

The Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 18, 2025 ~ 10 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

Opening Hymn: #174 "At the Lamb's High Feast we sing"

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 - might - y 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.

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***

Sequence Anthem:

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

The Baptismal Covenant

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 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.***

Prayers of the People [In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud].

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. *Pray for the Church.*

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers 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.

Silence

I ask your prayers for, for all our parish family and especially those who have requested our prayers: Stephanie, Judy Knowlton, Stephen Mazzarelli, baby Eli, John Lumsden, Rosemarie, Fran, Len and Kim Begin, Nancy Kirkham, Sheila and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

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

Presider: 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 also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn #209 "We walk by faith and not by sight"

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

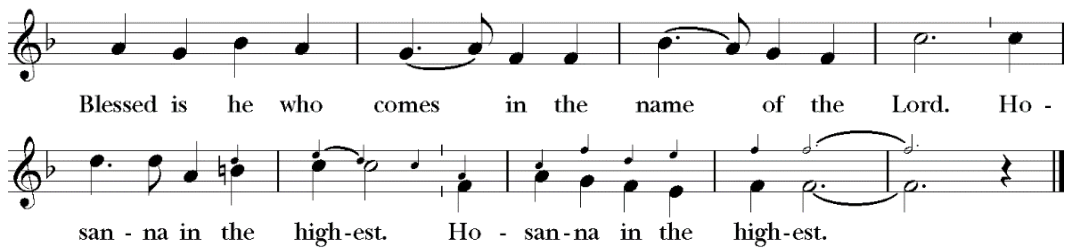
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 S-125 (Holy, Holy Lord)

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.



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

The Lord's Prayer

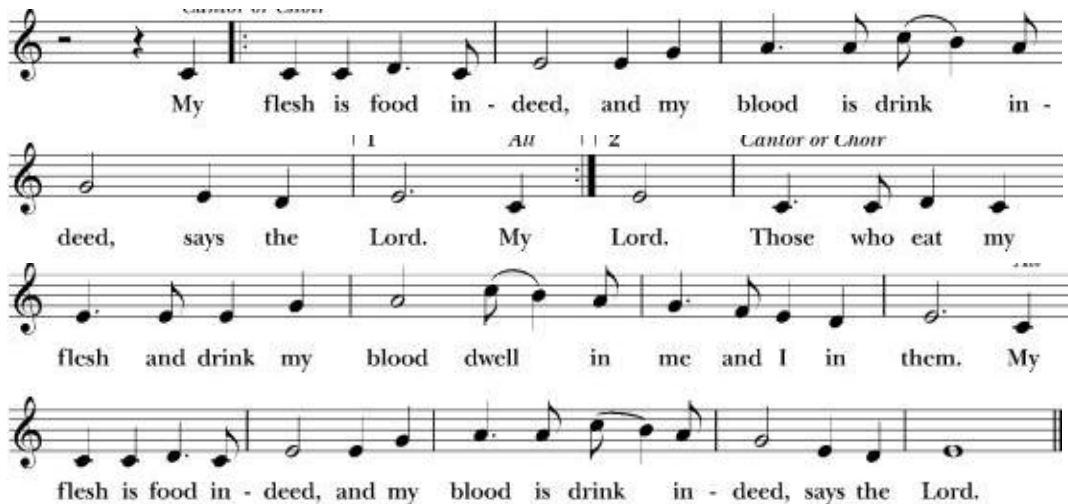
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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem S-169



Communion

Communion Hymn: #304 "I come with joy to meet my Lord"

Post Communion Prayer (*in unison*)

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #184 "Christ the Lord is risen again!"

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 Mazzairelli, baby Eli, Judy Knowlton, John Lumsden, Fran, Rosemarie, 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, Cara Begin, Bill Baldwin, Judy, Robin, Brenda, Richard Taylor, Jim, Lydia, David Rigby, Judy Knox, June Beauvais; Star, Norm, Bill Houle, Aimee Goodrich, 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 6pm
- 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

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Walter "Mac" Aldrich**

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**John Banks & the Banks McGovern
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Susan Beatty

Carolyn Bouchard

Her friend Joanna

Claire Bracaglia

**Henry Lindert, Henry Jones, Helen
Wason, Phyllis Meshanic**

Jane Chalmers

**Catherine Palmer; Marie & Bill
Bruneau**

Betty Close

Peter Byram

Georgette & Clyde Conrad, Jr.

**Odina, Ethel, Shirley & Louise
Domingue, Clyde Conrad Sr., Lillian
& Raymond Conrad**

Henry & Joyce Dombrowski

**Henry & Betty Dombrowski; John
& Angie Banulski; Judy, David &
Dave Martin**

Marcia & Chuck Eaton

**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 John & Elizabeth McCashland
Adam B. Green	BettyLou Mocoski 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, I Fletcher, Christine Morrison, Sean O'Shea, Juanita & Jack Alden

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

Lianie Unterzuber

**Anastasios Philippou, Dee
Urban, Mary Jo Keenan**

John Viklinetz

Helen Viklinetz

Stephen Wells

Carol A. Wells

Stephanie Wheeler

**Russell Wheeler, Jr.; Joyce
Leombruno**

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

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



