



March 6, 2016

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
8:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I
10:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite II

Saint Peter's Episcopal Church
Hebron, Connecticut
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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

We Prepare Ourselves with Reflection and Confession to Observe a Holy Lent

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins

People ***His mercy endureth forever.***

The Decalogue and Summary of the Law

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Lord, have mercy upon us

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THE WORD OF GOD

We Listen to God's Word

The Collect for the Day and Readings from the Lectionary (*Readings may be found on the last page of the bulletin*)

The Sermon

The Reverend Everett Perine

We Proclaim Our Belief

The Nicene Creed

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We Offer Prayers of Intercession, and Thanksgiving

The Prayers of the People

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We Are Reconciled to One Another through God's Love and Forgiveness

The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

We Offer Our Gifts to God

Bread and wine for our Eucharistic meal are brought to the altar on behalf of the gathered body.

The ushers collect the offering of gifts from the people and present them at the altar as an offering to God

We Proclaim Our Faith

The Eucharistic Prayer I

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We Come Together to Share Communion

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The people come forward to receive the bread and the wine

The Communion

We Are Sent Out Into the World

The Post Communion Prayer

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The Lenten Blessing:

Holy eternal Majesty,

Holy incarnate Word,

Holy abiding Spirit,

Bless you for evermore. ***Amen.***

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

We Prepare Ourselves with Reflection and Confession to Observe a Holy Lent

Opening Hymn # 686 “Come thou font of every blessing”

Nettleton

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People ***His mercy endures forever.***

The Decalogue and Summary of the Law

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The Confession and Absolution

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Kyrie: WLP #840 “Kyrie”

Pulkingham

THE WORD OF GOD

We Listen to God’s Word

The Collect for the Day and Readings from the Lectionary (*Readings may be found on the last page of the bulletin*)

Sequence Anthem: “Just as I am, Lord”

Price/Besig

The Sermon

The Reverend Everett Perine

We Proclaim Our Belief

The Nicene Creed

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We Offer Prayers of Intercession, and Thanksgiving

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We Are Reconciled to One Another through God’s Love and Forgiveness

The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

We Offer Our Gifts to God

Offertory Hymn #470 "There's a wideness in God's mercy"

Beecher

Bread and wine for our Eucharistic meal are brought to the altar on behalf of the gathered body.

The ushers collect the offering of gifts and present them at the altar as an offering to God

We Proclaim Our Faith

The Eucharistic Prayer A

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The Sanctus: #S-130 "Holy, holy, holy Lord"

Schubert

The Lord's Prayer

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We Come Together to Share Communion

The Breaking of the Bread: **WLP #825 "Bless the Lord my soul"** (*Sung 3 times*)

Taize

Musical notation for the hymn "Bless the Lord my soul" in 4/4 time. The first system shows the melody and bass line with the lyrics: "Bless the Lord my soul - and bless God's ho - ly name." The second system continues the melody and bass line with the lyrics: "Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life."

The Invitation to Communion (*The people come forward to receive the bread and the wine*)

The Communion

Communion Hymn: "**Jesus, remember me**" (*Sung 3 times*)

Taize

Musical notation for the hymn "Jesus Remember Me" in 3/4 time. The title is "Jesus Remember Me" and it is an "Ostinato Refrain". The melody and bass line are shown with the lyrics: "Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King-dom." and "Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King-dom." Below the notation, it says "Text: Luke 23:42; Taize Community, 1981" and "Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994". It also includes copyright information: "© Copyright 1981 Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publishing" and "© 1981, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent". A note says "Used with permission. OneLicense.net #A-700319 All rights reserved".

We Are Sent Out Into the World

The Post Communion Prayer

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The Lenten Blessing: Holy eternal Majesty,
Holy incarnate Word,
Holy abiding Spirit,
Bless you for evermore. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn #690 "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"

Cwm Rhondda

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

*During Lent, a Service for Healing will follow the conclusion of the Holy Eucharist.
After the dismissal, anyone who wishes to participate in this service is invited to gather at the altar rail
for a time of silent prayer and meditation.*

A SERVICE FOR HEALING

A Word about the Ministry of Healing

The ministry of healing is part of the sacramental life of the Episcopal Church and all people, whether baptized or not, are welcome to come and receive this sacrament.

This sacrament emerges from our belief that the love of God through the presence of the Holy Spirit has the power to heal our emotional, physical and spiritual suffering.

Although we may ask for a specific healing, we realize that it is God who decides how this healing is to occur. Healing may come to us in the form of physical recovery, emotional well-being or spiritual wholeness.

