

st. peter's chelsea



First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 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.

OPENING HYMN *Give Me Jesus*

1. In the morn - ing when I rise, in the morn -
 ing when I rise, in the morn - ing when I rise - give me Je -
 sus. Give me Je - sus, give me Je -
 sus. You can have all this world, but give me Je -
 sus.

And when I am alone
 And when I am alone
 And when I am alone
 Give me Jesus...

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WORDS/MUSIC: *Traditional African-American spiritual*

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, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

PREPARING TO LISTEN

SCRIPTURE READING | Deuteronomy 26:1–11

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM | Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

**You will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.”**

Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place,

**no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.**

For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

**On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

**Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.**

When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue them and honor them.

**With long life I will satisfy them
and show them my salvation.**

**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

Kyrie (Pilgrim's Mass)

Lord have mer-cy Christ have mer-cy Lord have mer -
cy. Lord have mer-cy Christ have mer-cy
Lord have mer - - - cy Ky - ri - e E-le - i - son
Lord have mer - - - cy Ky - ri - e E-le - i - son
Chris - te E-le - i - son Ky - ri - e Ky - ri
e E-le - i - son
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Written/ Arranged: Paul Johnson

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

GOSPEL | Luke 4: 1–13

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

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

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. Christine Lee

Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Eternal God, thank you for the example of your Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit that compelled his journey in the wilderness. Thank you for the power to resist temptation. May each of us know that *spirit-pushing* and by employing your word, be helped in making a choice.

Silence.

We pray for unity in your church, that we might be one. May we be empowered to walk in spirit and truth, knowing our dependence on you as we face the struggles of our time. May we be carried by rituals of resistance - practices that strengthen and reconcile us - one to another.

Silence.

We pray for all who hold authority in the nations of this world; that the powers of anything unlike you be stilled, silenced by the might of your Spirit; that those who govern us would be turned toward the work of justice and peace; that all your children would know freedom.

Silence.

We pray for ourselves - that we would have the courage to align with your dream of love for the world. Forgive us for the times we turned away instead of toward you. Give us discerning hearts and the wisdom of our elders that we might not repeat mistakes from the past.

Silence.

We pray blessings over our families, our work and ministries. Help us to move in step and in time with you. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.

Silence.

Have compassion on those who know sickness, grief, or trouble of any kind; Draw near to the persecuted. Deliver from distress all who suffer.

Silence.

Ancient One, give to the departed - your eternal rest. May they be received by the ancestors - your saints who encourage us daily. May they know your peace.

Silence.

We desire to make so, the coming of your kingdom; Grant that we, your people, who now live by faith, are given eyes to see your Son at work in the world, and may we, with gladness, join Him.

Amen.

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:*



*You can give in the offering box
near the doors, through our website
or by using the QR code:*



OFFERTORY

Love Remains

written by John Arndt / David Perrin Gungor

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 say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest**

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS *Spirit of the Living God/Dust/My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.
 Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on us□.□.□.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me._

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

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*]

BRIDGE
 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

Verse

My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me,

6

for thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign;
and pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree;

11

my gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art thou;
I love thee for wear - ing the thorns on thy brow;

16

if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
if e - ver I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.

WORDS/MUSIC: Daniel Iverson; *The Brilliance*; Adoniram J. Gordon & William R. Featherston

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

Verse



I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,

6



and praise thee as long as thou lend - est me breath,
I'll e - ver a - dore thee in hea - ven so bright;

11



and say when the death - dew lies cold on my brow:
I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow;

16



If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
if e - ver I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.

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

TODAY! Diving Into Baptism, Sundays, March 9 to April 6, 11:30 to 12:30 pm. Taught by the Very. Rev. Dr. Michael DeLashmutt. In this 5-week series, we'll explore the sacrament of baptism, unpacking the baptism of Jesus, the Apostles' Creed, the vows we make in baptism and the spiritual practices that flow from them into our lives and our world. This class is for everyone, wherever you are in your spiritual journey, and its meaning and significance as followers of Jesus.

St. Peter's Sanctuary Tour, Sunday, March 23 after the 10 am service, led by artist and educator Brian Fee. In our Episcopal liturgy we bodily experience the presence of God through the sacraments, as well as in music, dance, sign language, vestments, and more. And we at St Peter's are particularly fortunate to worship in a symbolically rich space that can powerfully increase this experience. Although most of us may recognize our space as a beautiful gift, it's even better to gain the visual literacy that lets us appreciate the bounty of symbols that surrounds and informs us each week. Let's gather together to explore how space can be an important part of spiritual formation!

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).

SAVE THE DATE: April 6. Bishop Mary Glasspool is visiting St. Peter's! Bishop Mary is an icon whose ministry has enlarged our understanding of who can lead and what's possible for our Church. She was the first LBTQ+ woman to be elected bishop. Her perseverance, passion, and courage have been vital to the Episcopal church's renewal. Help us welcome and honor her! If you are interested in confirmation, reception into the Episcopal church or reaffirming your commitment to Christ, contact Christine at clee@stpeterschelsea.org.

WEEKLY GATHERINGS:

- **House Churches:** Join our community for food, fellowship, prayer and growing together.
 - **Downtown (Chelsea),** Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm. Contact Christine.
 - **Uptown (UWS),** Thursdays, 7-8 pm. Contact Lisha at lisha@stpeterschelsea.org
 - **New Jersey,** monthly at various homes. Contact Christine.
- **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 Prayer,** Weekdays at 8 am. Start the morning with prayer, connection, and peace with the Episcopal Diocese of NY. Visit the Connect page on our website for the 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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