

# st. peter's chelsea



## Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 22, 2023

10:00 AM

*Note for parents: We love the “joyful noise” of kids and welcome them into our worship! If you need a quiet space, the rectory is open and available with toys and a diaper changing station. You are welcome there anytime or you can ask a greeter for help.*

## PRELUDE

*Please stand if you are able.*

## OPENING HYMN

*Here I Am to Worship*

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

King of all days  
Oh, so highly exalted  
Glorious in Heaven above  
Humbly You came to the earth You created  
All for love’s sake became poor

### CHORUS:

*Here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You’re my God  
You’re altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me*

### CHORUS

I’ll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
(repeat)

### CHORUS

*WORDS & MUSIC: Tim Hughes*

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*+ indicates a place where we traditionally cross ourselves*

*Celebrant* +Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
*All* **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
*All* **Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**FIRST READING | Isaiah 9: 1-4**

*Reader*           The word of the Lord.

*All*                **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM | Psalm 27: 1, 5-13**

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

**For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.**

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

**Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,  
be gracious to me and answer me!**

“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”  
Your face, Lord, do I seek.

**Do not hide your face from me.  
Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help.  
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,  
O God of my salvation!**

If my father and mother forsake me,  
the Lord will take me up.

**Teach me your way, O Lord,  
and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.**

Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they are breathing out violence.

**I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**SECOND READING** | 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

*Reader*            The word of the Lord.

**All**                 **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**GRADUAL HYMN**

*All Who Are Thirsty*

All who are thirsty  
All who are weak  
Come to the fountain  
Dip your heart in the stream of life  
  
Let the pain and the sorrow  
Be washed away  
In the waves of His mercy  
As deep cries out to deep, we sing

Come, Lord Jesus, come  
Come, Lord Jesus, come  
  
Holy Spirit, come  
Holy Spirit, come

*WORDS & MUSIC: Brenton Brown*

*Celebrant*        +The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

**GOSPEL** | Matthew 4: 12-23

*Celebrant*        The Gospel of the Lord

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

*Please be seated.*

*Children aged 3 and up are invited to a time of children's worship; they return to the sanctuary in time for Communion.*

**SERMON**

Lisha Epperson

*Please stand.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please share any prayer requests  
or thanksgiving in the live chat:*



*To God who welcomes all in love, let us pray for the good of the church and the concerns of those in need.*

God of Love, You who promises to be with us, guide us with your presence, scatter the fear that binds us. Give to us a fidelity to your gospel that we might respond to your great light.

*Silence.*

Lord in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer***

God of the Way, help us to understand our mission in the world, to with you - gather and hold your people. Guide us as we align ourselves with the movement of your spirit. Guide as we seek always, the common good.

*Silence.*

Lord in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer***

God of Eternal Wisdom, you have entrusted your creation to our care. Help us to revive our wounded planet, sharing in the work of restoration, rightly using and preserving its resources.

*Silence.*

Lord in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer***

God of Illumination, through prayer and discernment, help us to perceive the urgency of now - to come and follow. Inspire us to live as stewards of your promise. Help us to understand the power of our witness - the impact of our words - the miracles of healing.

*Silence.*

Lord in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer***

God of Mercy, inhabit this place with us, your ordinary people. Comfort and heal all who suffer in mind, body or spirit. Set their hearts and our own to hope. Bless and keep us as we seek to live in community - serving you as we seek to serve one another.

*Silence.*

Lord in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer***

We remember and commend to you O God, those who have died. That your will for their lives may be fulfilled and that their souls may rest in peace.

*Celebrant* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## CONFESSION

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*All* **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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

## PEACE

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*All* **And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

*Fill out an information card or  
share a prayer request by using  
the QR code:*



*You can give in the offering box  
near the doors, through our website  
or by using the QR code:*



*Please stand.*

## DOXOLOGY

\*During the pandemic we needed to be careful about singing together so we introduced the Doxology in ASL and it has continued as a St. Peter's tradition to embody our praise to God.

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him all creatures here below  
Praise him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Amen.*

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow - er and might,  
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
† Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*WORDS: Book of Common Prayer*

*MUSIC: Brian Milner, from Mass for the Beloved*

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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the 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.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant*      And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*All*              **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

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*All* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Please be seated.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available by request. Please ask the priest when you approach.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Come to the Altar*

Are you hurting and broken within?  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?  
Jesus is calling

*CHORUS:*

*O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today, there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes, a new life is born  
Jesus is calling

*CHORUS*

Oh what a Savior  
Isn't He wonderful?  
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen  
Bow down before Him  
For He is Lord of all  
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen

*WORDS/MUSIC: Brown, Brock, Furtick, Joye*

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*All*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **FINAL BLESSING**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Crown Him with many crowns  
The Lamb upon His throne  
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of peace  
Whose power a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease  
And all be prayer and praise  
His reign shall know no end  
And round His pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of life  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save  
His glories now we sing  
Who died and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die

*WORDS: Matthew Bridges, Godfrey Thring  
MUSIC: George J. Elvey*

## **DISMISSAL**

*All*   **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S CHELSEA!

We're so glad that you joined us for worship today! Please sign up for our email newsletter at [www.stpeterschelsea.org](http://www.stpeterschelsea.org), follow us on Instagram and Facebook @stpeterschelsea and find out more ways to get connected.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **JOIN THE FAMILY TABLE - February 2, March 2, 6:30-8:30:** We're building on the success of our "Family Table" series last fall and opening it up for more people to participate in this powerful practice. It's a time to slow down, break bread (i.e. charcuterie!) together and engage in the practice of "group spiritual direction." This is a simple, prayerful way of listening & supporting without judging or trying to fix. Choose a night and rsvp to Lisha at [lisha@stpeterschelsea.org](mailto:lisha@stpeterschelsea.org).
- **TODAY! BEING CHRISTIAN - January 22 to February 12, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm:** The Rev. Dr. Michael DeLashmutt, will be leading a 4-week post-service class based on the wonderful book by former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams on the four essentials that every Christian regardless of denomination holds in common: baptism, Bible, prayer, Eucharist. Recommended for everyone whether you're a long-time Christian or a seeker. This class will be a requirement for those seeking confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church. Contact Christine at the email above for more information.
- **YOGA + NOONDAY PRAYER- Wednesdays, 11:30-12:15 pm in the Sanctuary.** Come for one part or both. It is FREE and open to the public. All ages welcome. RSVP to [lisha@stpeterschelsea.org](mailto:lisha@stpeterschelsea.org).

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