun.) The Second Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist at 8:00am (spoken) and at 11:00am (with hymns)
- February 28 (Wed.) 20s/30s Growth Group
7:00pm at Wilde's Restaurant on Broadway
- March 10 (Sat.) Parish Work Day
9:30am-1:00pm. Join us for any or all of the time!
- March 15 (Thurs.) 40s/50s Growth Group
7:00-9:00pm, location TBD
- March 24 (Sat.) Parish Work Day—Preparing for Holy Week
9:30am-1:00pm. Join us for any or all of the time!

Are you interested in a St. Peter's group trip to the **Lyric Opera of Chicago** to see *Jesus Christ Superstar*? Let us know! Please complete a form at the following link: <http://bit.ly/lyricjcs> with your name and preference for showtimes. If you have any questions, contact Qiana Johnson at q-johnson@pobox.com or (773) 388-2810.

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, Alex, Mark, Woody, Dawn, **Betsy, and Jessica.**

For the repose of the souls of Shirley June Powell (John Cummings' grandmother), John Mahoney (actor and longtime patron of the arts in Chicago), Lillie Henderson (aunt of Qiana Johnson), Dale Ray (daughter of a friend of Kate Wulle-Dugan), Deacon Barb Bishop, 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.

Opportunities to Connect

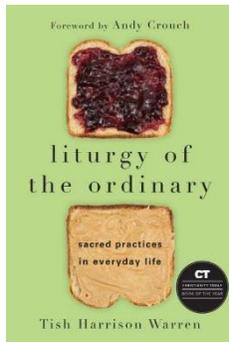
Growth Groups are St. Peter’s primary “small groups” or “fellowship groups” that meet regularly to discuss life, faith, and more. To find more information about the growth groups, please feel free to reach out to the following coordinators:

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)

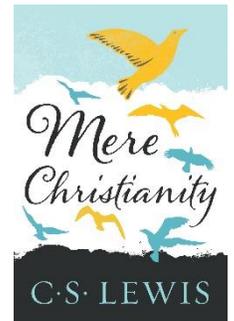
60s+ Growth Group



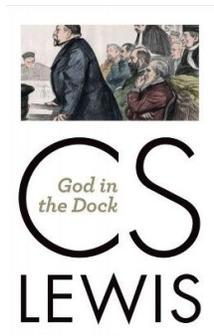
The 60s+ Group is currently reading Tish Harrison Warren’s *Liturgy of the Ordinary*, a book that looks at how our everyday routines speak beyond themselves to our relationships with God, one another, and the world. For February’s meeting (Thurs., February 22, from 2:00-4:00pm), we’ll be finishing the 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 will meet in March, and discuss another reading from C.S. Lewis—Thursday, March 15 from 7:00-9:00pm. Contact Qiana Johnson if you want any details or are interested in joining. The reading continues out of February’s discussion, but all are welcome to join, regardless of whether you were at the February meeting. Hope to see you there!



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

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The Rev. Dr. Ellen Wondra, *Assisting Priest*

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Betsy Lent, *Parish Administrator*

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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.

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