

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

621 W Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL

The Third Sunday in Lent

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.*



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 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, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who

reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Read responsively by whole verse.

Psalm 19:7-14

The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

Gospel Hymn

“O for a closer walk with God”

Hymn 684

The Gospel

John 2:13-22

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

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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 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; Michael, our presiding bishop;
Jeffrey, 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

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 O Mensch Bewein Dein Sunde Gross Johann Sebastian Bach

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 *“How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord”* **Hymn 636**

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 *Contemplation from Songs Without Words Op. 30 No. 1* Felix Mendelssohn

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are visiting with us, we are so glad you are here as we journey through Lent together at St. Peter’s. 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!

Parish Announcements

Upcoming Events

- March 10 (Sat.) Knitting Fellowship
10:00am-1:00pm at Deacon Nancy's home
- March 10 (Sat.) Parish Work Day
9:30am-1:00pm. Join us for any or all of the time!
- March 11 (Sun.) The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist at 8:00am (spoken) and 11:00am (with hymns)
- March 15 (Thurs.) 40s/50s Growth Group 7:00pm, location TBD
60s+ Growth Group 2:00pm-4:00pm at Kate Wulle-Dugan's home
- 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, William, Philip, John, Tom, Cathy, the Sexton family, Dan, Angel, Mark, Woody, Dawn, Betsy, John, Jessica, Lauren, and **Tovah**.

For the repose of the souls of Dale Ray (daughter of a friend of Kate Wulle-Dugan) and George Michel (grandfather of Elliot Michel), and for their families and friends as they grieve.

For Whitney Michel (2/20), Gloria Donnelly (2/27), Lucian and Adrian Salovaara (3/4), and Nancy Fifield (3/7) who celebrate their birthdays.

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

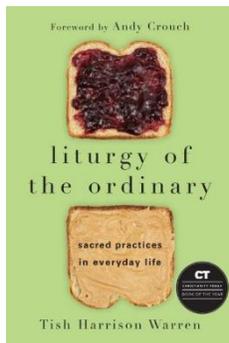
Growth Groups are St. Peter's primary "small groups" or "fellowship groups" that meet regularly to discuss life, faith, and more. To find more information about the growth groups, please feel free to reach out to the following coordinators:

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)

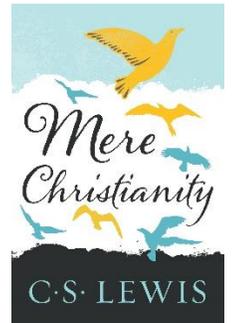
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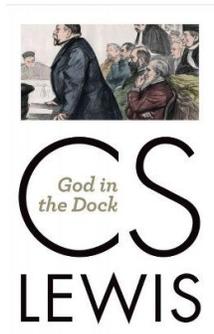
The 60s+ Group is currently reading Tish Harrison Warren's *Liturgy of the Ordinary*, a book that looks at how our everyday routines speak beyond themselves to our relationships with God, one another, and the world. For the March meeting (Thurs., March 15, from 2:00-4:00pm), we'll have Father Shane with us so that we can talk about the transformation ahead and ask any questions we have about the next steps for St. Peter's. 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, location TBD. 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 attended 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 from 7:00-9:00pm at Wilde's restaurant on Broadway. Please note that the March meeting will occur on **March 21, rather than the 28th**. 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*

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Betsy Lent, *Parish Administrator*

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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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