

**The First Sunday in Lent**  
**St. Peter's Episcopal Church**  
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**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

**Prelude**

**Opening Hymn: #143 "The glory of these forty days"**

**A Penitential Order**

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People:** *His mercy endures for ever.*

**The Great Litany**

**I.**

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

***Have mercy on us.***

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

***Have mercy on us.***

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

***Have mercy on us.***

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

***Have mercy on us.***

## II.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,

***Savior deliver us.***

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

***Savior deliver us.***

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,

***Savior deliver us.***

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,

***Savior deliver us.***

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,

***Savior deliver us.***

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

***Savior deliver us.***

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,

***Savior deliver us.***

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,

***Savior deliver us.***

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

***Savior deliver us.***

## III.

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.

***Hear us, O Christ.***

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

***Hear us, O Christ.***

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.

***Hear us, O Christ.***

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons especially Ian, and Laura, and Fr. Ron with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

***Hear us, O Christ.***

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.

***Hear us, O Christ.***

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

***Hear us, O Christ.***

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

***Hear us, O Christ.***

**IV.**

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

***Hear us, O Christ.***

Give your wisdom and strength to Joseph, the President of the United States, Ned the Governor of this state, and Dan, First Selectman of this city that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

***Hear us, O Christ.***

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

***Hear us, O Christ.***

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

***Hear us, O Christ.***

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

***Hear us, O Christ.***

Bless and keep all your people,

***Hear us, O Christ.***

**V.**

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

***Hear us, O Christ.***

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

***Hear us, O Christ.***

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

***Hear us, O Christ.***

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

***Hear us, O Christ.***

Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

***Hear us, O Christ.***

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

***Hear us, O Christ.***

Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

***Hear us, O Christ.***

**VI.**

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

***Holy God,***

***Holy and Mighty,***

***Holy Immortal One,***

***Have mercy on us***

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

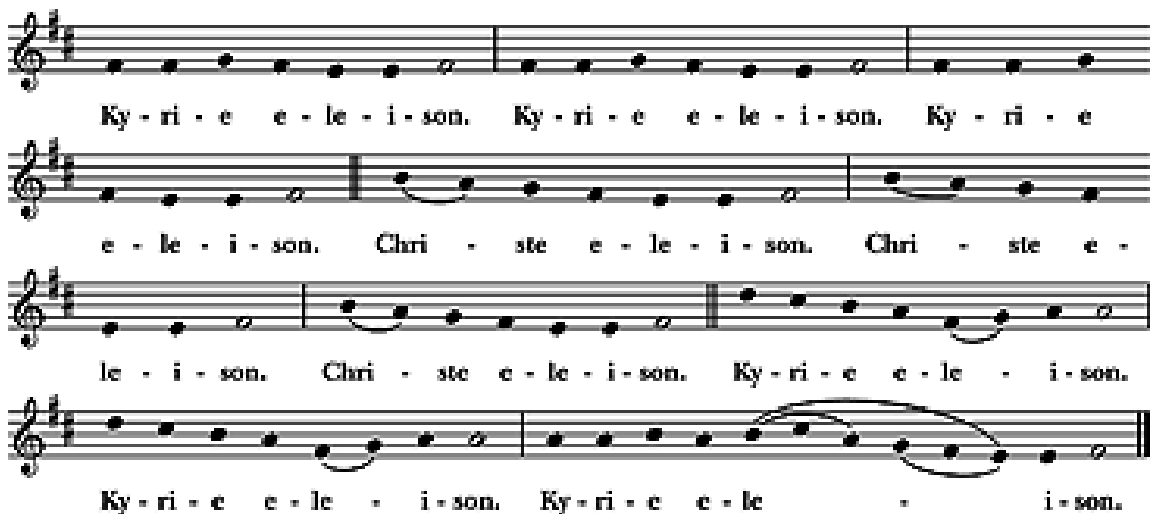
### Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

### Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### S- 86 Kyrie eleison



The image shows a musical score for the Kyrie eleison. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first three measures: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e. The second staff contains the next three measures: e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. The third staff contains the next three measures: Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. The fourth staff contains the final two measures: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some measures containing rests. The final measure of the fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

