



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
The Feast of the Epiphany
January 5, 2025
Holy Eucharist Rite 1, 8 a.m.
The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen

The Kyrie

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The Gloria

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day: O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the

farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

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

The Psalm: Psalm 84:1-8

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars,
O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.**
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley
will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.**
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

The Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you

as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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: Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go

and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

Sermon	The Reverend Ronald Kolanowski
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The Peace	

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And with thy spirit

The Holy Communion

Offertory	
The Great Thanksgiving	BCP page 333
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The Breaking of the bread	

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia

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Prayer before Communion (in unison)

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Communion

Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

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Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings for January 5, 2025

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

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Peter’s, Cheshire; Holy Advent, Clinton; Trinity, Collinsville. For all immigrants, refugees & the ministries that serve them. *The Church in Wales.*

In St Peter’s Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family and especially for those who are listed in our Continuing Prayers list that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. We pray for those who have died, and we pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends, and neighbors that they may be comforted by those who love them.

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week especially Lily Raasumaa-Boots (1/10) and those celebrating anniversaries.

Continuing Prayer List

Neal, Steve Perkins, Adrian Mandeville, Gloria, Loretta, Tim O’Shea, Bill Baldwin, Judy, Robin, Brenda, Richard Taylor, Jim, Jeff Baez, Lydia, David Rigby, Judy Knox, Deanne Bowen, June Beauvais; Star, Norm, Laura Beaudoin, Bill Houle, Aimee Goodrich, Cara Begin, Justin, Derek Anderson, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, Ryan, Roberto Rodegher, Marlin Corbean; Brian; Joan Hamilton, Kathryn & Olivia; Caroline, Ron Lamp, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family,

Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Jeannette Farren & Family; Noel, Daryl, Scott Goodrich, Ella & Nicole, Patricia Angelou, Lou and Heidi Schluntz.

On Going Activities

- **Balance Class: Mondays 10:00 a.m. \$5 per session.**
- **Cub Scouts: 1st Mondays 5:30-7 p.m.**
- **Hebron Greater Together Community Fund: 3rd Tuesdays 6-8 pm**
- **Buildings & Grounds: first Tuesdays, 7 p.m.**
- **Boy Scouts: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.**
- **Vestry: Third Thursdays, 6 p.m.**
- **BNI (Business Networking International): Fridays, 7:30-8:30 a.m.**

Up and coming Events

Concert in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

On January 19th at 3:00 p.m. St. Peter's will host a Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration sponsored jointly between our Sanctuary Performing Arts and the Coalition on Diversity and Equity (CoDE) who we partner with often for things like MLK and Juneteenth. It will feature works of 19th, 20th, and 21st century composers.

It most especially features Sawney Freeman, an enslaved person who escaped and came to CT. He composed in the early 1800s. His music was discovered after more than 200 years of being lost in the archives at Trinity College in Hartford. Anthony Pandolfe, music director at St. John's Essex and band director at Edwin O. Smith High School found it and arranged it for strings. He is one of the earliest African American composers in the country.

Sanctuary Performing Arts

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Proudly presents

A Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Concert

Featuring

Early 19th, 20th & 21st Century

African American Composers

Sawney Freeman, enslaved 19th Century

Florence Price, rediscovered 20th Century

Jessie Montgomery, current 21st Century

Performed by

The Andante Strings

Sunday, January 19, 2025 3:00PM

St. Peter's Church

30 Church Street, Hebron, CT

Discussion and heavy hors d'oeuvres follows concert

Donations Encouraged Adults \$20 Youth \$5

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