

st. peter's chelsea



Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

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 rise in body or spirit.

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy/ Open the Eyes of My Heart



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
Though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
On - ly thou art ho - ly! There is none be - side thee



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Per - fect in pow'r, in love and pur - i - ty!

Holy, holy, holy (3x)

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: Reginald Haber; Paul Baloche

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 **Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Holy, holy, holy (3x)
We want to see you

Please be seated

SCRIPTURE READING | Exodus 3: 1–15

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM | Psalm 63:1–8

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

**So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your Name.**

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

**When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

**My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

**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

Trisagion

Holy God
Holy and Mighty
Holy Immortal One
Have mercy, have mercy on us.
(repeat)

WORDS/MUSIC: Fernando Ortega

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

GOSPEL | Luke 13: 1–9

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

Holy God
Holy and Mighty
Holy Immortal One
Have mercy, have mercy
Have mercy, have mercy on us

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

The Rev. Lisha Epperson

Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We offer our prayers today, joining with all God's people - the lost and lonely, the winners and losers, the powerful and prosperous, the confused and afraid - especially the sure and proud - acknowledging our collective need and seeking your guidance. Show us Lord, a way forward. Today we pray -

Dear Lord, Draw near.

When we know we've caused your tears and broken your heart, know we have gone astray.

Dear Lord, Draw near.

When we are unable to see or sense your presence in the dismantling of systems - all of which most deeply impact the poor and marginalized. When this inflection point, the inevitability of collapse, demands a faithful response - show us the way.

Dear Lord, Draw near.

When kindness and humility are seen as weakness, when pride and cruelty are lauded as superpowers. When we think of ourselves more highly than we ought.

Dear Lord, Draw near.

When the bottleneck of words and reports stifles our movement. When we are frustrated by change that is slow or halted. When we can't see the way ahead.

Dear Lord, Draw near.

When we need a calming touch, the reassurance that all will be well. Be for us that loving embrace. Be for us the encouragement we need.

Dear Lord, Draw near.

When we are sick and hurting, hungry or unhoused; when we are faced with depression or anxiety - when peace feels far away.

Dear Lord, Draw near.

We ask that you hold near those who have entered the stillness of your eternal rest and pray now for the soul of Jack Tynan. May those who mourn know your grace and compassion.

Dear Lord, Draw near.

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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share a prayer request by using
the QR code:*

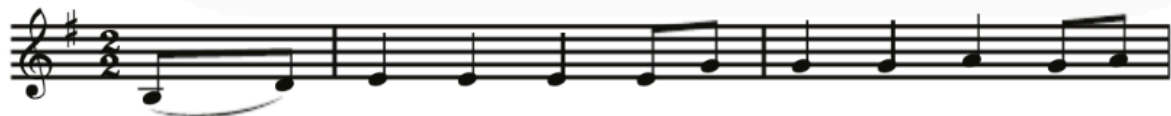


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near the doors, through our website
or by using the QR code:*



OFFERTORY

Canticle of the Turning



My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer-or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



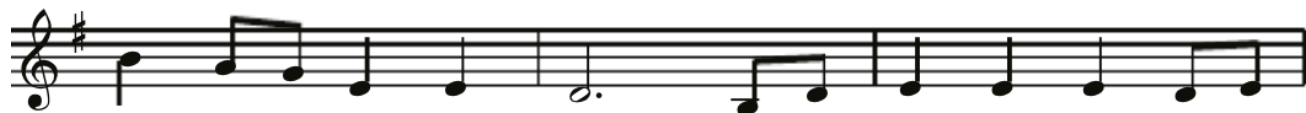
weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

WORDS: Rory Cooney; MUSIC: Irish Traditional

Please rise in body or spirit

DOXOLOGY

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

WORDS/MUSIC: Traditional

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 sing:

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.

MUSIC/ARRANGEMENT: *Brian Milner*

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...

