

st. peter's chelsea



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

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

OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Lord



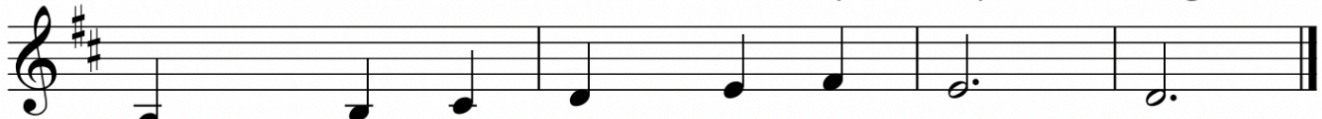
Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath made thee,
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion!
decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand guid - ed and stayed thee.
All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw near;
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee re - lief,
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain;



join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

WORDS: Joachim Neander, tr. Catherine Winkworth
MUSIC: Anonymous (1665); William Sterndale Bennett

OPENING ACCLAMATION

+ indicates a place where we traditionally cross ourselves

Celebrant +Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.
All **O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Let the Amen! sound from His people again
Let the Amen! sound from His people again
Let the Amen! sound from His people again
Gladly because we adore Him

FIRST READING | 1 John 3: 16–24

Reader The word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM | Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

GRADUAL HYMN

Be Still For The Presence of the Lord



Be still for the presence of the Lord The Ho-ly One is here Come bow b- e- fore Him now with
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shi- ning all a- round; He burns with ho- ly fire with



rev- er-ence and fear In Him no sin is found We stand on ho- ly ground Be still for the
spen- dor he is crowned. How awesome is the sight- our ra- dian- t King of light! Be still for the



pres- ence of the Lord The Ho- ly One is here
glo- ry of the Lord is shi- ning all a- round.

WORDS/MUSIC: David Evans

Celebrant +The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL | John 10: 11–18

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



Be still, for the power of the Lord is mo- ving in this place; He comes to - cleanse and heal to



mi- ni- ster his grace. No work too hard for him In faith re- ceive from him. Be still for the



po- wer of the Lord is mo- ving in this place.

EARTH DAY | *Blessing of the Flowers*

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

SERMON

The Rev. Lisha Epperson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

EDITED FROM PRAYERS BY RICHARD HERMAN

Gracious and loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: We praise you for how wide, how high, and how deep is Your vast love for all people. Incarnate in Jesus, You offered Your life for the healing of the world through the forgiveness of all our sins. Your arms embrace us all. Your love transcends our divisions and differences.

God of love, **grant our prayer.**

Breaking out of the tomb, You broke the powers that bind us and released us to live new and free. Your wide and welcoming love for all challenges us. Forgive us when we find it hard to forgive others. Teach us how to value and respect one another. Give us the necessary strength and courage to reach beyond ourselves to be a community of love, liberation and life.

God of love, **grant our prayer.**

Make us a safe place in a dangerous world, a people in which Your Hope lives, Your Love welcomes, Your Compassion restores and Your Grace lifts. We pray for our deeply divided world: for peace in all lands that are war torn or threatening violence or retribution. We pray for those affected by the racism that injures us all. We pray that our state and federal officials can find ways to work effectively across partisan lines, valuing the common good above all else.

God of love, **grant our prayer.**

We continue to lift up to You those who mourn, whether their grief is fresh or lingering. We pray for the ill and injured of this community and congregation. Heal body, soul, mind and spirits ... and their strengthen caregivers.

God of love, **grant our prayer.**

All these things we lift up to You, our loving God, confident that You hear our prayers and care for us in all seasons of our lives. Now, Jesus Christ, Son of David, have mercy upon us. **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:



OFFERTORY SONG

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

The Goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest nights
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me (2x)
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now,
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

WORDS/MUSIC: Ed Cash, Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Jenn Johnson, Jason Ingram

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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*

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,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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 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.**

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.

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

COMMUNION HYMNS *O 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

The Goodness of God

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

*All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest nights
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after, it's running
after me (2x)
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now,
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running
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Celebrant
All

Let us pray.

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

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my
 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3. There in the ground his bo - dy lay, Light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

light, my strength, my song. This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe. This gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me. From life's first cry to fi - nal

ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ness scorned by the ones he came to save. Till on that
 day, up from the grave he rose a - gain! And as he
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no scheme of man can ev - er pluck me from his

cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the
 fied, for ev - 'ry sin on him was laid. Here in the
 me, for I am his and he is mine, bought with the
 hand. Till he re - turns or calls me home, here in the

love of Christ I stand.
 death of Christ I live.
 pre - cious blood of Christ.
 pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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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! If you are new to or visiting St. Peter's, we'd love to connect with you. After service, one of our Vestry members will be by the doors with a name tag. You can stop by to ask any questions about our community or simply to introduce yourself to let us know you are visiting. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook @stpeterschelsea for the latest!

TODAY! GOD'S STORY, OUR STORY (New Testament Letters), taught by the Very Rev. Dr. Michael DeLashmutt, Sunday, April 21, 11:30-12:30 pm. We are delving into the Story of God by getting to know the Bible better! Last year, we focused on the Old Testament and in 2024, we'll focus on the New. **Final Class: June 2 (Revelation).**

TOMORROW! LISTENING TO YOUR WISDOM WITHIN, Monday, April 22, 7 pm on Zoom. We regularly have a collection of inner voices, cues, and intuitions that give us information about what we think and feel. Sometimes these voices are loud and some we may have tuned out. In this workshop we will practice some exercises that will help us notice and pay attention to our inner wisdom. RSVP to Kimberly Malone at lindeninsights@gmail.com.

REMEMBERING JOHN BJERKLIE, Saturday, May 4, 1 pm. Come celebrate the remarkable life and legacy of John Bjerklie with his loved ones. Reception to follow.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION with All Angels' Church, Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 PM. We will kick off ten days of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost with our friends from All Angels' on the Upper West Side. More details to come but save the date! Dinner will be included.

WEEKLY GATHERINGS:

- **Tuesday Women's Bible Study**, 6:30 pm in the rectory. Join us for dinner, fellowship, prayer and Bible study. Feel free to drop in anytime. To RSVP, contact Caitlin Mitchell at caitlinmitchell95@gmail.com.
- **Wednesday Senior Glo (yoga and noonday prayer) with Lisha**, 11:30 am in the sanctuary. Contact: lisha@stpeterschelsea.org
- **Food Pantry Volunteering**, Saturdays from 9:30-11:30 am. Help us love our neighbors through providing food and hospitality. Contact Brian Wexler at foodpantry@stpeterschelsea.org.

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