The power of the healing service lies not with our expectation of results, but rather with our desire to allow the Spirit of God who dwells within us to transform our lives and help us to accept the healing power of God's love.

Celebrant O God, be in our hearts and on our lips as we come before you seeking your healing love.

Silence is kept

Celebrant Brothers and sisters in Christ, if you wish to seek prayer, for yourself, on behalf of someone or for a crisis in the world, you are invited to receive the laying on of hands. Jesus says, "Come to me all you who are troubled and I will give you rest." So come, we who are burdened by regrets and anxieties, we who are broken in body or in spirit, we who feel deeply within ourselves the divisions and injustices of our world. Come, for Jesus invites us to bring him our brokenness.

*Those who wish for laying-on of hands and anointing for healing may come forward.
When all have received the sacrament of healing, the celebrant continues.*

Celebrant God of compassion and love,
People **We offer you all of our suffering and pain. Give us strength to bear our weakness, healing even when there is no cure, peace in the midst of turmoil and love to fill the spaces of our lives. Glory to God, from whom all love flows, glory to Jesus, who showed his love through suffering, and glory to the Holy Spirit, who brings light to the darkest places. Amen.**

Celebrant God love you and have mercy upon you; through the cross of Christ, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God forgives you. Forgive others. Forgive yourself. In the name of the Lover of Souls, the Beloved, and the Love that exists between them, may the peace of God be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Go in peace, giving thanks for the healing power of God's love.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Service: If you are looking to find some quiet time or time devoted to a simple Lenten discipline, please consider joining us during Lent for our Wednesday evening service. It begins at 7 p.m. with the Way of the Cross - a prayerful procession around the church, stopping at various "stations at crosses" to reflect on aspects of Jesus walk to the cross, death and burial. This is followed by our normal evening Communion service which includes a service of laying-on of hands and anointing with oil for healing. Periods of silence will be maintained throughout the service for those wishing to make "Being Silent with God" part of their Lenten discipline (please see last page of bulletin).

Feel free to contact Father Perry for more information.

PARISH FAMILY REMEMBRANCES AND THANKSGIVINGS March 6, 2016

We pray for our clergy: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; and Perry our Priest;

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer we pray for our parish family, remembering especially those who celebrate their birthdays this week: Leslie Hamilton (3/8), Elizabeth Dombrowski (3/10), Brian Swanson (3/10), Owen Kozlak (3/12);

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Barnabas', Greenwich; Christ Church, Guilford; St. John's, Guilford; The Connecticut Episcopal Clergy Association (ConnECA), clergy peer groups, and the Clergy Family Assistance Program.

Current Prayer List

Prayers added the week of March 6: Joe, Cee-Cee; Dan and Francesco, The Davis & Carino families; the Kraemer family; Sharon, Christina; Douglas Pimm; Marge Caton, Marion and Family; Anne Marie Henderson; the Opocensky Family; John Hickleton, Laurie Finn; Luke; Luz, Johanna, Dorothy; Dick Sage, Aceynath Porter; Kathy; Julia, Dave; a Dear Friend; Emil; Ms. Kamins; Barbara Potterton;

Prayers added the week of February 28: The MacDonough Family; Alberta; Rod & Janice Lambeth; Charles; The Conrad families, especially Garland; Deanne & John Bowen; Danielle, Chantelle and Kayleigh; Jim Vicevich, Bob & Bev Winter, Bonnie Eells, Flo Columbe, Bob & Ginny Wanagel, Gina, Priscilla, Connie Rich, Rita Mae, Carol & Bing; Aly, Steffi; Susan; Elizabeth, Kim, Andrée, Gail & Ed Stanko, Dianna Tedesco; Bossi and Liska families, Barbara and Family; Maidey and Ken, Everette; Jeanne, Sam; Karen Sandahl; Karen Ostly; Helen and Family; Karen Emmons;

Prayers added the week of February 21: Claire; Lauren, Jeni, Kile, Lianie, Dana; Gina; Eva & Bill; The Gentino Family, Priscilla Bronke, Jane Donnelly and family; Justin, Stephanie; Grace, Phil Patros; Cathy Gerke; Peter, the Kell family; Janet Kay; Sam Downey;

We pray for those who are preparing for Confirmation: Megan Alexander, Allison Bradley, John Bradley, Josh Kowinsky, Emma O'Shea, Tim O'Shea, Chris Paggioli, Jonathan Roper

We pray for all caregivers who selflessly give of themselves to care for loved-ones;

We pray for all people suffering hunger, fear & displacement due to war and natural disaster, especially those currently seeking refuge in Europe.

