



The Fourth Sunday in Lent ~ March 30, 2025

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE 2

10:00 A.M., MARCH 23, 2025

Opening Hymn: #686 “Come, thou font of every blessing”

A Penitential Order

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue

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Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Confession of Sin

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Absolution

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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: Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain.

The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

The Psalm: Psalm 32

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!**
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.**
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.**

6 I said," I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

**7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you
in time of trouble; ***

when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

**8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

**9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.**

**10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."**

**11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

**12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here

I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."

So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!'

Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

Brien Brown

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People for Lent

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The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Holy Communion

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: LEVAS #8 "Deep River"

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

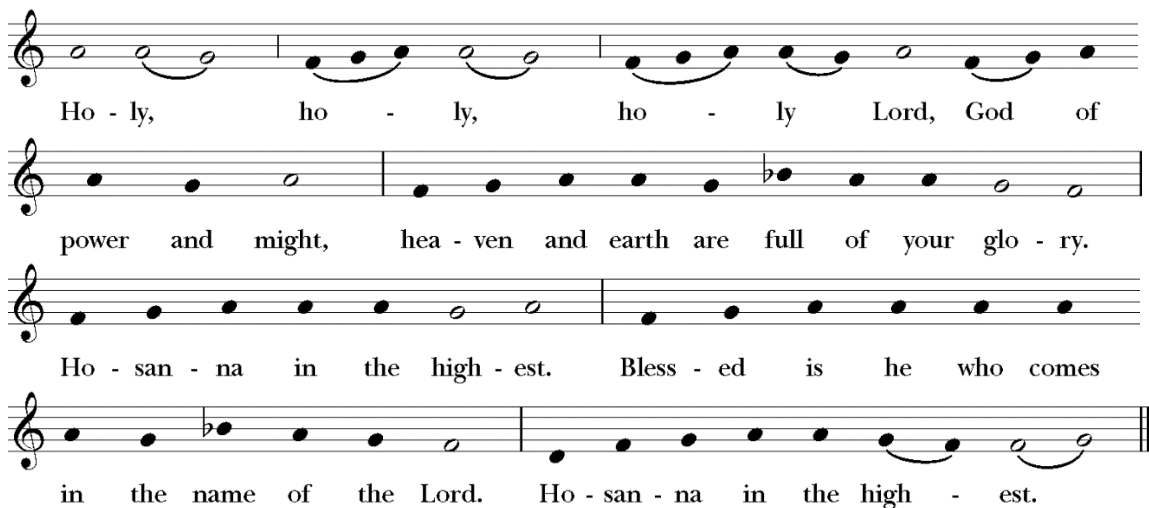
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy... Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus - #122 "Holy, holy, holy Lord"



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love....Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine... Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All: AMEN.

Celebrant

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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem "Jesus Remember Me"

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Cm Fm/A \flat B \flat E \flat

Jesus, remember me when you come in-to your kingdom.

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The musical score is for a four-part setting of the Fraction Anthem "Jesus Remember Me". It is written in B-flat major (two flats) and 3/4 time. The score consists of four staves: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The Soprano and Alto parts are in treble clef, while the Tenor and Bass parts are in bass clef. The key signature is B-flat major. The tempo is marked with a '5' above the first measure. The lyrics are "Jesus, remember me when you come in-to your kingdom." The score includes a variety of musical notations, including eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests, with some measures containing multiple notes.

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 Hymn: #470 "There's a wideness in God's mercy"

Post-Communion Prayer

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #411 “O bless the Lord, my soul”

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Remembrances and Thanksgivings for March 30, 2025

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

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for All Saints', Meriden; St. Andrew's, Meriden; Christ Church, Middle Haddam; Collaborative ministries & all Ministry Networks. The Anglican Church in Congo.

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family, especially Fran, Nancy Kirkham, Carolyn Aubin, Susan, Peggy Cobb and family, Sheila and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week: especially Louis Schluntz (4/2), Kelly Celio (4/3), Michelle Nosal (4/3), Joshua Engler (4/4), Barbara LaMay (4/5).

We pray for the deceased remembering Julia Elizabeth Kowalski and Eleanor Rathbun Haggerty and Arielle Kimchi.

Continuing Prayer List

Andrew, Adrian Mandeville, Neal, Gloria, Loretta, Tim O'Shea, Jeff Baez, Bill Baldwin, Judy, Robin, Brenda, Richard Taylor, Jim, Lydia, David Rigby, Judy Knox, 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; Kathryn & Olivia; Caroline, Ron Lamp, Lou and Heidi Schluntz, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family, Ella & Nicole, Jeannette Farren & Family; Noel, Daryl.

On Going Activities

- Balance Class: Mondays 10:15 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. 10
- Vestry: Third Thursdays, 6 p.m.
- BNI (Business Networking International): Fridays, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Lenten Book Study “The Inner Voice of Love: A Journey Through Anguish to Freedom,” March 10-April 14 11:30-1:00p.m. in Phelps Hall.

Our Lenten Book Study Group will meet for six weeks of Lent to explore this book by renowned theologian Fr. Henri Nouwen. This is Nouwen’s secret journal. It was written during the most difficult period of his life, when he suddenly lost his self-esteem, his energy to live and work, his sense of being loved—even his hope in God. Although he experienced excruciating anguish and despair, he was still able to keep a journal in which he wrote a daily spiritual imperative to himself that emerged from his conversations with friends and supporters.

Sanctuary Performing Arts Concert, Saturday, March 29, 7p.m.

“Thinning of the Veil”: songs to reconnect with the lost, featuring Voices of Concinnity with Ekklesia Contemporary Ballet

On a night where the veil between the living and the afterlife is thin, may the voices of Concinnity and the movement of dance reconnect us with the ones we have lost.

This concert will explore the stories, lore, and experiences of the veil between the world of the living and dead to allow space to process loss, feel comfort, and find connection. Includes new music. Tickets: \$20 (students free). A reception follows in the parish hall.

To purchase tickets: www.stpetershebron.com under the Events tab.

Hurry to reserve your seat for the Seder Meal!

Tickets are selling fast!

Hebron Community Passover Seder Dinner hosted by our neighbors the United Brethren of Hebron Synagogue and held at St. Peters on Thursday, April 3rd at 5:30 p.m.

The Passover seder is a festive meal that celebrates the Jews' Exodus from Egypt.

The event is **Cosponsored by:** The Church of the Holy Family Catholic Church, Hebron; Gilead Congregational Church, Hebron; and St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Hebron.

Hebron Community Passover Seder



Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Phelps Hall, St. Peter's Church

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