

The 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany ~ January 14, 2024 ~ 10 a.m.

Opening Hymn: #477 "All Praise to Thee"

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom now and forever.

Gloria

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

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Collect of the Day: Collect of the Day: Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie

down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

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

The Psalm: Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.**
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.**
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.**

**15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.**

**16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!**

**17 If I were to count them, they would be
more in number than the sand; *
to count them all,
my life span would need to be like yours.**

The Second Lesson:1 Corinthians 6:12-20

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you

are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Holy Gospel: John 1:43-51

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Ronald J. Kolanowski

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People Form VI

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Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

especially Judy Knox, Judy, Evan, Jarrod, Mia, Tim, Bill, Herb Altsher, and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Michael, the Presiding Bishop, for Jeff and Laura our Bishops, Ron our priest, Donna & Marge our deacons and all the presbyters, priests & deacons, and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

For what else shall we pray today?

Confession

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The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

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The Offertory

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn #497 “How Bright Appears the Morning Star”

The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer B

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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.

Sanctus: S-125 “Holy, holy, holy Lord”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

The Lord’s Prayer
Breaking of the Bread

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Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Fraction Anthem: S-154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Post Communion Prayer (in unison)

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn #535 “Ye Servants of God”

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God

Postlude

Legal notice: The Annual Meeting of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church will be held at 10:30 am on January 28th, 2024 following the one combined 9:00 am service.

Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings for January 14, 2024

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God

by Stephen & Victoria Fisk, in loving memory of Ruben Paez Vidal.

We pray for our clergy: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for our priest Ron; for our deacons Donna & Marge; and for all bishops, priests and deacons;

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. James', Danbury; St Luke's, Darien; St. Paul's, Darien; Immanuel St. James, Derby. For those who have been affected by and who have died from COVID-19/Coronavirus, their families, friends, healthcare workers, and frontline workers; Church of the Province of South East Asia.

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family, especially Bp. Curry, Tammy, Elvira, Cathie, Judy Knox, Judy, Evan, Jarrod, Mia, Tim, Bill, Herb Altsher, and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays especially Lianie Gorcenski Unterzuber who celebrated last week (1/12), Melinda Woods (1/15), and we pray for those celebrating anniversaries.

We pray for the deceased remembering especially Ruben Paez Vidal (Victoria Fisk's cousin).

Continuing Prayer List

Andy, Jinny, Alexa, Brett Schulki, Wilson, Jeff Baez, Scott Warren, Ashley Joline; Christine Comeau, Christopher Page, Austin Fritz; Sue & Harry Denaker Chris Bendoraitis; Robert Bouchard, Star, Laura Beaudoin, Bill, Milton Porter, Steve Dubin, Peggy Cobb, Ryan, Joan Hamilton, Ella & Nicole, Roberto Rodegher, Noel, Marlin Corbean; Nelson Moore; Ron Lamp, Brian, Kathryn & Olivia; Tom Robbins & Ti, Caroline, Louis Houle, Aimee Goodrich, Cara Begin, Derek Anderson, Justin, Janet Nixon, Bill., Schluntz; Patricia Angelou, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family, Daryl, Scott Goodrich, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, the Farren Family;

Ongoing Activities

- Balance Class: Mondays 10:00 a.m. \$5 per session.
- Friendship Café Tuesdays 10-2 p.m. returns Jan. 30.
- Cub Scouts: 1st Mondays 5:30-7 p.m.
- Boy Scouts: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
- Buildings & Grounds: first Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- Vestry: Third Thursdays, 7 p.m.
- BNI (Business Networking International): Fridays, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Thank you, No Freeze Crew for all of the December contributions to the Saturday meal which was delivered to the No Freeze Shelter in Willimantic. As always, they were very appreciative when we dropped it off. I very much want to thank everyone for the contribution of the Duncan Donuts gift cards, as well, that we were able to include with each meal. What a lovely gift we were able to give during these cold months! Look for an email next week that gets us started on January's Saturday meal, which will include a special donation surprise from one of our members! To Join this amazing crew, email Carissa Johnson at dcfamily6@gmail.com. Warmly, Carissa

290th Annual Meeting of St. Peter's Episcopal Church: Sunday, January 28 10:30 a.m.

St. Peter's, the 6th oldest parish in the Episcopal Church in CT will hold our annual meeting following one combined worship service at 9a.m. We will begin with a parish potluck brunch, and we encourage folks to **bring side dishes to share**. The Annual Report will provide a look back at 2023 and I will recap it in my sermon which is my annual report to the parish. In addition, we will meet to share our hopes for 2024. With the coming of our 200th anniversary of our church building in October 2026, we will give an update on work being done to ready the building for its 3rd century of service in the Hebron community. An update on the work outlined at a parish wide meeting on September 10, 2023 that garnered unanimous approval by the 50 people who attended will be shared along with additional plans for the church. There will also be a brief presentation on the progress being made on the mixed-income Housing Project being led by the Commons Community Development Corporation. An additional report and motion will be offered to finalize the sale of the wetlands to the Open Space Committee of the Town, thereby protecting the wetlands and integrating them into the Jeremy River watershed project in the town.



Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Join us for dinner, a reading and reflection on Dr. King's
Letter from a Birmingham Jail



January 15, 2024 | 6 - 8pm

St. Peter's Church Hall, Church St., Hebron

To register, email: code.diversity1@gmail.com

Come and join us for dinner on Jan. 15, 6-8 p.m., as we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr., reading and reflecting on his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail." The event is free, but to get a headcount for dinner, you need to register:

code.diversity1@gmail.com.