We pray for all with financial problems; those who have lost their jobs and homes; for the well-being of our families during life's changes; all who have suffered trauma; those who are ill, lonely or grieving; our veterans; all who travel; all those suffering with cancer; anyone who is hospitalized or disabled; those affected by natural disasters; and all abused, neglected and missing children.

We pray for our whole nation: for peace, non-violence, and healing.

We pray for our service men and women throughout the world.

We pray for all who have died.

We give thanks for the many blessings of our lives and the joy we experience in our relationship with God.

Youth Confirmation Classes have begun: The first meeting of the youth confirmation classes was held this past Sunday February 21 with 9 youth participating. A schedule of classes is now available. It is not too late to join! Any youth in high school who would like to join the class is welcome and should contact Father Perry as soon as possible. For more information feel free to contact either Father Perry or Judi Babin.

Attention any adults desiring to be baptized or interested in Confirmation: Father Perry will be scheduling Adult Inquiry Classes soon for anyone interested in exploring matters of faith including knowing more about the traditions of the Episcopal Church. These classes are advised for people wishing to be baptized or becoming members of the Episcopal Church (by Reception or Confirmation). If you are interested or want more information, please contact him.

Easter Flower signup - *Altar Flowers for Easter*



There is now a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for the purchase of Easter Flowers to be used to decorate the church on Easter morning as Memorials or Thanksgivings for special blessings, please write your information clearly on the sign-up form so it can be put in the Easter flower booklet with no mistakes. Lilies, tulips, daffodils, hydrangeas and pansies will all be available, as usual. Checks should be made out to St. Peters Church, and put in the envelope in church or given to Claire in the office (not placed in the offertory box, please).

If you have any questions please contact the office or speak with Marcia or Chuck Eaton.

The Polish Dinner – The new season of Community Dinners kicks-off on March 19, 4:00 p.m. until sold out. \$14 per adult, \$6 children. Sign-up sheet will be in church. Please join in with supplies or help with set-up, clean-up etc. and come to eat! Menu: Pirogues, cabbage rolls, sauerkraut, kielbasa, polish bread, pickled beets, applesauce and sour cream, beverages and the dessert table. For any questions, please call Chuck & Marcia Eaton.

Folding Chairs available - A generous donation from Milton Porter was given to the church with a request it go towards purchasing new padded chairs for Phelps Hall. This has allowed the vestry to purchase 135 padded chairs. We now have an excess of steel unpadded chairs and will offer them to parish members. They are against the windows in the Hall and are labeled for the taking. Members may take them. We are offering them for free or you may make a small donation to the kitchen fund. The Vestry.

Sewing Machine for sale – A pre-owned sewing machine with advanced capabilities regarding embroidery stitching is for sale in Phelps Hall. Anyone interested in examining it or purchasing it may see it on Sunday or call the office. It may be purchased for a donation (the amount to be determined by the purchaser) to Father Perry's "Rector's Discretionary Fund." Any questions regarding the machine's history may be addressed to Stephanie Wheeler.

A Parishioner is in need of a babysitter with a driver's license to take care of two little girls, ages 4 & 6 for after school in Colchester. Mondays would start at 2pm and the other days start at school pick up, 3pm. One week would be Monday, Tuesday and Friday and the other week would be Wednesday and Thursday. Duties include picking them up at school and taking them to dance and piano lessons. Please call the office if you or someone you know might be interested.

Lenten Wine Ingathering

Lent is the time the Altar Guild holds the annual "Wine Ingathering," a time during which we collect wine to be blessed and used at our celebrations of the Holy Eucharist. Please consider giving a donation of Cream Sherry during Lent to be used throughout the year for Holy Communion. You may leave the wine on the back table in the church anytime during Lent. If you are unsure about which wine to buy, please speak with Fr. Perry or call the office.



Help us to brighten up Phelps Hall!

The vestry recently voted to support a project put forth by Buildings & Grounds to install new ceiling tiles in Phelps Hall and to replace our fluorescent lighting with new, energy efficient LED bulbs. Our aim would be to create a brighter, cheerier atmosphere for our community dinners and fundraising events. We are providing an opportunity for parishioners to support this project by "funding" the cost of one or more boxes of tiles at \$40 each. 30 boxes of tiles will be needed to complete the work. Please submit any donation of cash or check to the office or treasurer (to insure proper credit) and designate it as "Ceiling & Lighting Project." We would love your support! Questions? Please contact Rick Marks, Jack Gasper or any other member of the vestry.

Here's what you can find on St. Peter's new website

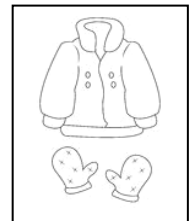
The website (www.stpetershebron.com) offers an always up to date calendar, upcoming events listed with details, news from Sue, the bulletin, the latest happenings, an updated photo gallery, and more!