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le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
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## **Collect of the Day**

**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.**

## **The First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17**

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord. ***People:* Thanks be to God.**

## **The Psalm: Psalm 25:1-9**

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.**
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.**
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

### **The Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God.***

### **Sequence Anthem**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

***People: Glory be to thee, O Lord***

### **The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9-15**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord    ***People: Praise to thee, O Christ***

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Ron Kolanowski**

### **The Nicene Creed**

**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 Lent**

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Let us pray that the peace accomplished through the Cross of Christ may be realized in our own world and our own relationships. Let us pray for the Church and the world God so loves, for peace among all nations, and for the reconciliation of all people and all things in the Name of Christ.

*Silence*

***People: Hear our prayer.***

Leader: Almighty God, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have the grace to take up our cross and follow him in pursuit of your work of reconciliation in the world. God of love, in your mercy,

*Silence*

***People: Hear our prayer.***

Leader: For the holy catholic church throughout the world, a sign on earth of the kingdom of God. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Timothy's Fairfield; Trinity/St. Michael's, Fairfield; St. James', Farmington; all parish-based mission partnership networks; the Companions in Mission Network.

*Silence*

***People: Hear our prayer.***

Leader: For Michael our presiding bishop, for Ian, and Laura, our bishops, for our priest Fr. Ron and for Donna, our deacon and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. God of love, in your mercy,

*Silence*

***People: Hear our prayer.***

Leader: For our families, friends, and companions, and for all those we love. We pray for those celebrating their birthdays this week: Cindy Brinkman [2/27].

*Silence*

***People: Hear our prayer.***

Leader: For all who are tempted, oppressed, afflicted, or in need or sickness, especially those in our bulletin who have asked for our prayers, especially Trisha's husband George Dagon, Celeste Moore; Scott, Rowan; Joan Conley. God of love, in your mercy,

*Silence*

***People: Hear our prayer.***

Leader: For the dying and the dead - the Sanctuary Candle is lit this first week of our return to the church in memory of remembering especially Barbara Potterton and Pam Potterton, Marcia Eaton's mother and sister-in-law. We also remember Paul Aruda, Father Michael Philippino's mother Lorraine; also Mark, and George A. God of love, in your mercy,

*Silence*

***People: Hear our prayer.***

Celebrant: For what else shall we pray this day?

Let us pray:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help: for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

**The Peace**

**The Offertory**

**Offertory Hymn: #150 “Forty days and forty nights”**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

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*Eucharistic Prayer I*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People** It is meet and right so to do.

*Then the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Sanctus: S-124 “Holy, holy, holy Lord”**

**Powell**

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.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

### The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.*

### Fraction Anthem "Jesus Remember Me"

The musical score is for a Fraction Anthem titled "Jesus Remember Me". It is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system is marked with a '5' above the treble clef. The vocal line in the first system has the lyrics "Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your king-dom." The piano accompaniment in the first system has the lyrics "Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your king-dom." The second system is identical to the first. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. Chord symbols are provided above the first system: Cm, Fm/Ab, Bb, and Eb.

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.

### Spiritual Communion Prayer

God of love and grace, of justice and peace, we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar you assure us of your presence within us and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations; grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries, though unable to receive the physical elements of the Sacrament, may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy and life-

**giving presence, reshaping in your likeness the world around us, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your glorious and eternal presence; through Christ our Risen Lord, Amen**

### **Communion Music**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn: #142 "Lord, who throughout these forty days"**

### **Dismissal**

*People: Thanks be to God.*

### **Postlude**

**Continuing Prayers for all those who have died** remembering especially Paul Aruda, Michael Konopka; Father Michael Philippino's mother Lorraine; Barbara Potterton and Pam Potterton, Marcia Eaton's mother and sister-in-law; also Mark, George A.

