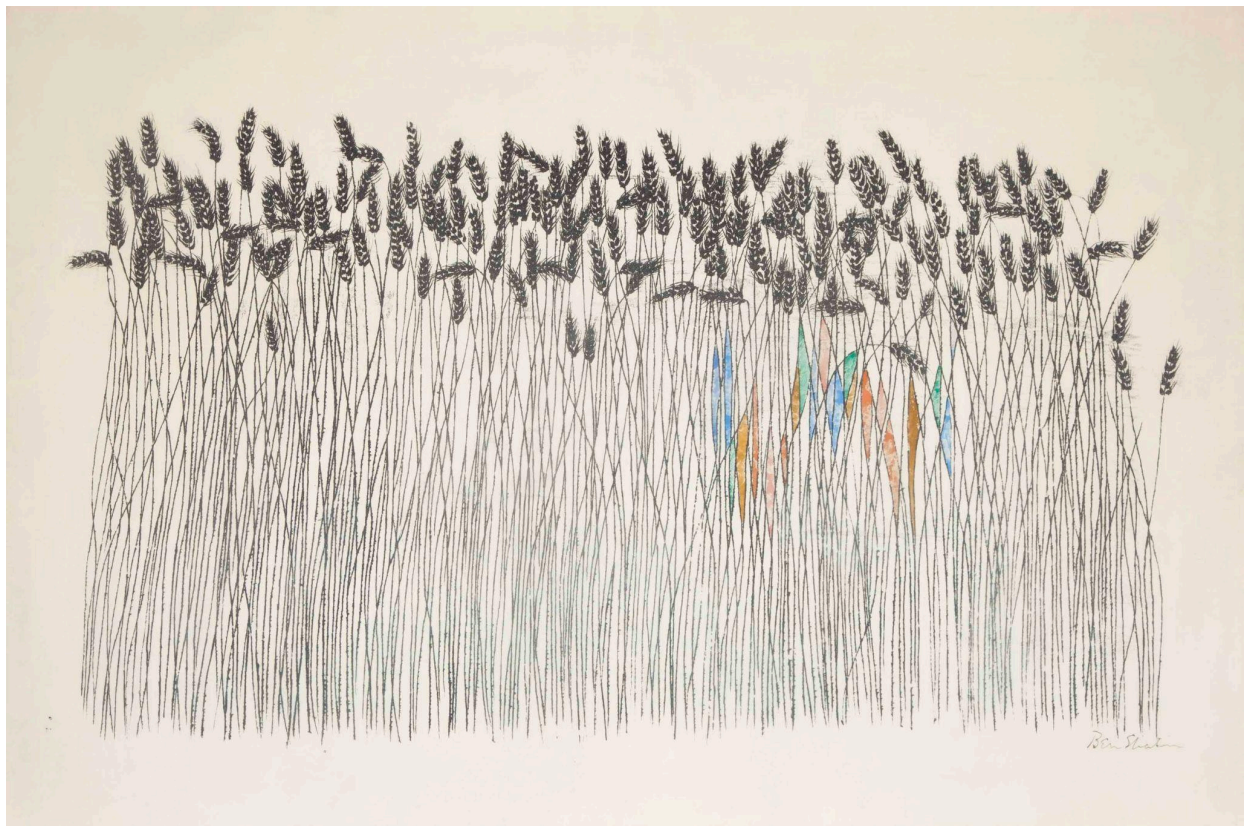


# st. peter's chelsea



## **Second Sunday in Lent**

March 1, 2026

10:00 AM

*Note for parents: We love the “joyful noise” of kids and welcome them into our worship! In the back of the church, there is an area with children’s toys and books. 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 rise in body or spirit.*

## **HYMN**

### *Come Thou Fount*

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,  
mount of God’s unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I’m come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I’m constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here’s my heart; O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

*WORDS/MUSIC: Robert Robinson*

## **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*+ indicates a place where we traditionally cross ourselves*

*Celebrant* +Blessed be the God of our salvation.