- **Fr. Perry's sermons can be listened to on St. Peter's website?** If you missed Father Perry's sermon, or want to hear it again, feel free to listen from the website. Sermons may be found at: Services > Sunday Audio Sermons
- **Church School schedule on the website** - Weren't able to attend church one Sunday? Want to cover a church school topic more at home? The website has a schedule of church school topics including Bible verses, upcoming events and additional information. Just go to: About Us > Church School > Church School Schedule.
- **Easter Flower** sign-up under "Events"

Outreach



Let's Continue to Keep Connecticut's Children Warm!
Thank you all who have supported Samantha Sullivan's efforts to collect warm clothing for children in need. Over 350 items, contributed by St. Peter's parishioners, were donated last week to **Covenant to Care for Children** and immediately distributed to children in the Hartford area.



The drive was so successful that Samantha will continue collecting clothes for a while longer. A box is in the narthex of the church for the collection of clothing: gently used and new coats and warm clothes sizes newborn to children's size 12. Call Kim at 860-202-8449 if you have any questions.

Can you imagine sleeping by the river in Willimantic?

Cold, wet, unsafe? Many of the Windham area's homeless live in makeshift camps along the Willimantic River all year long. The Windham Region No-Freeze Hospitality center seeks to provide a warm shelter for those in the community who are homeless and over the age of 18 from November 15th through April of each year. No one is turned away. We provide food, clothing, hygiene among other services. Donations to keep the center going are always welcome. If you are able to donate items to help please drop them off at our office: **75 Bridge Street, (First unit in the plaza) Willimantic, CT 06226** (Monday through Thursday from 1-4 pm)

Items that the shelter is in need of:

- Non-Instant Coffee, Sweetener, Non-Dairy Creamer, Hot Chocolate
- Paper products, Toilet paper, paper towels, napkins.
- Vinyl or plastic Pillow case covers
- Coffee cups (small size, disposable)
- Plastic utensils (spoons/forks)
- Socks (white preference)
- Men's boxer shorts all sizes
- Women's briefs – all sizes
- Razor blades
- Shaving Cream
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Women's hygiene products (pads, tampons)
- Plastic soap saver boxes
- Sweatpants/shirts (med/large/Xtra/XXtralrg)
- Laundry detergent (powder)
- Floor and bathroom cleaner
- Office supplies – Call to see the needs
- Gift Cards to Stop & Shop, BJ's Walmart, Staples and Home Depot of any value

From the Treasurer

Financial Information as of March 6, 2016			
	YTD Anticipated	YTD Actual	Over/(Under)
Parishioner Offerings	\$24,334.00	\$19,759.00	(\$4,575.00)
Total income from all sources*	\$29,980.00	\$21,976.00	(\$8,004.00)
Fundraising: Cabin Fever Donations	N/A	\$755.00	N/A

Donations for the purchase of ceiling tiles: \$340 YTD

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2016 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 6 Lent 4 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 a.m. Church School 9:55 Confirmation 11:30	March 7	March 8 Choir 6:30-8 PM	March 9 Way of the Cross, Communion with Healing 7 pm	March 10 Seasonal Planning Mtg. 7 p.m.	March 11 Fr. Perry Day off	March 12
March 13 Lent 5 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 a.m. Church School 9:55	March 14 Vestry 7 p.m.	March 15 Choir 6:30-8 PM	March 16 Way of the Cross, Communion with Healing 7 pm	March 17 Nursing Home visits	March 18 Fr. Perry Day off	March 19 Polish Dinner Scouts (MC)
March 20 Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 Church School 9:55 Confirmation 11:30	March 21	March 22 Choir 6:30-8 PM	March 23 Tenebrae 7:30 pm	March 24 Maundy Thursday Liturgy 7:30 pm	March 25 Good Friday Liturgy 12 Noon & 7:30 pm	March 26 Holy Saturday
March 27 EASTER DAY Sunrise Service 6:30 am @ Gilead Congregational Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 No Church School	March 28	March 29 Choir 6:30-8 PM	March 30	March 31		

The Readings for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Collect

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Joshua 5:9-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Psalm: Psalm 32

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| 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,*
and whose sin is put away! | 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to
you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not
reach them. |
| 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt*
and in whose spirit there is no guile! | 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. |
| 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away *
because of my groaning all day long. | 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you
should go; *
I will guide you with my eye. |
| 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of
summer. | 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no
understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you." |
| 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt. | 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD. |
| 6 I said," I will confess my transgressions to the LORD" *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. | 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. |

The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"