

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Hebron, CT

The Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ June 1, 2025 ~ 10 a.m.

PRIDE SUNDAY ~ Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

Opening Hymn: LEVAS #106: "Take My Hand, Precious Lord"

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: Collect of the Day: O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Acts 16:16-34

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.

Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

The Psalm: Psalm 97

1 The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; *

let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *

righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him *

and burns up his enemies on every side.

- 4 His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.**
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.**
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.**
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.**
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O Lord.**
- 9 For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.**
- 10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.**
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.**

The Second Lesson: Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words: "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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Sequence Anthem

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel: John 17:20-26

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

Ronald Hughes

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.***

The 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: Laurel Houle 6/1, Robert Mangiafico 6/4, and for those celebrating anniversaries.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all our parish family and especially those who have requested our prayers: Art Engler, Judy Banks, 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 those who have died, especially Joanie Perkins and Les and Joan Hamilton. *The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Amy Stone in loving memory of Jean Rhode, Everett Stone. Pray for those who have died*

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 #460: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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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)

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

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.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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

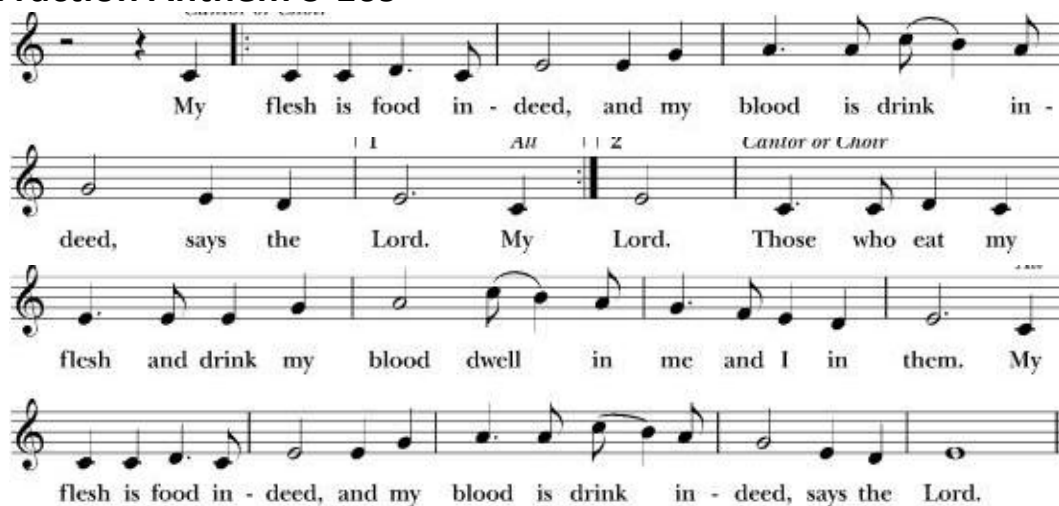
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The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Fraction Anthem S-169



My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -
deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

1 All 2 Cantor or Choir

Communion Hymn: #671 “Amazing Grace”

Communion

Post-Communion Song (*Ben Engler, soloist*)

Post Communion Prayer (*in unison*)

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn: "This is my song"

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of
 2 My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun-light

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the
 beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my
 sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
 where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

Dismissal People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Prayers and Thanksgivings for June 1, 2025

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Amy Stone in loving memory of Jean Rhode and Everett Stone

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: Laurel Houle 6/1, Robert Mangiafico 6/4, and for those celebrating anniversaries.

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family and especially Art Engler, Judy Banks, 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, 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, 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;

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

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday June 18th from 1-6. Please consider giving this gift of life. One donation can save three lives! Please call the red cross at 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org

Juneteenth Celebration - We are holding our Juneteenth service at 10am on June 22nd. The service is not Eucharist but led by descendants of enslaved people in Hebron including the first rector of St. Peter's Samuel Peter whose family were slaveholders. They have planned the entire service and will take charge of music, reading, preaching. It is very unique service we do each year. Our preacher this year is descendant Zakkiyah Peters Hasan who is a Muslim preacher.

Scriptures come from Qur'an, psalms and Gospel. We will process out to the memorial garden to dedicate a memorial stone to all who were enslaved in our community. A QR code on the memorial stone will take folks to a landing page with stories about individuals enslaved in Hebron which, in the 18th century, included Marlborough, Andover, and Columbia all of which were incorporated later.

Following the service will be the third annual festival that features soul food, music, poetry and presentations by descendants of the families. Attached is a link to the Coalition on Diversity and Equity (CoDE) who is our partner in this work and primary sponsor of the event. [Juneteenth Celebration in Hebron – CoDE](#)

4TH ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH, HEBRON**



**JUNE 22ND
10-2 P.M.**

MUSIC, POETRY, SOUL FOOD, AND MORE PERFORMANCES:

LISA CLAYTON (POWERFUL SINGER)

NADIA SIMS (MOVING POETRY)

PETERS FAMILY (TELL THEIR STORY)

FUN FOR KIDS: FACE PAINTING, ARTS & CRAFTS

**MORE: TEACUP AUCTION, EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, WALKING
TOUR OF HEBRON SITES WHERE BLACK AMERICANS LIVED**

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Church service: 10-11 am

**Dedication of stone in memory of enslaved Hebron
residents: 11am**

Celebration: 11:30am-2pm

Brought to you by

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