

# *st. peter's chelsea*



## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

May 11, 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.

Please rise in body or spirit.

**OPENING SONG** *Come Thou Fount*

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;  
 Here I find my greatest treasure;  
 O to grace how great a debt or  
 tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
 hith - er by thy help I've come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure,  
 dai - ly I'm con - strained to be! Let that grace now, like a fet - ter,  
 call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net,  
 safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger,  
 bind my wan - dering heart to thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it,  
 sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it,  
 wan - dering from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from dan - ger,  
 prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it;  
 mount of God's un - chang - ing love!  
 bought me with his pre - cious blood.  
 seal it for thy courts a - bove.

WORDS: Robert Robinson

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

+ indicates a place where we traditionally cross ourselves

- Celebrant* +Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**All** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**
- Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
**All** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*All*

**O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **PREPARING TO LISTEN**

### **SCRIPTURE READING | Revelation 7: 9–17**

*Reader*

The word of the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **RESPONSIVE PSALM | Psalm 23**

The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

**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 SONG**

*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 Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.  
*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## **GOSPEL** | John 10: 22–30

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

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

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

*Please be seated.*

## **SERMON**

The Rev. Christine Lee

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Adapted from prayers by Rev. Gord Waldie*

Nurturing God, on this Mother's Day we pause to remember the gifts of mothering. And as we remember, we give thanks for the ways that you are a mother to us and for the mothers among us who reflect your love:

**For nurturing us, giving us the guidance and the freedom we need to grow in experience and wisdom (even if we are sometimes headstrong and make unwise choices);**

For comforting us when we are wounded in body or spirit, helping us to heal and be stronger for it;

**For believing in and challenging us, calling us to be more than we are, encouraging us to live out our potential;**

For giving us the swift kick in the backside that we need at times, not letting us coast, reminding us to keep trying and growing; we offer words of thanks.

Gracious God, on this day we also give thanks

**for those in our lives who have been like mothers to us**

some related to us through blood, some through happenstance,

**who have nurtured, taught, comforted, challenged and encouraged us.**

In the midst of our thankfulness, we also remember those for whom Mother's Day is difficult:

for relationships that are strained or distant,

for the unfulfilled longing to be mothers,

for the wondering of having placed a child for adoption, or wishing to know the woman who carried them but never will.

We pray for those who have said farewell to mothers or children, not to meet again until we join in the life which lies beyond this life.

**May they, too, know Your peace.**

God of life, today and every day, we give thanks for the gifts of life. We remember that the roots of Mother's Day lie in women's grief at burying their sons as the result of brutal warfare. And so we pray for peace and justice throughout the world.

**All this we pray in the name of the One who taught about your love, your justice, your hope for the world, Jesus of Nazareth, our rock and redeemer, our teacher and guide, in whose life, death and resurrection we find the path that leads to the fulfillment of your dream. 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 SONG

*Psalm 23*

*by Shane Bernard*

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God 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.

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...

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; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. +Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

*Goodness of God/God Our Mother*

I love You Lord  
Oh 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  
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest nights  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

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

WORDS/MUSIC: Ed Cash, Ben Fielding,  
Brian Johnson, Jenn Johnson, Jason Ingram

God our Father  
Giver of daily bread  
Blessing our hands and covering our heads  
God our Mother  
Leading us into peace  
Drawing and comforting all those in need

*Hallowed, hallowed be thy name  
Hallowed, hallowed be thy name  
Hallowed, hallowed be thy name in all the earth*

Jesus, brother, guiding our very step  
Deliver us and grant places of rest  
Jesus, Savior, rescuing from the grave  
Cheating the fall and bringing the light of day

WORDS/MUSIC: *The Brilliance*



*Please rise in body or spirit.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **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**

*Amen*

Amen, amen

Amen, amen, amen...

*Arranged by: Jester Hairston*

## **DISMISSAL**

*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## 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](http://www.stpeterschelsea.org), follow us on Instagram and Facebook @stpeterschelsea and find out more ways to get connected.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY AFTER SERVICE, ENNEAGRAM 101, May 11, 18, June 1, 11:30-12:30 pm.** *Taught by Ian Trevethan.* The Enneagram of personality is a wisdom tradition that can enable us to better understand ourselves and our relationships. Over the course of 3 weeks, we'll discover the type(s) we most strongly identify with, understand how and why we've taken on the limitations of those types, and learn some practices so that we can live with greater freedom within our types.

**CHURCH SPRING CLEANING DAY, Saturday, May 17 from 10-3 pm.** Let's give our home a good thorough cleaning! You can sign up for 1 or 2 hours between 10-12 pm or 1-3 pm. Lunch will be provided and served at 12 pm. Please RSVP by May 15 to [savina@stpeterschelsea.org](mailto:savina@stpeterschelsea.org), and let us know what hours you can help with, whether you are joining us for lunch, and any food restrictions.

**OUR FIRST FAMILY TABLE: Sundays, May 18 and June 1.** At our annual meeting in January, we talked about having a quarterly "family meeting" to check in, share about our finances and rectory project. We will meet immediately following the service in the sanctuary (~11:15/20 am) and aim to keep this meeting tight so folks can make it to the Enneagram class right after. Christine will stick around for anyone not attending the class for further conversation if needed.

**Whitney Museum Visit, Sunday, May 25 after service.** *Led by Karen Bergman.* Join us right after the service on Sunday, May 25 to walk to the Whitney together and check out two fantastic exhibits, Amy Sherald's *American Sublime* and Christine Sun Kim's *All Day/ All Night*. Karen is an artist and the Assistant Director of Interpretation and Access at the Guggenheim.

### 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 [clee@stpeterschelsea.org](mailto:clee@stpeterschelsea.org).
  - **Uptown (UWS),** Thursdays, 7-8 pm. Contact Lisha at [lisha@stpeterschelsea.org](mailto: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](mailto:foodpantry@stpeterschelsea.org).

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