**Continuing Prayer List:** George Dagon, Scott, Karen Thom, Phyllis Swanson, Lynne A., Celeste Moore; Rowan; Joan Conley; Les & Joan Hamilton; Stephen, Ambrosio Vidal and family, Eileen Doughty, Phil "Chip" Lewis, Bob Kell, Stephen, Kate, Tammy Lopez; Teddi; Sean, Caroline; Russ Boehle, Emma; Janice, Jared and Jenna; Daniel Paez, Kyle Ethan; Sharon, Tim Redden; "Cousin" Phil & Norm H.; Cole; Alyssa & Kayden, Mary; Loretta Ickes, Cheryl & Bruce, Val & Stephen, Tina, John & Dottie, Gloria, Maryellyn, J & J, Arlene, Judy P., Bill, George A., Liz, Nancy, Katy, Chris; Sarah McCracken, Ginny Hellstrom, Jacob Mika; Alice & Bob; John; Cailin & son Connor Campbell; Richard; Flora; Alice Wentz; Daryl Cook; Megan Sulzinski, Janet Kay; Ella; Liz; Bill S.; Patty Sullivan; Marcia Brown; John & family; Jeanette Wade; Susan Hicks & family; Jeannette Farren & family; Grace Jensen; Becky, June; Ella & Nelson; James; Rina Bettancourt; Alberta's granddaughter, Jessica.

## Up and Coming

**The Events Committee** is hosting a Zoom meeting to plan for the Polish Dinner coming up next month and to discuss other events on our 2021 calendar. The meeting is this coming Monday, February 22 at 7:00p.m.

To join the Zoom Meeting on Monday at 7 p.m. click here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81549975211?pwd=eHNCQjAxTG9MSkI1Q1U5eEs1YWYyQT09>

**Cabin Fever Party** - On Sunday, February 21 from 1-3 p.m. we will be holding our Cabin Fever outdoor gathering in the church parking lot. We will gather around a number of firepits in small groups in the parking lot to keep warm and roast some hotdogs. There will also be hamburgers, the traditional Polish Mardi Gras pastry, paczkis and hot chocolate. Bring your own Lounge Chair so you can pull up to a firepit and make yourself comfortable.

Reservations are necessary so we have enough firepits. Reserve via **Evite**. You simply click on the link below, register, and we'll do the rest. Masks and covid-19 protocols are mandatory.

[https://www.evite.com/event/034AVPGR23W2CAUCYEPLN6YCNXODA4/activity?gid=03A5VPGR23W2CAQZ2EPLN6YCPC7USQ&emhm5=a84c212e039cec50b44a951e3461ac19&emhs1=06c244f481f9eb11fd5acbccae5f5478c7e02fbc&emhs2=1a1d3299fe674f24c85004c385f81f6f26b15f0bf5b496e19ad5515c25feb284&utm\\_campaign=view+invitation\\_bt&utm\\_content=guest+invite+test%3A1&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=GUEST+INVITE+EVENT](https://www.evite.com/event/034AVPGR23W2CAUCYEPLN6YCNXODA4/activity?gid=03A5VPGR23W2CAQZ2EPLN6YCPC7USQ&emhm5=a84c212e039cec50b44a951e3461ac19&emhs1=06c244f481f9eb11fd5acbccae5f5478c7e02fbc&emhs2=1a1d3299fe674f24c85004c385f81f6f26b15f0bf5b496e19ad5515c25feb284&utm_campaign=view+invitation_bt&utm_content=guest+invite+test%3A1&utm_medium=email&utm_source=GUEST+INVITE+EVENT)

**All are welcome to join our zoom Wednesday Coffee hours at 10 a.m. To join:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86121371917?pwd=SW02TW1ldUJJZHY2cUI5ZXYzdS9zZz09>

**Emergency Rental Assistance** Our area Hunger Action Team has a fund to provide folks affected by COVID-19 for a one-time emergency rental assistance. If you know of someone who might use this in Andover, Columbia, Hebron, or Marlborough have them contact their Social Services agencies. Andover Social Services: 860-742-7305, ext. 5; Hebron Social Services: 860-228-1681; Columbia Senior Center: 860-228-0759; Marlborough Food Bank: 860-295-6008.

## Hearts of Hope

St. Peter's joins other faith communities in sponsoring a Hearts of Hope program to raise funds for AHM Mental Services Fund. You can pick up your Hearts of Hope in the box outside the parish hall anytime to put in your window. Log on to ***AHMYouth.org*** to donate \$10 for Hearts of Hope.