# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ April 21, 2024 ~ 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

Opening Hymn: #645 "The King of Love my shepherd is"

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is Risen

People: The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia

Glory to God #S-280 (Powell)



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

Collect of the Day: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen* 

#### The First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is `the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm 23 (King James Version)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## The Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

# 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: John 10:11-18

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

Sermon

#### The Reverend Ronald J. Kolanowski

# **Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

Celebrant:	Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?		
People:	I do.		
Celebrant:	Do you believe in God the Father?		
People:	I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.		
Celebrant:	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?		
People:	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:	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?		
People:	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:	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and		
	fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?		

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.
Celebrant:	Will you cherish the wondrous works of God. And
	protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all
	creation?
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. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Mark's, Mystic; St. Michael's, Naugatuck; St. Mark's, New Britain; Clergy whose work is not in parishes; multi-vocational priests; clergy of ECCT whose ministry is carried out in other countries or dioceses; *The Anglican Church of Australia*.

#### Silence

Glory to you for the radiance of your 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 Michel our presiding bishop, Jeff and Laura our bishops; for Ron, our priest and Marge & Donna our deacons; 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.**

For ourselves, our families, especially for those celebrating birthdays, Briant Marsh (4/22), Denise Ward (4/27)

Silence

#### Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. 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 (Brenda, Bill Baldwin, Jeff Baez, Lydia, Deanne Bowen, Richard Taylor, Jim, Judy, David Rigby. and the oppressed, and for all who have died. We pray especially for those remembered in the listing of memorials this Easter Season.

## Silence

Glory to you, beholding the depths.

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

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 with thy spirit*

# **Holy Communion**

Offertory

# Offertory Hymn: #304 "I come with joy to meet my Lord" The Great Thanksgiving

**Eucharistic Prayer A** 

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

#### The Lord's Prayer

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#### 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.



#### **Fraction Anthem S-169**

## The Communion

#### **Communion music**

Post Communion Prayer

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#### **Easter Blessing**

Closing hymn: #708 "Savior, like a shepherd lead us" Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.



Gífts gíven in	Memory of	Loved Ones
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The Altar Guild

Leonard Babin

Ed & Nancy Bader

Judith Banks

Carolyn Bouchard

**Claire Bracaglia** 

Clyde & Georgette Conrad

The Cyr Family

Marge Dill Henry & Joyce Dombrowski

Marcia & Chuck Eaton

The Eells Family

Stephen & Victoria Fisk

Stephen & victoria Fish

The Forrest Family

Their beloved colleague Judi Babin

Judi, Leonard and Anna Babin Charles and Priscilla Davis

Nena & Russell Schlitter; Gregory Bader, Michael and Barbara Bader

John Banks & all the casualties of war.

Loved ones

Henry Lindert, Henry Jones, Helen Wason, Phylllis Meshanic

Brian Rich, Dianne Quinn, Connie Kenny, Joline Herwood, Michael Manning, Rhon Rich & Jeff Rich

Thomas Cyr, Sharon Whitney

Michael Dill, Joan Conley Henry & Elizabeth Dombrowski, John & Angie Banulski

Barbara & George Potterton, Georgia & Jack; Lee & Pam; Harrison & Ethel Eaton, Harry, John

**Clarence & Terry Michaud, and Bonnie Eells** 

Ruben Paez Vidal (organ donor); victims of the Valparaiso fire in Feb. 2024 (Chile)

Our Dads

Maryann Hickelton	Irene Jones
Mark & Laurel Houle	Dorothy Proctor Houle, Maria Carmela Terlizzi
Gayle Porter Kataja	Peter C. Kataja, Merle & Earl Porter, Kyle P. Buttice
Kathy Kniep Judy Knowlton	Jeanne & Robert Wessman; Paul LeBreton Douglas A. Knowlton, Fannie Brewster
Ron Kolanowsksi	Mel & Helen Hiltabel, Art & Helen Kolanowski, Lori Kolanowski
Steve Konopka	The Konopka Family
The Kraemer family	Joann Vechinsky
Daniel & Patricia Larson	Bishop Morgan Porteus, Robert & Louis Middlemass
Mary Latour	Richard T. Hagenow
John Loge	Frances Jean Loge, Beverly Jane Sandefur, Judith Marion Gray, Stuart Edgar Power
Lynda Majewski	Paul Louis Arruda
John & Sandy Marshall	Howard & Marjorie Marshall; Emmett & Maria Hartz
Darlene McDonald & Deb Wilson	David & Velma McDonald; Charlene McDonald; Uncle Larry McDonald; John & Anita Wilson, Brian Wilson, Chip Wilson
Len & Cindy Matejek	Trent Liseo (their grandson)
Barbara & Steve Mondrach	Robert & MaryAnn Siegle, Steve & EmmyLou Mondrach
Nelson and Marianne Moore	Kenneth Moore, Glenn Moore, Renate, Ed Savino, Martha Moore, Herbert G. Richter, Linda Richter

The Myers Family	P. Hamilton & Ruth Myers; Tom and Martha Bombaci; Bob & Bev Winter; Randy Truax			
The O'Shea Family	Jean & Ray Baldwin, Carbery & Genevieve O'Shea, Genevieve Alexander, Margo Fletcher, Christine Morrison, Sean O'Shea, Juanita & Jack Alden			
The Osmond Family	Cleo & Doris Wandling; John B. & Mildred Osmond, John C. Osmond			
John & Susan Ostrout	Elmer H. Ostrout, Sr., Dorothy R. Ostrout, William Murray, Shirley Murray, Edward Murray			
Barbara Parkyn	Family and friends			
Steve Platz	Judy, Ed & Linda Platz Henry & Evelyn Dickinson			
Chris & Chad Raasumaa-Boot	Nana, Bachi & Dziadzi s			
Kim & Brian Reed	G. Earl & Merle N. Porter; Kyle P. Buttice			
Fran & Lino Rodegher	Sandra & Carmela Guglielmi, Lino, Livio & Gianfranco Rodegher			
Lynne Sandahl	Her brother Karl			
Amy Stone	In loving memory of family, friends & pets			
Lianie Unterzuber	Bob Gorcenski, Dee Urban, Mary Jo Keenan, John Romero, Debbie Bell, Anastasios			
John Viklinetz	Helen Viklinetz			
Stephen Wells	Carol A. Wells			
Stephanie Wheeler	Russell Wheeler, Jr., Joyce Leombruno			



# Gifts given in Thanksgiving

Marge Dill	In honor of the people of Ukraine for their bravery in their fight for freedom.
Victoria and Stephen Fisk	In honor of the survivors of the fire in Valparaiso, Chile
The Forrest Family	In honor of organ donors everywhere; and in honor of our armed forces



Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings for April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 We pray for our clergy: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Ian & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for our priest Fr. Ron; for our deacons Donna & Marge; and for all bishops, priests and deacons; In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Mark's, Mystic; St. Michael's, Naugatuck; St. Mark's, New Britain; Clergy whose work is not in parishes; multi-vocational priests; clergy of ECCT whose ministry is carried out in other countries or dioceses; *The Anglican Church of Australia*. In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family and especially those who have requested our prayers: (Brenda, Bill Baldwin, Lydia, Jeff Baez, Deanne Bowen, Richard Taylor, Jim, Judy, David Rigby) and the suffering and oppressed, and for all who have died. We pray especially for those who are remembered in the listing of memorials this Easter Season and those in our on-going prayer list, that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week: Briant Marsh (4/22), Denise Ward (4/27) We pray for the deceased.