

st. peter's chelsea



Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

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

OPENING HYMN

Holy is the Lord

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great, how awesome is God

And together we sing
Everyone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

(repeat all)

Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
We want to see You
(repeat)

And together we sing
Everyone sing
And together we sing
Everyone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
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WORDS/MUSIC: Chris Tomlin

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.**

Celebrant 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

**Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we
may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you
have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

We want to see You

(repeat)

FIRST READING | 1 Thessalonians 5: 1–11

Reader

The word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM | Psalm 90: 1–8, 12

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn us back to dust,
and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”

**For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.**

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;

**in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.**

For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

**You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

**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.**

GRADUAL HYMN

Please Speak

Please speak, — Your ser - vant is listen - ing. —

Please speak, — Your ser - vant is listen - ing. —

Please speak, — Your ser - vant is list - ening. —

Your ser - vant is list - ening. Lord, have mer - cy. —

WORDS / MUSIC: Aaron Niequist

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

GOSPEL | Matthew 26: 36–46

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

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please share any prayer requests
or thanksgiving in the live chat:*



Blessed are you eternal God,

to be praised and glorified for ever.

In this dark hour, may we be found awake.

Give us courage to draw near, to stay close.

Ancient One, hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church and the world you created

May we all be one, that the world may believe.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you,

that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.

We remember those who have died.

Creator of All, into your hands we commend them.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

May we also come to share your heavenly kingdom.

Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble.

In your presence may they find strength.

Look with your kindness on our homes and families.

Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.

Make us alive to the needs of our community.

Help us to share one another's joys and burdens.

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world.

Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name.

Give us courage to proclaim your Good News

We pray in silence for our own needs...

Praise to you, abundant God, for when we ask, you give; when we seek, you show the way. When we knock, you answer. Praise to you for your unfailing grace. Make us now your faithful people. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Almighty God

We confess our sin

What we have done

What we have left undone

We have not loved you with our whole heart

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves

Have mercy, have mercy on us

Have mercy, have mercy

Silence to hold our confessions in God's loving presence

ASSURANCE

God's words to us from Psalm 103, sung by Christine

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:*

DOXOLOGY

*During the pandemic we needed to be careful about singing together so we introduced the Doxology in ASL and it has continued as a St. Peter's tradition to embody our praise to God.

*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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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.

WORDS: *Book of Common Prayer* MUSIC: *Brian Milner, from Mass for the Beloved*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. +Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of

your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 HYMN

Open the Eyes / Be Thou My Vision

Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
We want to see You
(repeat)

Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord
Open the eyes of our hearts,
We want to see You
We want to see You
(repeat)

WORDS/MUSIC: Paul Baloche

Be Thou my vision, oh Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Riches I need not, nor world's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance through all my days
Thou and thou only though first in my heart
High king of heaven my treasure thou art

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me lord
Thou my great Maker and I thy true one
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

WORDS/MUSIC: Eleanor H. Hull

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

CLOSING HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Summer and winter and
springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above.
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

CHORUS

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Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and
bright hope for tomorrow;
Blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!

CHORUS

WORDS/MUSIC: Thomas O. Chisholm & William Runyan

DISMISSAL

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

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S CHELSEA!

We're so glad you joined us for worship today! Sign up for our email at www.stpeterschelsea.org, follow us on Instagram and Facebook @stpeterschelsea and find out more ways to get connected.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY! LEARNING FROM OUR LIVES, Sunday, November 19, 11:30-12:30, led by Kimberly Malone. Our personal histories are filled with clues about how God speaks to us, what specifically helps us get through hard things, where we feel most connected to God, and what we are passionate about. In this workshop we will practice some exercises to help us learn from our lives so that we can apply that wisdom to our current situations and future decisions. Kimberly is a certified Spiritual Director and has met with almost 50 directees over the last seven years. She has a MA in Theology and a MA in Intercultural Studies from Fuller Seminary. She currently works as an administrator for a college in prison program.

ST PETER'S CHORALE PRACTICE, after service today. We plan to sing during worship on Sunday, December 10th and will practice about 2-3 times. If you can carry a tune, we'd love to have you participate! Please email Beeca Lin (beecalin@gmail.com) with your interest and availability.

COMPLINE FOR PEACE on Zoom, 9 pm. In the midst of multiple crises around the globe, we want to make space to gather together and pray for our neighbors. Join us on Zoom tonight at 9 pm. Email Lisha at lisha@stpeterschelsea.org for the Zoom link.

GOD'S STORY, OUR STORY: taught by the Very Rev. Michael DeLashmutt. This year we are delving into the Story of God by getting to know the Bible better! You'll get a birds-eye view of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation as we reflect on these larger themes of Scripture for our lives and the world. **Remaining 2023 date: Dec 10 (Prophets).**

WEEKLY GATHERINGS:

- Wednesday Senior Glo (yoga and noonday prayer) with Lisha, 11:30 am in the sanctuary. Contact: lisha@stpeterschelsea.org
- Wednesday Women's Bible Study, 6:30 pm in the rectory. Contact Caitlin Mitchell at caitlinmitchell95@gmail.com.

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