...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

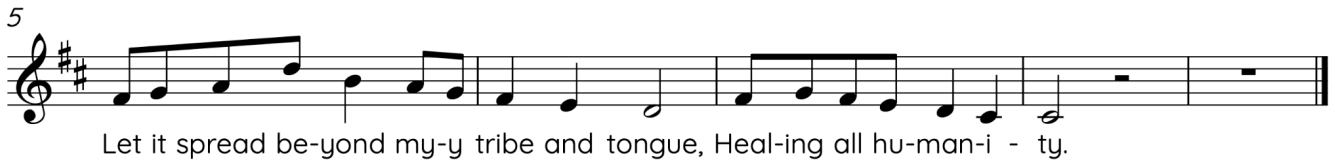
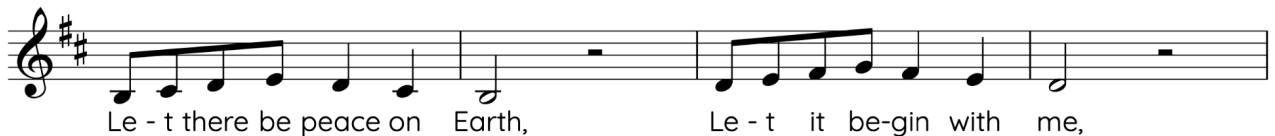
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against 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.

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

COMMUNION HYMNS *Let There Be Peace/Your Glory/Worthy Of It All*



WORDS/MUSIC: *Jimmy Bartz and Aaron Niequist*

My life is Yours
My hope is in You only
And my heart You hold
'Cause You made this sinner holy
Holy, holy

CHORUS:
'Cause Your glory is so beautiful
I fall onto my knees in awe
And the heartbeat of my life
Is to worship in Your light
'Cause Your glory is so beautiful
'Cause Your glory is so beautiful

WORDS/MUSIC: All Sons and Daughters

All the saints and angels
Bow before Your throne
All the elders cast their crowns
Before the Lamb of God and sing

*You are worthy of it all, you are worthy of it all
For from you are all things and to you are all things
You deserve the glory (repeat)*

Day and night, night and day, let incense arise
Day and night, night and day, let incense arise
(repeat)

WORDS/MUSIC: Kirk Bolen/David Brymer

Please rise in body or spirit.

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 *Canticle of the Turning* (turn to page 6 of the bulletin)

DISMISSAL

All Thanks be to God.

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S CHELSEA!

We're so glad that you joined us 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

HOLY WEEK:

- Palm Sunday Service, April 13, 10 am
- Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7 pm: Agape Meal & Service. RSVP to rsvp@stpeterschelsea.org.
- Good Friday, April 18, 7 pm
- Easter Sunday, April 20, 10 am: with Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch after (details below)

EASTER (POTLUCK) BRUNCH! This Easter, we will once again come together to celebrate Easter as a church body with an Easter brunch in the rectory. It is open to all, including friends and guests who come for the Easter service. We just ask that you please RSVP to Caitlin Mitchell at caitlinmitchell95@gmail.com by April 15th (so we can make sure there's enough food for everyone). If you can make it and are able, we'd love for you to bring a dish, dessert or drink to share. Email Caitlin and she will send you a link to sign up.

Pysanky (Ukrainian Egg Painting): Friday, March 28, 7-9 pm, led by Emma Fee. At the next St. Peter's Artists Collective gathering, Emma Fee, daughter of Brian and Maria, will be teaching us to make Ukrainian Easter eggs. All materials included! BYOB for a sip and egg-paint evening at the DeLashmutt's pottery studio. RSVP to Mina (minaleazer@gmail.com) or Stefanie (stefaniecpeters@gmail.com).

Youth (and young at heart) Community Service Opportunity, Sunday, March 30, 11:30-3:00 pm. We are partnering with Ecclesia in the Bowery and Archdeacon Denise Lavetty for a brief outdoor service of worship for the unhoused community near St. Marks. After coffee hour at church, we'll make sandwiches as part of a bagged lunch to take and share with their community at 10th Street and 2nd Avenue. RSVP to lisha@stpeterschelsea.org for more information and, of course, to join in.

Bishop Mary Glasspool Visit to St. Peter's, Sunday, April 6. If you are interested in reaffirming your faith or being confirmed or received by the Bishop during her visit, contact Christine at clee@stpeterschelsea.org. In the Episcopal Church, only Bishops can confirm and receive parishioners, and they visit our parish every three years. Below is a "confirmation, reception and reaffirmation" guide:

- Confirmation: you were baptized as a child and want to "express a mature commitment to Christ and receive strength through the Holy Spirit and the laying on of hands by a bishop" (Book of Common Prayer, pg 860)
- Reception: you have been confirmed in another denomination but want to be received into the Episcopal/Anglican Church
- Reaffirmation: you're in a season of renewal or want to renew your Christian commitment through a reaffirmation of your baptismal vows.