St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Hebron, CT



Collect of the Day: Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ 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 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

`In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

The Psalm: Psalm 104:25-35, 37

- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! * in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, * which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you *

to give them their food in due season.

- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; * you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; * you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; * and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; * may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; * he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; * I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; * I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. * Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson: Romans 8:14-17

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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 14:8-17, 25-27

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, `Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People for the Season of Pentecost

Leader: Holy God, source of life and fire of love, in this season of Pentecost when we reflect again on what it means to be a community of faith and preach the gospel through our lives, we ask you to hear our prayer as we open our hearts to you.

We pray for those whose lives closely touch our own. May they be in our hearts and have joy and happiness in their lives. We pray for those celebrating their birthdays this week: Stephen Platz (6/9), Pat Larson (6/13); Marge Roccoberton (6/13), and for those celebrating anniversaries.

Silence

Spirit of Love Hear our prayer.

We pray with thanks for all those in our community who support the well-being of others. We pray especially for Mario, Maria, Stephanie, Stephen Mazzarelli, baby Eli, Len and Kim Begin, Nancy Kirkham, and for those who are listed in our Continuing Prayers list.

Spirit of Love Hear our prayer.

We pray for the church; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for our bishops, Jeff and Laura, for all deacons and priests. We pray for all who proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth and for all who seek the Truth.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church, Norwalk; St. Andrew's, Northford; Companions in Mission for Publishing & Communication & those communicating God's Word. For digital ministries, online social networks & communities; *The Anglican Church of Melanesia*.

Silence

Spirit of Love Hear our prayer.

We pray for all the leaders of the world that they may make wise choices for everyone and that they may lead us to honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Spirit of Love Hear our prayer.

We pray for your wonderful creation, the Earth, and its streams, trees, mountains and plants and for the animals of the Earth.

Silence

Spirit of Love Hear our prayer. We pray for those who have died. We pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends and neighbors that they may be comforted by those who love them

Silence

Spirit of Love Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who do not understand or have not found Your love, that they may seek a deeper knowledge of You. May Your love find those who need You most.

Silence

Spirit of Love Hear our prayer.

For what else shall we pray this day?

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People: And also with you.*

Announcements

The Holy Communion

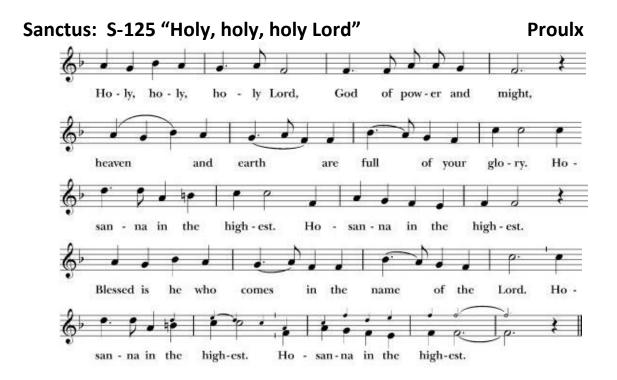
The Offertory

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn #516 "Come Down, O Love Divine"

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

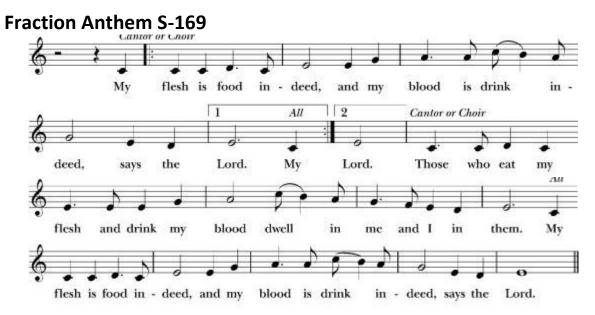
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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us *People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*



Communion

Communion Hymn: #513 "Come gracious spirit, heavenly dove" Post Communion Prayer BCP pg. 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: LEVAS: #114 "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit" Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

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Prayers and Thanksgivings for the Day of Pentecost, June 8, 2025

We pray for our clergy: Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for our priest Ron; for our seminarian Doug; for our deacons Marge & Donna; and for all bishops, priests and deacons; In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for we pray for Christ Church, Norwalk; St. Andrew's, Northford; Companions in Mission for Publishing & Communication & those communicating God's Word. For digital ministries, online social networks & communities; *The Anglican Church of Melanesia.* **We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week** Stephen Platz (6/9), Pat Larson (6/13); Marge Roccoberton (6/13), and for those celebrating anniversaries.

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family and those who have requested our prayers: We pray especially for Mario, Maria, Stephanie, Judy Knowlton, Stephen Mazzarelli, baby Eli, Len and Kim Begin, Nancy Kirkham, Sheila, and those in our Continuing Prayer list, that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. We pray for the deceased.

Continuing Prayer List

John Lumsden, Sheila, Judy Knowlton, Rosemarie, 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, 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.

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 <u>1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)</u> or sign up online at <u>www.redcrossblood.org</u> 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 in honor of 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 we will hold 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. <u>Juneteenth Celebration</u> in Hebron – CoDE

