St. Peter's Episcopal Church Hebron, Connecticut

The Third Sunday of Easter ~ Rite 2 April 18, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Opening Hymn: #208 "The strife is o'er, the battle done"Opening Acclamation:BCP page 323

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is Risen

People: The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia The Gloria



Celebrant: The Lord be with you *People: And also with you* Celebrant: Let us pray

Collect of the Day: O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

The Psalm: Psalm 4

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; * you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; * how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; * when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; * speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices * and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" * Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *

more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *

for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

The Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

Sequence Music

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

Sermon

The Reverend Ronald J. Kolanowski

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant	Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
People	I do.
Celebrant People	Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
Celebrant People	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
Celebrant People	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Celebrant People	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? I will, with God's help.

Celebrant	Will you cherish the wonderful works of God and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of creation?
People	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People	I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows:

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen*.

The Prayers of the People for the Easter Season

Leader: Through resurrection from the dead, God has given us new birth. Let us offer prayers to God for the living hope of all the world.

Silence

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;

People: You are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Leader: For the holy churches in every place, and for the unity of all. *Silence*

Glory to you for the radiance of you holy Name.

People: We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Leader: For this holy assembly and for all who gather for breaking bread.

Silence

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple. *People: On the throne of your majesty, glory to you.*

Leader: For Michael our presiding bishop, Ian, and Laura our bishops; for Ron, our priest, for Donna our Deacon, for Marcia and Dan our Wardens, for all who minister in this place, and for all the holy people of God.

Silence

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim.

People: We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Leader: For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. For all those in danger and need, the sick and the suffering, praying especially for Kyle, Scott, Lucille, Irene Jones, Celeste Moore, Harry Denaker, Nelson Moore; Ella & Nicole, Judith Fowler, Tom Robbins, and Ti; Otto Dawkins and Kim Mangan.

Silence

Glory to you, beholding the depths.

People: In the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Leader: We pray for the dead. We remember especially Phil; Jane Donnelly; Connie Keefe; Domingo & Benjamin, (family members of

Victoria Fisk) and all those who are mentioned in the Easter Memorials list in the bulletin. The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God in loving memory of Beverly Winter whose birthday it is today. The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Kenneth Moore.

Silence

Glory to you, beholding the depths.

People: In the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Leader: For ourselves, our families, for those on our prayer list and those who are celebrating birthdays this week among them Michele Kay [4/18], Briant Marsh [4/22], Denis O'Shea [4/22], Allison Bartiss [4/22]; for those celebrating anniversaries; and for those we love.

Silence

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *People: We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.*

Leader: Remembering the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Peter our patron saint, and all the saints illuminated by the light of Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

Silence

Glory to you for the radiance of you holy Name.

People: To you, risen Lord.

Priest: For what else shall we pray for this day?

Priest: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who opens our minds and hearts through the risen Christ. Hear our prayers that we offer in the hope of glory, and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People: And also with you.*

Announcements

Offertory Offertory Hymn #184 "Christ the Lord is risen again"

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

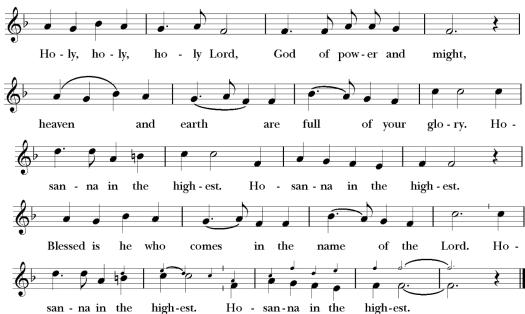
People: We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise

Celebrant: It is right and good and a joyful thing... forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name

Sanctus:



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.

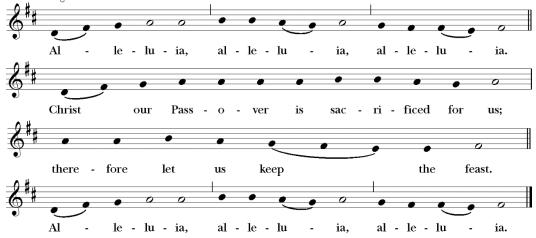
Celebrant continues: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and 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. 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.

The Breaking of the Bread



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.

The Communion *The ushers will lead you out of your pews starting from the back center aisle.*

Communion music

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.