*All* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

**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, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**SCRIPTURE READING** | Ezekiel 37: 1–14

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

**RESPONSIVE PSALM** | Psalm 30: 5b, 11–12

Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.

**You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth  
and clothed me with joy,**

so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

**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.*

**GRADUAL**

*Breathe*

Breathe

Breathe on us now

Open your mouth

And speak the word that heals this broken ground

Say

Say what you will

As we are still

And we breathe in the very breath of God

Oh, Spirit of God

Here with us now

Giving us life again

Breathe

Breathe on us now

Fill us with your love

Send us with your power

Spirit of God

*WORDS/MUSIC: The Brilliance*

*Celebrant* +The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

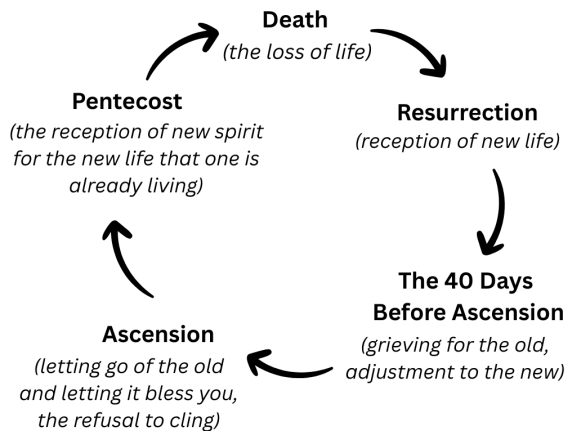
## GOSPEL | John 20: 1, 11–20

*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** “Living the Paschal Mystery: Resurrection” The Rev. Lisha Epperson



## EMBODIED MOVEMENT PRACTICE

### CONFESSION

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*All* **God of all mercy,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you,**  
**opposing your will in our lives.**  
**We have denied your goodness in each other,**  
**in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**  
**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,**  
**the evil we have done,**  
**and the evil done on our behalf.**  
**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us**  
**through our Savior Jesus Christ,**  
**that we may abide in your love**  
**and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 Christ be always with you.  
*All* And also with you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

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by using the QR code:



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## OFFERTORY

*Be Still My Soul (verses 1, 2, 4)*

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear pa-tient-ly the  
2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth un-der-take To guide the fu-ture,  
3. Be still, my soul: when dear-est friends de-part, And all is dark-ened  
4. Be still, my soul: the hour is hast-'ning on When we shall be for-  
5. Be still, my soul: be-gin the song of praise On earth, be-liev-ing,

cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to or-der and pro-vide;  
as He has the past. Thy hope, thy con-fi-dence let noth-ing shake;  
in the vale of tears, Then shalt thou bet-ter know His love, His heart,  
ev-er with the Lord. When dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and fear are gone,  
to Thy Lord on high; Ac-know-ledge Him in all thy words and ways,

In eve-ry change, He faith-ful will re-main. Be still, my soul: thy  
All now mys-ter-ious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the  
Who comes to soothe thy sor-row and thy fears. Be still, my soul: thy  
Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-stored. Be still, my soul: when  
So shall He view thee with a well-pleased eye. Be still, my soul: the

best, thy heav'n-ly Friend Through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.  
waves and winds still know His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt be-low.  
Je-sus can re-pay From His own full-ness all He takes a-way.  
change and tears are past All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.  
Sun of life di-vine Through pass-ing clouds shall but more bright-ly shine.

*Please rise.*

## DOXOLOGY

*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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

## 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*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All*            **Christ has died.**  
                  **Christ is risen.**  
                  **Christ will come again.**

+Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All** **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*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.

