

The 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany ~ January 21, 2024 ~ 10 a.m.

## Opening Hymn: #653 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

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.

**Collect of the Day: Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The First Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

**The Psalm: Psalm 62:6-14**

**6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
truly, my hope is in him.**

**7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.**

**8 In God is my safety and my honor; \***

**God is my strong rock and my refuge.**

**9 Put your trust in him always, O people, \***

**pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.**

**10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \***

**even those of low estate cannot be trusted.**

**11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \***

**all of them together.**

**12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; \***

**though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

**13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, \***

**that power belongs to God.**

**14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, \***

**for you repay everyone according to his deeds.**

### **The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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: Mark 1:14-20**

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.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James, son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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 David Rigby, 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 #660 “O, Master, let me walk with thee”**

**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,

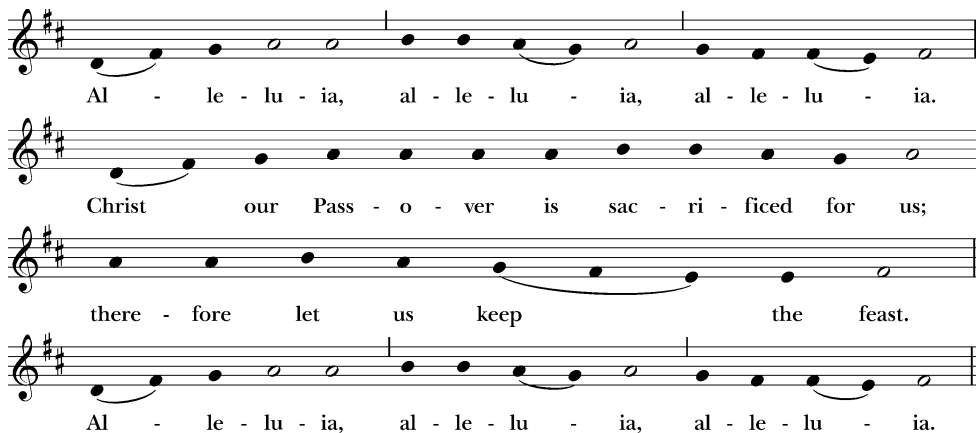
### The Lord's Prayer

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### Breaking of the Bread

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 #381 "Thy strong word did cleave the darkness"**

**Dismissal**

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Postlude**

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

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**Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings for January 21,**  
**2024**

**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 All ecumenical and interfaith endeavors involving our congregations and people; for peace and peacemakers. **In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for all our parish family, especially Bp. Curry, David Rigby, 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 this week** remembering especially Kristin Perkins (1/24) and those celebrating anniversaries.

**We pray for the deceased.**

**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.:Patricia Angelou, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family, Daryl, Scott Goodrich, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, the Farren Family.

## On Going Activities

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

**No Freeze Crew** - Look for an email 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](mailto:dcfamily6@gmail.com).

Warmly, Carissa Johnson

## **290<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of St. Peter's Episcopal Church: Sunday, January 28 10:30 a.m.**

St. Peter's, the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church building in October 2026, we will give an update on work being done to ready the building for its 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**P.S. Please send your committee reports if you have not done so yet.**

**A Movie inspired by Bp. Michael Curry “A Case for Love” One day Only**  
A movie is being shown nation-wide on Tuesday, January 23 at 7pm called A Case for Love. A Case for Love is a heartfelt, yet personally challenging movie inspired by the teachings and writings of Bishop Michael Curry. You will remember that Bp Curry joined us on October 16, 2022, at St. Peter's. In many ways, Bishop Curry is a modern-day Martin Luther King, Jr., whose message of love is powerful reminder that Love Is the Way and the only thing that can save us. The movie is showing at Buckland Hills Cinemax theaters on Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. Episcopalians across CT will be joining together to attend the movie in various towns I encourage all of you who would like to attend to do two things. 1) Order your tickets in advance at the link below with everything you need to know about the movie

including a short trailer of the movie. 2) organize into carpools. I am suggesting that you gather in advance at the church and organize yourselves to go. I am unable to organize this among you but talk to one another and plan on coming. See you at the movies.

Copy and paste this link in your browser to get your tickets:

<https://www.movieinsider.com/m22402/a-case-for-love>