Easter Blessing

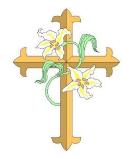
Closing hymn: #492 "Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness"

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude





EASTER MEMORIALS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF

Anonymous	Thomas Mozzer and Michelle Beaudry Pratt
Len & JudiBabin	Leonard & Anna Babin; Charles & Priscilla Davis
Nancy & EdwardBader	Gregory Bader, Nena Schlitter, Russell Schlitter, Edward & Irene Bader
Judith & JohnBanks	Earl Banks
Trisha Beatty & GeorgeDagon	Petra Beatty, John J. Beatty, Jr., Priscilla Dvorak, Bud Coppinger
StephenBezrucik	Howard Bergman
CindyBrinkman	Jessica & Richard Dreasen; Adelaide & John Brinkman, John Brinkman, Jr.
Georgette & ClydeConrad	Odina, Ethel, Shirley & Louise Dominque; Lillian & Ray Conrad, Clyde Conrad Sr.; Connie Kenny & Diane Quinn
SandyDeRosa	Anne Lowenhaupt; Philip Lowenhaupt; Cindy Rathjen; Lucille Seles
MargeDill	Michael John Dill, Baby Joseph Angelo Pucillo
BettyDombrowski	Henry Dombrowski

Joyce & Henry	Dombrowski, Jr.	Angie & John Banulski; Judy & David Martin
Marcia & Chuck	Eaton	George, Barbara, Georgia, Lee & Pam Potterton; Harrison, Ethel & Harry Eaton; Anne Cattanach
Chris & Stephen	Eells	Clarence & Terry Michaud, Bonnie Eells
Carole	Eller	Joseph & Ethel Lusky, Fredrick Sanford Eller, Charles Thomas Murphy, Jr.
Lisa	Emmer	Athena Farrell
Eric, Allison, Sam, Amy	Forrest	George W. Clark, Walter S. Forrest
Audrey & Jack	Gasper	The Stevens Family; the Gasper Family
Dorothy & Stephen	Gifford	Fred Gifford
Donna	Gray	Richard Gray, Jr.
Jeff & Joanne	Holm	George Chace
Irene	Jones	Edward Jones; Veronica & Stefan Okapal, Arthur Jones
DonnaLee	Kay	Alex Kay, Nettie & Alec Kay; Miles, Marjorie, Bruce & David Roberts
Pat & Bob	Kell	Eugene and Louis Kell; William and Patricia Lake; The Hesse Family; Jonathan Brandman; Marilyn Kell
Kathy	Kniep	Jeanne & Robert Weissman Evangeline & Blanche Kniep
Art Engler & Ron	Kolanowski	Helen & Mel Hiltabidel; Helen Kolanowski, George & Germain Kolanowski; Joe & Anna Brandis; Pearl & Thomas Walker
Steve	Konopka	Ben & Sophie Konopka; William Konopka, Mike Konopka

Ellen & Curt	Kraemer	All the victims of Covid-19 and those who ministered to them
Barbara and Bob	LaMay	Sam & Bertha Sebastian, Bette & Brad Batson, James Batson
Mary & Joe	Latour	Richard Hagenow
John	Loge, Jr.	Frances Jeanne Loge, Judith Marion Gray; Stuart Edgar Power; Beverly Jane Sandefur
Lynda	Majewski	Paul Louis Arruda
Briant & Marianne	Marsh	Robert Fatzinger, Margaret & Andrew Fatzinger, Lillian Mulvey Fatzinger, Risley Halsy Marsh, Alice Marsh McCrum, William McCrum
Peter & Sarah	Meshanic	Phyllis Meshanic
Barbara	Mondrach	Dottie Barton & Mary Welsh
Marianne & Nelson	Moore	Kenneth Moore, Maitland Moore, Edward Savino
Lydia & Peter	Myers	P. Hamilton & Ruth B. Myers; Thomas & Martha P. Bombaci
Shaun & Michelle	Nicholson	John Abdulla; Richard Kelly
Candace & Denis	O'Shea	Jean & Ray Baldwin; Carbery & Genevieve O'Shea; Sean O'Shea; Genevieve Alexander; the Fletcher & Baldwin Families, Jack & Juanita Alden
JoAnn & Dan	Osmond	John & Mildred Osmond; Cleo & Doris Wandling
John & Susan	Ostrout	William & Shirley Murray; Edward Murray; Elmer H. Ostrout, Jr.

