

st. peter's chelsea



Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2025

10:00 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Withdraw” by *Drew Jackson*

Please rise in body or spirit.

OPENING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
4 Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing all with - in its span.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er— all who live in love are thine;
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.
joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

WORDS: *Henry Van Dyke*; MUSIC: *Ludwig van Beethoven*

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. 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 **O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

PREPARING TO LISTEN

SCRIPTURE READING | Jeremiah 17: 5–19

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM | Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

**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.**

Please rise in body or spirit.

GRADUAL HYMN

Jesus At The Center

Jesus at the center of it all
Jesus at the center of it all
From beginning to the end
It will always be, it's always been you
Jesus, Jesus

Jesus be the center of my life
Jesus be the center of my life
From beginning to the end
It will always be, it's always been You
Jesus, Jesus [*CHORUS*]

CHORUS:

Nothing else matters,
Nothing in this world will do
Jesus you're the center,
Everything revolves around you
Jesus you

BRIDGE:

From my heart to the heavens,
Jesus be the center
It's all about You,
Yes it's all about You (*repeat*)

WORDS/MUSIC: Adam Ranney, Israel Houghton, Micah Massey

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

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

*Jesus be the center of Your church
Jesus be the center of Your church
And every knee will bow
And every tongue shall confess You
Jesus, Jesus*

GOSPEL | Luke 6: 17–26

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

Drew Jackson

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

adapted from a prayer by Howard Thurman

You have no equal God. We come before you humbled, asking for your healing presence. Heal, deliver, save us from all evil that we may serve you in righteousness and truth. We commit ourselves to you as a community of believers - and so we pray...

Open unto us, **light for our darkness**

Open unto us, **courage for our fear**

Open unto us, **hope for our despair**

Open unto us, **peace for our turmoil**

Open unto us, **joy for our sorrow**

Open unto us, **strength for our weakness**

Open unto us, **wisdom for our confusion**

Open unto us, **forgiveness for our sins**

Open unto us, **tenderness for our toughness**

Open unto us, **love for our hates**

Open unto us, **Thy Self for ourselves**

Lord, Lord, **open unto 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 “Bridge Over Troubled Water” *written by Paul Simon, sung by Noreen Crayton*

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise him all crea - tures
here be - low. Praise him a - bove, ye heav - en - ly host. Praise Fa - ther,
Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Come to the ta - ble, come to the feast.
All are in - vi - ted, great - est to least. Sins have been par - doned, di -
vi - sions have ceased. Come to the ta - ble, come to the feast,
come to the feast.

WORDS/MUSIC: Ron Melrose

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

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... 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...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.

COMMUNION HYMNS *Call The Name of Jesus/ Great Is Your Mercy/ It Is Well*

Call the name of Jesus	Oh oh oh
He is our Healer	Oh oh oh
Call the name of Jesus	Oh oh oh
He is our Provider	Oh oh oh
Call the name of Jesus	
He is our Protector	<i>There's no name that is greater</i>
Call the name of Jesus	<i>That is stronger than our Savior (repeat)</i>
He is our strong Deliverer	

Great is Your mercy towards me
 Your loving kindness towards me
 Your tender mercy, I see
 Day after day
 Forever faithful towards me
 Always providing for me
 Great is Your mercy towards me
 Great is Your grace

When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way,
 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come,
 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,

when sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
 the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de - scend,

Refrain
 "It is well, it is well with my soul." It is well with my
 and has shed his own blood for my soul.
 e - ven so, it is well with my soul.

soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.
 with my soul,

WORDS/MUSIC: Darwin Hobbs; Donnie McClurkin; Horatio Gates Spafford; Philip Paul Bliss

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

“Priests” by *Drew Jackson*

CLOSING HYMN

Blessed Assurance



1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! ____ O what a
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! ____ Vi - sions of
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion— all is at rest, ____ I in my



fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! ____ Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
rap - ture now burst on my sight; ____ An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest; ____ Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -



God, ____ born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood. ____ This is my
-bove ____ ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. ____
-bove, ____ filled with His good - ness, lost in His love. ____



sto - ry, this is my song, ____ prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; ____ This is my



sto - ry, this is my song, ____ prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

WORDS/MUSIC: *Fannie Crosby*

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, follow us on Instagram and Facebook @stpeterschelsea and find out more ways to get connected.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Peter's Artists Collective, Saturday, March 1, 1-4 pm: This month several members will gather in the sanctuary to share their work, and afterward to work on Stations of the Cross together in preparation for the Good Friday service. If you're interested in sharing your work or in helping with a station—and to RSVP—contact Mina (minaleazer@gmail.com) or Stefanie (stefaniecpeters@gmail.com).

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5:

- **Ashes and Prayer on the Street, 12 pm.** Join us for this beautiful tradition of offering the imposition of ashes and praying for people on the streets of our city. Contact Christine at cee@stpeterschelsea.org to join.
- **Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes, 7 pm.** Begin this season of repentance in worship as we turn our hearts to the Lord in humility and vulnerability.

Are you interested in getting baptized or gaining a deeper understanding of what baptism is all about? This Lent we'll be offering a 5-week class starting March 9 after service. Those interested in baptism (on Easter Sunday), getting confirmed at our next bishop's visit, or just curious to learn more are welcome! Contact Christine at the email above.

WEEKLY GATHERINGS:

- **House Churches:** Join our community for food, fellowship, prayer and growing together.
 - **Downtown (Chelsea),** Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm. Contact Christine at the email above.
 - **Uptown (UWS),** Thursdays, 7-8 pm. Contact Lisha at lisha@stpeterschelsea.org
 - **New Jersey,** monthly at various homes. Contact Christine at the email above.
- **Yoga & Noonday Prayer,** Wednesdays, 11:30-12:15 pm. Explore movement as a spiritual practice. Led by Lisha in the sanctuary. RSVP to Lisha at the email above.
- **Zoom Morning Prayer,** Weekdays at 8 am. Start the morning with prayer, connection, and peace with the Episcopal Diocese of New York. Visit the Connect page on our website for the registration link.
- **Food Pantry,** 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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