



May 18, 2025
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church
Hebron, Connecticut
The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector

The Fifth Sunday after Easter Rite 1 ~ 8:00 a.m.

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is Risen

The People: The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia

Glory be to God

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Collect of the Day: 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: Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at

it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

The Psalm: Psalm 148

1 Hallelujah!

**Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.**

**2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.**

**3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.**

**4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.**

**5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.**

**6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

**7 Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;**

**8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

**9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;**

**10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;**

**11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;**

**12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.**

**13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.**

**14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!**

The Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty, I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord

The Holy Gospel: John 13:31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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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 the 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 wonderful works of God and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of creation?

People: I will with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows: 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

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The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And with thy spirit

Great thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer I

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Breaking of the bread

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Easter Blessing

The Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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The Prayers and Thanksgivings for May 18, 2025

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Thomas', New Haven; Trinity, New Haven; St. James, New London Clergy peer groups & the Clergy Family Assistance Program The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

We pray for our clergy: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; 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; clergy of ECCT whose ministry is carried out in other countries or dioceses.

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week: Georgette Conrad 5/19, Mark Houle 5/20, Linda Spector 5/22, Ellen Kraemer 5/23, and for those celebrating anniversaries.

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family and especially those who have requested our prayers: Stephanie, Stephen Mazzarelli, baby Eli, Judy Knowlton, John Lumsden, Rosemarie, Fran, Len and Kim Begin, Nancy Kirkham, Sheila and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

We pray for the deceased. We pray especially for those who are remembered in the listing of memorials this Easter Season.

Continuing Prayer List

Peter and Barbara Farren, Andrew, Carolyn Aubin, Peggy Cobb and family, Adrian Mandeville, Neal, Gloria, Loretta, Tim O'Shea, Bill Baldwin, Judy, Robin, Brenda, Richard Taylor, Jim, Lydia, David Rigby, Judy Knox, June Beauvais; Star, Norm, 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.

Up & Coming Events

Hebron Chorus: St. Peter's will be hosting the Hebron Chorus for their Spring concert, "In Harmony and Song" on Friday, May 23, 2025 at 7 p.m. Reception to follow.



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In Harmony & Song



Andrey Stolyarov, Director
Davis Martin, Pianist

Friday, May 23, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
30 Church Street (Route 85)
Hebron Connecticut

Suggested donation \$20





Gifts given in Memory of Loved Ones



Pamela & Tom Atwood

**Frost "Nanny" Krist,
Walter "Mac" Aldrich**

Judith Banks

**John Banks & the Banks McGovern &
Veillette families**

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Her friend Joanna

Claire Bracaglia

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Bruneau**

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Raymond Conrad**

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**Henry & Betty Dombrowski; John &
Angie Banulski; Judy, David & Dave
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**Barbara, George, Georgia, Jack, Lee &
Pam Potterton; Harrison, Ethel,
Harry & John Eaton**

The Eells Family

**Clarence & Terry Michaud, Bonnie
Eells**

Stephen & Victoria Fisk

Stephen's parents; family and pets in heaven

The Forest Family

George W. Clark and Walter S. Forrest

Chris & Cathy Gerke

**Ralph & Elizabeth Gerke
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**BettyLou Mokoski
Judith Lynn Green**

Maryann Hickelton

Marion Trudelle

Gayle Kataja

**Peter C. Kataja, Kyle P. Buttice,
Merle N. & G., Earl Porter, Natalie &
Claude Jones**

Kathy Kniep

**Jeanne & Robert Wessman; Paul
LeBreton, Blanche & Evangeline
Kniep**

Judy Knowlton

**Douglas A. Knowlton, Donna
Knowlton**

Ron Kolanowski

**Mel & Helen Hiltabidel, Art & Helen
Kolanowski, Lori Kolanowski, Art
Engler, Sr.**

Steve Konopka

The Konopka Family

The Kraemer family

Robert Bork

Daniel & Patricia Larson

**Bishop Morgan Porteus, Mr. & Mrs.
Robert Porteus Middlemass**

Mary Latour

Richard T. Hagenow

Cathie & Ray Litwin

Gene Baker

John Loge

Frances Jean Loge, Beverly Jane Sandefur, Judith Marion Gray, Stuart Edgar Power

Lynda Majewski

Paul Louis Arruda

Darlene McDonald & Deb Wilson

David & Velma McDonald, Charleen McDonald, Larry McDonald; John & Anita Wilson

**Barbara & Steve
Mondrach**

Robert & MaryAnn Siegle; Steve & EmmyLou Mondrach

Marianne Moore

Nelson, Kenneth, Maitland Moore & Don Savino

The Myers Family

P. Hamilton & Ruth Myers; Tom & Martha Bombaci

Liz & Alex Nelson

Alison Nelson

The O'Shea Family

Jean & Ray Baldwin, Carbery & Genevieve O'Shea, Genevieve Alexander, Margo Fletcher, Christine Morrison, Sean O'Shea, Juanita & Jack Alden

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| The Osmond Family | Cleo & Doris Wandling, John & Mildred Osmond, John B. 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-Boots | Our grandparents |
| Kim & Brian Reed | G. Earl & Merle N. Porter; Kyle P. Buttice |
| Fran & Lino Rodegher | Sandra & Carmela Guglielmi, Lino, Livio & Gianfranco Rodegher |
| Amy Stone | Family Friends & Pets |
| John Viklinetz | Helen Viklinetz |
| Stephen Wells | Carol A. Wells |
| Stephanie Wheeler | Russell Wheeler, Jr.; Joyce Leombruno |

Gifts given in Honor of Loved Ones

Stephen & Victoria Fisk Family and friends here and abroad

The Forrest Family Ryan Clark and Our Armed Forces



**The Paschal Candle was given by Leonard Babin in
memory of his wife Judi.**

