



May 25, 2025  
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church  
Hebron, Connecticut  
The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector

**The Sixth 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:** O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson: Acts 16:9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went

outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed.

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

### **The Psalm: Psalm 67**

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.**
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.**
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.**
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.**
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.**
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.**

## **The Second Lesson: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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 5:1-9**

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

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**

## **Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory**

**Great thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer I**

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**Breaking of the bread**

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**Post-Communion Prayer**

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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 25, 2025**

*The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God in loving memory of Nelson Moore who was born on May 29.*

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for St. John's, New Milford; Grace Church, Newington; Trinity, Newtown Environmental ministry networks, eco-justice work, community gardens The Anglican Church of Kenya

**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; clergy of ECCT whose ministry is carried out in other countries or dioceses.

**We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week:** Lino Rodegher 5/25, Betty Close; 5/26, Peter Nosal 5/26, John Loge 5/29, and for those celebrating anniversaries.

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

**We pray for the deceased,** remembering especially Joanie Perkins, and Les and Joan Hamilton

### **Continuing Prayer List**

Peter Babin, Ines Morris, Lucy Sobiello, 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, Noel, Daryl, 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;

### **Up & Coming Events**

**June is PRIDE month,** and we're teaming up again with **Small Town Pride** who will be holding its festival on Friday, May 30th here in our parish hall. They are thrilled to be coming here and feel safe and welcomed.



# **Small Town Pride**

Kick off Pride Month with us!

**05.30.25**

**Pride Vendors and Fun 5-7 PM**

St Peter's Episcopal Church  
30 Church Street, Hebron, CT 06248

**Faithfully Speaking**  
Panel Discussion  
with Local Religious Leaders  
Begins at 7PM

**Vendors and Questions:**  
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