

The Fourth Sunday in Lent ~ March 10, 2024 St. Peter's Episcopal Church 30 Church Street, P.O. Box 513 Hebron, CT 06248-0513 The Rev. Ronald J. Kolanowski, Rector Joshua Ziemski, Organist & Choir Director

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT **HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE 2** 10:00 A.M., March 10, 2024

Opening Hymn: #302 "Father, we thank thee" **A Penitential Order**

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. People: His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. **Confession of Sin BCP**, page 352

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The Collect of the Day: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died.

The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

The Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, * and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim * that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; * from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; * they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food * and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them * and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving * and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

Sequence Anthem

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

The Holy Gospel: John 3:14-21

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People for Lent

Leader: 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.

Leader: Almighty God, your Son 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 your work of reconciliation in the world.

Silence

God of love, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the holy catholic church throughout the world, a sign on earth of the kingdom of God. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Monica's, Hartford; Trinity, Hartford; St. Peter's, Hebron; St. James', Higganum; All ministries to, with, and for women and the Girl's Friendly Society; *The Episcopal Church*.

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Silence

God of love, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

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

Silence

God of love, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For our families, friends, and companions, and for all those we love. We pray for all our parish family celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Kim Sullivan (3/13).

Silence

God of love, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who are tempted, oppressed, afflicted, or in need, especially Ray Litwin, Deanne Bowen, Richard Taylor, Jim, Lydia, David Rigby, and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

Silence

God of love, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the dying and the dead.

Silence

God of love, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Priest: For what else shall we pray this day?

Priest: Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered together and reconciled under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Peace

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

Holy Communion

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: #620 "Jerusalem, my happy home"

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus - #122 "Holy, holy, holy Lord" Lord. God Ho - ly, ho ly, ho ly of 0 0 • 0 power might, and earth are full of your glo - ry. and hea - ven • 0 0 ø 0 high - est. the Bless - ed he who comes Ho - san - na in is the high the Lord. Ho - san - na in the name of in est.

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"



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.

Communion Music

Post-Communion Prayer

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #690 "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah" Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Service Schedule for Holy Week and Easter Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Rite 1 with Blessing of the Palms; Passion 10:00 a.m. Rite 2 Blessing of the Palms in Phelps Hall, bagpipe procession into the church, the Passion. Wednesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.: The Service of Tenebrae Maundy Thursday, March 28, 6 p.m. Agape meal with Holy Eucharist followed by stripping of the altar. Friday, March 29, 3:00 p.m. Traditional Good Friday Service, Prayer Book service with Adoration of the cross. Easter Day, March 31: Sunrise Service 6:30 am at Gilead CC 8:00 a.m. Rite 1 Holy Eucharist with hymns 10:00 a.m. Rite 2 Holy Eucharist. Brass ensemble.

Remembrances and Thanksgivings for March 10, 2024

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Joyce and Henry Dombrowski in loving memory of Elizabeth Dombrowski.

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

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Monica's, Hartford; Trinity, Hartford; St. Peter's, Hebron; St. James', Higganum; All ministries to, with, and for women and the Girl's Friendly Society; *The Episcopal Church.*

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family, especially those who have requested our prayers: especially Ray Litwin, Deanne Bowen, Richard Taylor, Jim, Lydia, Judy, David Rigby, and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week, especially Kim Sullivan (3/13).

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; Milton Porter, Chris Bendoraitis; Robert Bouchard; Star, Laura Beaudoin, Bill, Steve Dubin, Ryan, Joan Hamilton, Ella & Nicole, Roberto Rodegher, Noel, Brian, Marlin Corbean; Nelson Moore; Kathryn & Olivia; Derek Anderson, Tom Robbins & Ti, Caroline, Louis Houle, Aimee Goodrich, Cara Begin, Justin, Janet Nixon, Bill., Schluntz; 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.
- Mondays in Lent, 11:00 a.m. A Lenten book discussion, "10 Gospel Promises for Later Life" led by Deacon Donna Gray
- Cub Scouts: 1st Mondays 5:30-7 p.m.
- Buildings & Grounds: first Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- Boy Scouts: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
- Vestry: Third Thursdays, 6 p.m.
- Business Networking International: Fridays, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Maple Fest Luncheon at St. Peter's March 16-17

St. Peter's will host a Maple Fest lunch in the parish hall on both days: Saturday, March 16 from10-4pm and Sunday, March 17, 12-3pm. The menu includes your choice of Sandwich: Maple Pulled Pork or Maple Grilled Cheese with or without Maple bacon. Maple cookies and beverages. The cost will be **only \$8** per meal and you can sit in the hall to eat lunch. Our Youth Group will sell Maple baked goods and the Coalition on Diversity and Equity (CoDE) will have a table with children's activities.

At Maple Fest: "Tap into Nature"

CONNECT WITH NATURE AT AHM 25 Pendleton Drive, Hebron

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

Blue Moon Raptors - Birds of Prey 2 live demonstrations: 11am - 12:30pm & 1:30pm - 3pm Wild Edibles & Plants Exhibit 10am-4pm Wetlands & Vernal Pools Exhibit 10am-4pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH

Blue Moon Raptors - Birds of Prey 1 live demonstration: 11am - 12:30pm Native American Storytelling & Artifacts from the Institute of American Indian Studies 10am-2pm

OUTH & FAMILY SERVICES.

EXHIBITS BOTH DAYS SATURDAY 10AM - 4PM, SUNDAY 10AM - 2PM

Meigs Point Nature Center, Hebron Pollinator Pathway, Riverside Reptiles, Bluebird House Kits for sale and Building Demo, Animal Tracks & Signs, Colonial Cooking, Outdoor Maple Syrup Demo, Composting 101, Crafts & Activities both inside & outside!

This is a FREE event! Donations will be gladly accepted at the door to help support AHM's programs & services! scan for



Hosted by AHM Trails Committee & St. Peter's Episcopal Church Updates!

Sanctuary Performing Arts and St. Peter's Invite You to a Post-Maple Fest St. Patrick's Day Cabaret and Dinner Featuring "The Callithumpians" Sunday, March 17, 4:00-6:00p.m. 30 Church Street, Hebron CT



Celebrate by joining us March 17th for an early evening of entertainment and Irish fare. The Callithumpians, an extraordinary group of Celtic musicians will delight and entertain you with stories and quips as well as good music while you enjoy delicious Irish food. Non-alcoholic beverages will be served. BYOB.