Barbara Parkyn	Lula & Otto Koser; Clara & Brad Smith; Marge Caton
Ruth Patros	Phil Patros, the Pagach Families, the Patros Families, Thomas Reidy, Annette Broadhurst, Robert Daval
Stephen Platz	Linda & Ed Platz Evelyn & Henry Dickinson
Alberta Pomprowicz	Henry Pomprowicz; Bess & Stanley Moroch; Bobby & William Marston; Emil Caron; Gert Humac; Noreen Albert
Milton Porter	Robert Fuller Porter & Viola Irene Porter
Chris Boots & Chad Raasumaa	Bachi and Dziadzi Olender
Gayle Kataja & Kimberly Reed	G. Earle & Merle N. Porter; Natalie & Claude Jones; Peter C. Kataja; Kyle Porter Buttice
Lynne Sandahl	Karl Spencer, Murille Spencer
Amy Stone	Everett Stone, John Augustus, Ronald Gallant, Vera & Raymond Lawrence; Jean & Arthur Rohde, Alice & Rocky Stone
Joan Toomey	Robert J. Toomey
Jean Vigezzi	June Archer
Steve Wells	Carol Ann Wells
Stephanie Wheeler	Russell H. Wheeler, Jr.; Joyce M. Leombruno
Darlene McDonald & Deborah Wilson	Clementine McDonald, Meggie Wilson, Richard Petgrave



Easter Recognitions

Given in Honor of

Claire Bracaglia All the doctors, nurses and carers who ministered to those suffering from the Covid-19 virus. All the essential workers who risked their health to fulfill their duties. All the teachers. Leslie Hamilton Joan Hamilton, Melissa Turner, Kathleen Hamilton Marion Trudelle Maryann Hickelton Victoria Fisk Stephen Fisk; Everyone that worked to help Covid19 victims, the sick and their families: Fr. Ron, his family, the vestry and everyone who worked to keep St. Peter's services and activities working Ellen and Curt Kraemer and Marcia & Chuck Eaton for their support during a most difficult year.

Amy & Eric Forrest Ryan Clark

Announcements

Dean's List: We are pleased to report that one of our young college students, Emma O'Shea was placed on the Gettysburg College Deans' Commendation list for outstanding academic achievement in the fall 2020 semester.

Continuing Prayer List: Nelson Moore; Harry Denaker, Donna Gray, Sandy Marshall, George Dagon, Scott, Karen Thom, Phyllis Swanson, Lynne A., Celeste Moore; Rowan; Joan Hamilton; Stephen, Ambrosio Vidal and family, Eileen Doughty, Phil "Chip" Lewis, Stephen, Kate, Tammy Lopez; Teddi; Sean, Caroline; Russ Boehle, Emma; Janice, Jared and Jenna; Daniel Paez, Kyle Ethan; Sharon, Tim Redden; "Cousin" Norm H.; Cole; Alyssa & Kayden, Mary; Loretta Ickes, Cheryl & Bruce, Val & Stephen, Tina, John & Dottie, Gloria, Maryellyn, J & J, Arlene, Judy P., Bill, 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 Calendar

Lasagna Dinner

We will be hosting our second community dinner on Sat., April 17. The official start is at 4:30p.m. However, given the numbers and traffic, once all the tickets for dinners are distributed, we will be officially sold out, and we may begin serving the food to those with tickets. In order to accommodate more guests, we are preparing a record 300 dinners. Last month we ended up turning folks away starting at 4:36p.m. because the 200 dinners tickets were gone.

Pre-ordered Plant Sale: Pickup May 8

Since COVID is still a reality in our world our plant sale will be preorder **ONLY** again this year. The pick-up of your plants or certificates will be Sat. May 8 from 9a.m.- 3p.m. You will need to have your orders post-marked by April 25 or dropped off with your check in the large brown container outside the parish hall where there is an envelope for orders. You can purchase hanging baskets and geraniums as well as gift certificates to Paul and Sandy's in East Hampton or Malerba's in Norwich. Visit the website for plant sale info and forms:

http://www.stpetershebron.com.

This sale is just before Mother's Day May 9.