

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
The Celebration of Veterans' Day ~ November 8, 2020
Holy Eucharist ~ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Opening Hymn: #579 "Almighty Father, strong to save"

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: **And Blessed be his kingdom, now & forever. Amen**

Hymn of Praise: #390 "Praise to the Lord" (vs.1 & 4)

The Collect of the Day: O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through

whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore, we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Response: Psalm 78:1-7

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *

I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

**3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.**

**4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.**

**5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;**

**6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;**

**7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;**

The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the

Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

Rob Mangiafico

The Nicene Creed

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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

for us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.***

The Prayers of the People

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples.

Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Ian and Laura our Bishops, for Fr. Ron our priest, for Donna our deacon; for this holy gathering, for the people of God in every place;
Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering.
We pray especially for Fr. Ron's sister Pam and for Joan Conley as well as all those who have asked for our prayers and are listed on our prayer list.

Let us pray to the Lord

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those who have died, remembering especially Bertha "Bobbie" Marston, the older sister of Alberta, Annie, Ruth, Joan and Coralee. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For our city and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all those we love; for those who celebrate their birthdays this week: Andrew Savage (11/8), Barbara Parkyn (11/9), Thomas Atwood (11/10), DonnaLee Kay (11/11), Jacob Downey (11/14);

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story.

Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For leaders in nation and state, for those who stepped forward to serve during this past election, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth.

Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the worlds' common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows.

Let us pray to the Lord

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For those who served their country in its hour of need as members of our armed forces, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service.

Let us pray to the Lord

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray: **Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women who have serviced in our armed forces at home and abroad. They have defended us and our liberty through their service. We ask you to defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Recognition of Veterans.

The Peace

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: #719 "Oh beautiful for spacious skies"

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages, you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy: Sanctus: S-125

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music

Post-Communion Prayer

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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.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #718 "God of our fathers"

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

St. Peter's Prayer List

We pray for all those who have died, remembering especially Bertha "Bobbie" Marston died, the older sister of Alberta, Joan, Coralee, Annie and Ruth. We pray for all those around the world who have died as a result of Covid-19;

Continuing Prayer List: Joan Conley, Pam Kolanowski Janowiak, Kate, Tammy Lopez; Teddi; Bill W.; Caroline; Russ Boehle, Sean, Emma; Janice, Jared and Jenna; Alberta's granddaughter, Jessica; Tommy Docker, Loretta Ickes, Nelson Moore; Marianne Marsh; Daniel Paez, Kyle Ethan; Sharon, Tim Redden; "Cousin" Phil & Norm H.; Cole; Stephen & Victoria; Alyssa & Kayden, Mary; Loretta Ickes, Joyce leombruno, Cheryl & Bruce, Val & Stephen, Mark & Tina, John & Dottie, Gloria, Maryellyn, Gary, J & J, Arlene, Judy P., Bill, John M., George A., Mark P., Liz, Nancy, Katy, Chris; Sarah McCracken, Ginny Hellstrom, Jacob Mika; Alice & Bob; John; Cailin & son Connor Campbell; Richard; Flora; Alice Wentz; Donna Gray; Daryl Cook; Megan Sulzinski, Janet Kay; Lorraine Nelson; Ella; Liz; Bill S.; Patty Sullivan; Marcia Brown; Joan Conley; Alex Trebek; John & family; Jeanette Wade; Ambrosio Vidal and family; Susan Hicks & family; Jeannette Farren & family; Grace Jensen; Becky, June; Ella & Nelson; James; Rina Bettancourt; Joyce L.;

Thanks to all who worked on the Dinner on Saturday. Thanks to the workers who did the preparation, the cooking, the packaging and carhopping! You are all wonderful!!

***The Stewardship Information packet** has been mailed out. If for some reason you haven't received it by now please call the office. You can watch Rob Mangiafico's video, recording community voices that express how much St. Peter's means to the community, If you use this link: <https://www.stpetershebron.com/impact>

Calendar

***Zoom Meetings: Coffee Hours: Wednesdays at 10 a.m.: Nov. 11, 18, 25**

Vestry Meeting: November 19th: 7 p.m.

Community Dinner Saturday, November 7 4:00 p. m. until sold out

Our traditional last community dinner of the year is our Roast Pork Tenderloin Dinner. With it getting dark sooner we will begin serving at 4:00 p.m. until sold out. In addition to the pork the dinner includes oven roasted potatoes, butternut squash, green beans, apple sauce, gravy, freshly made rolls, and desserts. Cost is \$14 per dinner or \$6 for

children 11 or younger. Please come with the correct amount in cash or a check made out to St. Peter's prepared in advance to give to waiters who will serve you at your vehicle.

Pre-order Homemade Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Attached is an order form for either Apple or Pumpkin Pie in time for your Thanksgiving dinner. There are only two more weeks to get your order in for the pies Simply send in your order form and check to St. Peter's, P.O. Box 513, Hebron, CT postmarked by Nov. 7. Pick up of pies will be Saturday, November 21 between 9:00a.m.- 1:00p.m. You can also order conveniently on our website using this link:

<https://www.stpetershebron.com/pie-sale/> All pies will be made onsite in St. Peter's commercial kitchen in compliance with health department regulations. Cost is \$12 per pie. We could use your help with pie preparation. Please contact Laurel Houle at 860-808-4739 if you would like to donate items for the pies or help making them. Here's a list of what we are collecting for making pies: white all-purpose flour; white sugar; boxes of corn starch; cooking apples (e.g. Empire, Cortland, Granny Smith, Honeycrisp); butter; Crisco; rolls of wax paper; evaporated milk; and large cans of pumpkin.

Thanksgiving Baskets: A Gift to St. Peter'

The area food banks have come together to discuss Thanksgiving baskets this holiday season. In past years folks were invited to donate Turkeys for the food baskets. However, due to COVID they are unable to do so this year. Instead they agreed to request people give money to the food banks to allow them to buy the turkeys. A couple days after the planning group met, a check arrived at St. Peter's for \$500 from Episcopal Church Women. The funds were to be used in order to help with a food project in the local community. The Holy Spirit provided again by helping us meet a need that has arisen in the community. So, I and a few others are adding to the \$500. If you'd like to add to the funds please make a check payable to St. Peter's that will be deposited into the discretionary fund and we will get the funds to the HIHS who is coordinating the purchase of turkeys. The gift was given to our parish because of our known support for various food programs in our neighboring communities. I invite you to join me in this effort.

Sacred Ground: NE Region Anti-Racism Training Opportunity

All of us are aware of issues across our country concerning racism. Often, we don't know how to appropriately engage in a way that helps us understand these issues facing all of us. We often do not understand language around white privilege or implicit bias. None of us considers ourselves racist and the issues concern systemic racism feeding feelings and divisions. Below is an opportunity for you to engage more fully in these issues, held by the Episcopal Church in CT. Click here for more information and to register [NE Region Sacred Ground Course](#)