

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Hebron, CT

The Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ April 28, 2024 ~ 10 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

Opening Hymn: #379 "God is Love. Let Heaven adore him.

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is Risen

People: The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia

Glory to God #S-280 (Powell)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty 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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with your

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 49:13-18

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth,
O mountains, into singing!

For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones. But Zion said, 'The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me.'

Can a woman forget her nursing-child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb?

Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.

See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me. Your builders outdo your destroyers, and those who laid you waste go away from you. Lift up your eyes all around and see; they all gather, they come to you.

As I live, says the Lord, you shall put all of them on like an ornament, and like a bride you shall bind them on.

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

The Psalm: The Psalm: Psalm 42:4-11

4. These things I remember and I pour out my soul within me.*

**for I used to go along with the throng
and lead them in procession to the house of God,**

**5. With the voice of joy and thanksgiving,*
a multitude keeping festival.**

6. Why are you in despair, O my soul?*

And why have you become disturbed within me?

7. Hope in God, *

The Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of

God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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: Luke 24.6-11

Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe

them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

Sermon

The Reverend Ronald J. Kolanowski

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, New Canaan; Christ Church, New Haven; St. James', New Haven; Parishes in transition, transition teams, and interim clergy

The Church of Bangladesh

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 holy 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, for those celebrating birthdays (Mary Latour (4/30), Curt Kraemer (5/1), Paul Sandahl (5/3), Anthony Wursthorn (5/4), Liliana Wursthorn (5/4); and those celebrating anniversaries.

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 (Lydia, Jeff Baez, Richard Taylor, Jim, **Judy, David Rigby**) and for all who have died.

Silence

Glory to you, beholding the depths.

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

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

(You are invited to come forward to light a candle for someone you know affected by the disease of dementia or who may have died).

Alzheimers Litany to the Prayer of St Francis

All: Lord make me an instrument of your peace.

Give me the grace to have what I already have and to make it grow; help me to reap a personal sense of calm and restfulness in the midst of my loved one's devastating disease and to extend that peace in his/her daily care.

All: Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Help me to sow love in the midst of this hated disease. Teach me how to render loving and patient care to my loved one. Show me the way to be Your instrument of grace and help me come to a resolution of acceptance and consideration.

All: Where there is discord, union. Where there is injury, pardon.

Help me to seek healing of a hardened heart, oftentimes full of anger and resentment, and to reconcile myself to the reality of my loved one's disease; to see the "injury" of Alzheimer's as a means for me and my affected loved one to grow in greater love and intimacy with you, Lord, and to pardon that which is unknown for causing this devastating disease.

All: Where there is doubt, faith.

I know doubt is a necessary part of life. Help me in situations when I doubt myself in the care of my loved one; when I question my responsibilities of being a caregiver; when I sit in doubt at times thinking You have abandoned me, Lord; and most of all, when I lose that faith and hope that I know are what ultimately sustain me and my loved one throughout the journey of this disease.

All: Where there is despair, hope.

I know that everyone dealing with this disease has despair but help me to be an instrument to others so I can offer hope to them, too. In my despair, give me the grace to reach out to others for solace and support, so that we all can know the hope that is always restored through your love and grace, Lord.

All: Where there is darkness, light.

I know Jesus is the Light of the World. Help me always to remember and to receive that Light of Christ. I am a reflection of that Light; my loved one with Alzheimer's is a reflection of that Light, too. Help us, together, to be that Light for ourselves and others.

All: And where there is sadness, joy.

I am losing my loved one to this devastating disease. It makes both of us sad. Help me to recognize the joy in

the present moment with my loved one each day; to experience that joy together, to overcome our sadness that sometimes prevails, and to know that God is ever with us on our journey.

All: O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;

Help me not to be so needy. Use me as an instrument to others for consolation, even in my own journey and grief. Help me find the grace to care and comfort others who are also affected by this disease, thereby giving my loved one and me comfort, too.

All: To be understood, as to understand;

Help me not to be fixated on always trying to understand my loved one and always wanting for him/her to understand me; what he/she is trying to communicate; all the "whys" and "hows" of this disease; but to just understand and listen most of all; and to recognize that the progression of the disease is destroying my loved one's brain, not the person behind the disease.

All: To be loved, as to love.

I miss my loved one's love; I miss the touch and companionship; the days of sharing and caring for each other. Help me to keep our love alive; to aspire to love him/her as much as I can through this journey, knowing

that when I am caring for another human being, we both grow in love, and that when we both grow in that love, it will be given whole-heartedly to others.

All: For it is in giving that we receive.

Help me not to tire of all the "care" giving and to be charitable in that giving. Help me be a more generous receiver; to receive the abundant gifts of others, to accept help and welcome help throughout this disease journey.

All: It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

Help me to forgive myself for all the times when I am angry, or weary, or lonely, or upset, or impatient, or frustrated. Help me to know that my loved one forgives me, too; for my negative actions and emotions oftentimes become elevated because the madness of the disease overwhelms me.

All: And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Give me the strength and perseverance when grief overcomes me to withstand the loss of my loved one twice; to endure patiently when he/she no longer recognizes me, when I am seen as a stranger or foe, when I must realize the slow passing away of a person I once knew and still love; and finally, give me the grace and fortitude for that final goodbye so that I might have peace and promise in my loved one's physical death when my loved one is joined with Christ in a new, eternal life.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Holy Communion

Offertory

Offertory Hymn: # 512 "Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove"

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus: S-125 "Holy, holy, holy Lord"

Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
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.

The Great Amen S-146

Robinson



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

Cantor or Choir
My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

1 *All* | 2 *Cantor or Choir*
deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

All
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

The Communion

Communion music

Post Communion Prayer

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Easter Blessing

Closing hymn: - #529” Not in Rite Song In Christ there is no East or West.

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings for April 28, 2024

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

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Mark’s, New Canaan; Christ Church, New Haven; St. James’, New Haven; Parishes in transition, transition teams, and interim clergy; *The Church of Bangladesh*

In St Peter’s Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family and especially those who have requested our prayers: **Bill Baldwin, Lydia, Jeff Baez, Richard Taylor, Jim, Judy, David Rigby, and the suffering and oppressed, and for all who have died.** and those in our Continuing 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:
Mary Latour (4/30), Curt Kraemer (5/1), Paul Sandahl (5/3),
Anthony Wursthorn (5/4), Liliana Wursthorn (5/4)

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Continuing Prayer List Deanne Bowen,