

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

621 W Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.”*



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.

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*The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two*

**Prelude**                      *Prelude and Fugue in E Minor*                      *Johann Sebastian Bach*

**Processional Hymn**            *“Lift high the cross”*    **Hymn 473**

## A Penitential Order

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*Celebrant*      Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People*          **His mercy endures for ever.**

*The Celebrant says*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*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.	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
Christ, have mercy.	<b>Christ, have mercy.</b>
Lord, have mercy.	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>

## The Word of God

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### 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.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live."

So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord

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

### **The Psalm**

*Read responsively by half verse.*

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
**and his mercy endures for ever.**

Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim \*  
**that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**

He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
**from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.**

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
**they were afflicted because of their sins.**

They abhorred all manner of food \*  
**and drew near to death's door.**

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
**and he delivered them from their distress.**

He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
**and saved them from the grave.**

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
**and the wonders he does for his children.**

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
**and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.**

### **The Second Reading**

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ- by grace you have been saved- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of



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*

*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.*





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**

*Allegretto from Sonata in B-Flat Major*

Felix Mendelssohn

**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**            “Come, thou fount of every blessing”            **Hymn 686**

**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**            *Prelude and Fugue in G Major*            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!**

## Holy Week at Saint Peter's

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### **Palm Sunday**

**Sunday, March 25 (8:00 and 11:00)**

On this special Sunday, we commemorate and reenact the “Triumphal Entry” of Jesus into Jerusalem. Jesus comes as Israel’s true king, to fulfill the hopes of the world and turn that world upside down—but not in the way they expected. We read of Jesus’s entry into Jerusalem and his journey outside its walls to the cross, and we set our minds to the week ahead, as we walk step by step with our Lord in his journey toward death . . . and resurrection.

### **Maundy Thursday**

**Thursday, March 29 (7:00 pm)**

“On the night before he was handed over to suffering and death,” Jesus shared a unique meal with his disciples. This was a Passover meal, but for Jesus and his disciples it was also the last time they would eat together, and a time when Jesus showed us what it truly meant to love one another. The service contains several important liturgies. Our clergy first kneel down before us to wash our feet, a sign of humility in emulation of Jesus. We eat together and meditate on Jesus’s agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. We strip the altar and decor of the church to prepare for the somber remembrance of Jesus’s Passion on Good Friday.

### **Good Friday**

**Friday, March 30 (12:00 and 7:00 pm)**

This is the most somber of occasions in the year of the church, and yet also one of the most important. On Good Friday we remember the sacrifice of Jesus, the Crucified God, who died in order that we might have life, and have it to the full. This is a much quieter service, with little ornamentation and an uncomfortable silence. We read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John. We venerate the cross. We receive communion from the Reserved Sacrament, consecrated the night before. We leave the church in silence as we await the glorious resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. Until then, we wait, and we seek to understand more what Jesus’s sacrifice means for us, and what it does to change us.

### **The Great Vigil of Easter**

**Saturday, March 31 (8:00 pm)**

*Easter Sunday Morning*

*Sunday, April 1 (10:00 am)*

The wait is over, and Jesus is raised from the dead. On Easter we celebrate the ultimate act of God on behalf of the world: the resurrection of our Lord, on which all our faith depends. Our eyes are fixed, our ears are tuned, to what God has in store in his act of recreating life as we know it. The service is joyous and celebratory, beginning with the lighting of the Paschal Fire and Candle, remembering that as we are baptized into Christ’s death, we are also raised with him in his resurrection. The Gloria and Alleluias are restored, and the gold candles and vestments remind us of the glory and might of our God, who has put death, hate, and malice under his feet so that the life of the world may flourish.

## Parish Announcements

### *Upcoming Events*

- March 15 (Thurs.)    40s/50s Growth Group 7:00pm, at Qiana Johnson's home  
60s+ Growth Group 2:00pm-4:00pm at Kate Wulle-Dugan's home
- March 18 (Sun.)    The Fifth Sunday in Lent  
*Holy Eucharist at 8:00am (spoken) and 11:00am (with hymns)*
- March 24 (Sat.)    Parish Work Day—Preparing for Holy Week  
9:30am-1:00pm. *Join us for any or all of the time!*

### *Outreach at Saint Peter's*

New and renewed outreach opportunities are forthcoming. If you would like to keep informed about outreach efforts at St. Peter's, please contact Jordan Rutledge at [jordanlrutledge@gmail.com](mailto:jordanlrutledge@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](mailto:deacon@stpeterschicago.com)).*

For those who are sick in body, mind, or soul and those caring for them: Maryann, Carol, Pam, Bruce, William, Philip, John, Tom, Cathy, the Sexton family, Dan, Angel, Mark, Woody, Dawn, Betsy, John, Jessica, Lauren, Tovah, **Carol, Jacob, and Susan.**

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

For Rebecca (Becky) Wicker (3/11), Nancy Fifield (3/17), Randy Harper (3/17), and Kate Wulle-Dugan (3/18) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

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

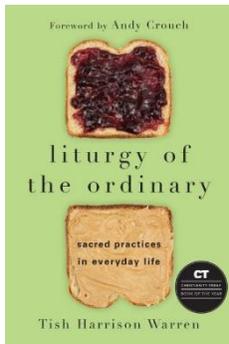
**Growth Groups** are St. Peter's primary "small groups" or "fellowship groups" that meet regularly to discuss life, faith, and more. To find more information about the growth groups, please feel free to reach out to the following coordinators:

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)

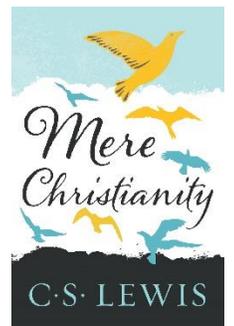
### *60s+ Growth Group*



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 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 on Thursday, March 15 from 7:00-9:00pm, at Qiana Johnson's home. 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*



**CS**  
*God in the Dock*  
**LEWIS**

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*

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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