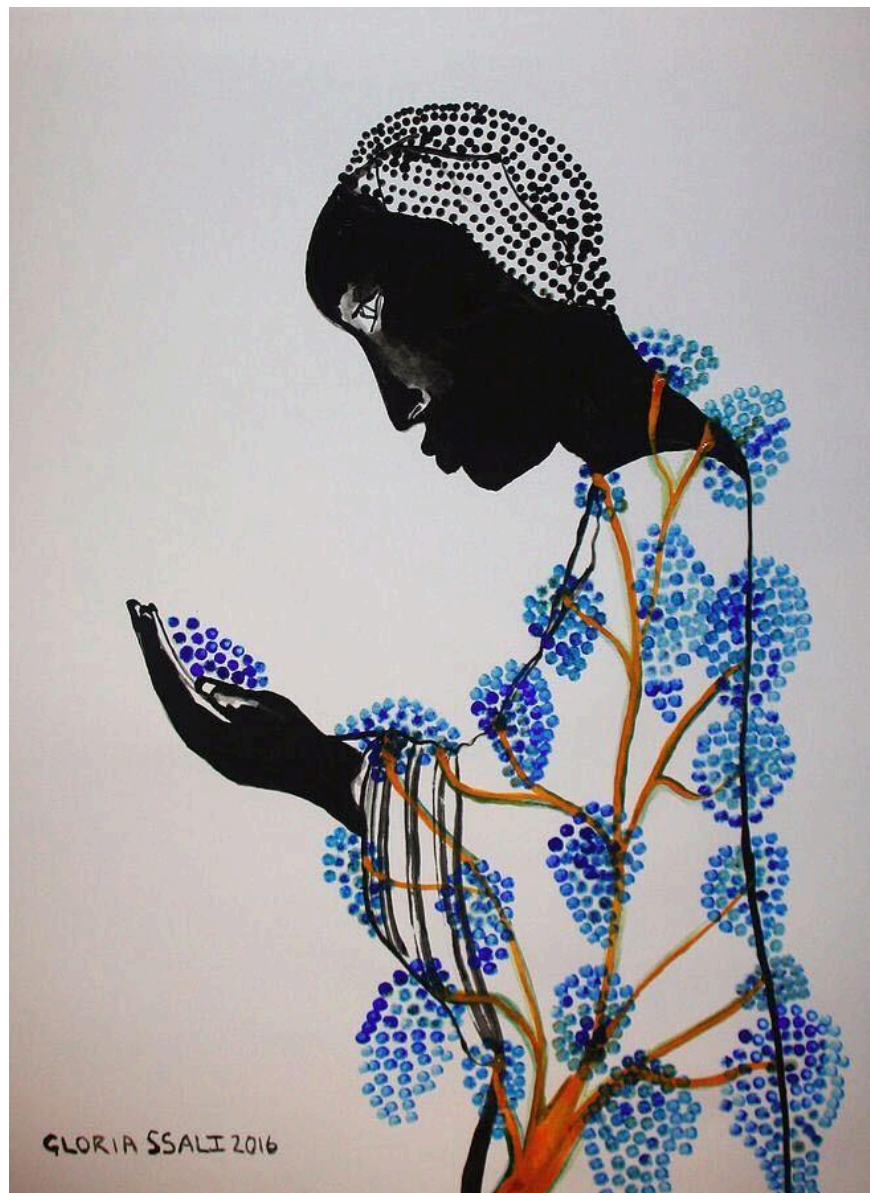


st. peter's chelsea



Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 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

Be Thou My Vision



Be thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
Be thou my Wis - dom, and thou my true Word,
High King of hea - ven, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art--
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pre - sence my light.
high King of heav - en, my Treas - ure thou art.
still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: *Eleanor Hull, Mary Byrne* MUSIC: *Irish traditional*

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 **Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

We want to see you

FIRST READING | 1 John 4: 7–21

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM | Psalm 22: 24–30

My praise is of him in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the LORD shall praise him:

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the LORD;

he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him;

they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.

GRADUAL HYMN

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord
Open the eyes of our hearts
We want to see You
We want to see You (repeat)

Chorus:
Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
We want to see you

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

WORDS/MUSIC: Paul Baloche

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

GOSPEL | John 15: 1–8

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

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

REFLECTIONS

The Rev. Sam Owen, Priest-in Charge
The Haitian Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan
New York Haiti Project

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus said, *'If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.'*
Let us now approach him with confidence.

Risen Lord, you came as a sacrifice for our sin. Give us faith to accept this act of love, so that we turn from all human efforts and drink in the atoning righteousness of your death and resurrection.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, you are the true vine and we are the branches. By your Spirit, produce the fruit of love, joy, peace, and patience in us for others to taste and enjoy. Keep us from hanging on to love for ourselves. Prune all selfishness from us and fill us with your love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, have mercy on your earth and supply its needs. Where people are hungry, give food. Where people are in distress, comfort them. Where people are in trouble, bring order and peace. And turn the whole world to you in faith, repentance and praise.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, focus our love on people we know with special needs. Heal those who are unwell particularly (*insert names*) and others in need whom we now name silently in our hearts...

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for hearing us and caring for us in all our needs. Constantly intercede for us before our heavenly Father, and open our eyes that we may see him through you. We ask all this in your holy name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Guide us in the path of discipleship, so that, as you have blessed us, we may be a blessing for others, bringing the promise of the kingdom near by our words and deeds. **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 HYMN/SONG “Rebel Love” *by Lauren Daigle*

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*

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.

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

COMMUNION HYMNS *We Belong To You / The Goodness of God*

God for us, Christ with us, Spir - it with - in us A - men.

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God for us, Christ with us, Spir - it with - in us A - men. And we be -

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long to You. O we be - long to You. The my - ster - y of the Trin -

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- i - ty's Love, we be - long to You.

WORDS/MUSIC: *Lisba Epperson and Aaron Niequist*

I love You, Lord
 For 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
 Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God
 'Cause all my life You have been faithful

I love Your voice
 You have led me through the fire
 In darkest night You are close like no other
 I've known You as a Father
 I've known You as a Friend
 And I have lived in the goodness of God,
 yeah

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

*Bridge: Your goodness is running after, it's running
 after me (repeat)
 With my life laid down, I surrendered now
 I give You everything, oh Lord
 Your goodness is running after, it's running after me*

WORDS: *Ben Fielding / Brian Johnson / Edward Martin Cash / Jason Ingram / Jenn Johnson*

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

Revelation 19



Hal-le-lu - jah! Sal - va-tion and Glo - r-y. Hon-or and Po-w-er un - to the



Lo - rd our God. For the Lord our God is Al-migh - ty, the



Lord our God is Om-nip-o-te-nt. The Lord ou - r God, He is Wo-n-der-ful!



All prai-ses be to the King of Kings, and the Lord of Lords, He is won - der-ful! All



Ha - le - lu - iah, Ha-le - lu-jah Ha-le-lu-jah Ha-le-lu-jah, Ha-le-lu-jah Ha -



le - lu - jah He is won - der - ful!



Ha-le-lu-jah! Sal- va-tion and Glo-r-y. Hon-or and Po-w-er, He is won - der-ful!

WORDS/MUSIC: *Jeffrey LaValley*

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

GOD'S STORY, OUR STORY, taught by the Very Rev. Dr. Michael DeLashmutt. 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).**

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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