*If you would like to receive communion, hold your palms open when the celebrant comes to you. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you prefer a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*When I Survey / Dust / Kyrie*

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

*WORDS/MUSIC: Isaac Watts*

*Dust*

From dust we've come and  
dust we are and shall return  
Be still my soul and let it go  
just let it go

*CHORUS*

*Glory to God*

*Glory to God in the highest*

*Glory to God*

*Glory to God in the highest*

Naked we came and shall  
return into the grave  
Be still my soul and let it go  
just let it go

*CHORUS*

Be still my soul, Lord make me whole  
Lord make me whole  
Be still my soul, Lord make me whole  
Lord make me whole  
Lord make me whole  
Be still my soul, Lord make me whole  
Lord make me whole

*Bridge:*

*Glory to God*

*Glory to God in the highest*

*Glory to God*

*Glory to God in the highest*

*Glory to God, glory to God*

*Glory to God, glory to God*

*WORDS/MUSIC: The Brilliance*

Lord have mer-cy Christ have mer-cy Lord have mer -  
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Lord have mer-cy Christ have mer-cy

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WORDS/MUSIC: Paul Lee Johnson

*Please rise.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All** Loving God, we give you thanks  
 for restoring us in your image  
 and nourishing us with the spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
 Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
 that we may proclaim your love to the world  
 and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## **FINAL BLESSING**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in endless praise,  
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use  
every power as thou shalt choose,  
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

*WORDS / MUSIC: Frances Ridley Havergal*

### **DISMISSAL**

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

# 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

**Lenten Classes, Sundays from Feb 22 through March 22, from 11:30-12:30 pm:** This Lent, we're exploring the paschal mystery as a fuller way of making sense of grief and loss and of staying grounded, tender, and awake in a world that can leave us both heartbroken and stirred to action. We'll engage this mystery through different lenses, so we can practice faithful presence and resilient hope together.

- **TODAY, March 1 | Thinking Faithfully: What the Future Teaches Us About Grief and Hope - led by the Very Rev. Dr. Michael DeLashmutt**
- **March 8 | Making Room for Grief and Loss: Practices for Tender Times - led by Joanna Thomas (LMSW, Spiritual Director) and Abby Liu (LMSW, Psychotherapist).** Come be with others in the church community and learn about how to be with grief and loss, both large and small. We'll discuss ways to integrate loss and start on a path to resilience and transformation. Together, we'll practice slowing down, being with the experience and the feelings that emerge, holding multiple truths, and embracing the process.
- **March 15 | Q & A with Drew Jackson.** Join us for an informal Q&A with our poet-in-residence, Drew Jackson, as we pause in Week 4 of Lent to reflect together on how we're encountering the paschal mystery personally, communally, and in this moment in our world. Bring your questions, your wonderings, and whatever you're carrying, to listen and process together.
- **March 22 | How Literature Helps Us With Hard Emotions - led by Stefanie Peters.** Why read literature about grief, loss, or sadness? Is it helpful? We'll explore the role of emotions and how literature can help us navigate them, and then we will read some poems together, including a psalm of lament. Whether you're a reader or not, let's read together and discover how God can use sad literature to make space in our souls.

**A Taizé Prayer Service at Open Sanctuary: TONIGHT, March 1 from 5-7 pm.** Taizé is a meditative style of Christian prayer rooted in short, repeated chants, extended silence, and candlelight — designed to quiet the mind and open the heart. This Lenten gathering invites you into a gentle rhythm of song, scripture, and stillness as we reflect together on what it means to return — to ourselves, to one another, and to God. All are welcome, whether you are new to contemplative worship or simply longing for a quiet place to rest; our service lasts approximately 40 minutes, and the sanctuary will remain open for silence and prayer until 7pm.

**Beer & Cheese Night, Friday, March 6, from 6-8 pm.** Meg and Randall will be nerding it up in the Rectory with their favorite malts and dairy and requesting a hobbitry confluence to attend! Please come out and help this merry company get through these winter blues. A range of cheeses and beers in tasting size quantities will be served. Please bring a snack or your favorite beer or other non-alcoholic beverage to share. If you have a tasting glass, please bring. No RSVP required.

**Visit our website for a full list of our events and weekly gatherings: [www.stpeterschelsea.org/connect](http://www.stpeterschelsea.org/connect)**

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