



The Feast of the Virgin Mary  
9:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I  
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church  
Hebron, Connecticut  
The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector

**The Feast of the Virgin Mary ~ August 17, 2025**  
**Rite 1 ~ 9:00 a.m.**

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

***People: And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen***

The Kyrie

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The Gloria

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People: And with thy spirit***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**Opening Hymn: #586 "Jesus, thou divine companion"**

**Collect of the Day: O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.***

**The First Lesson: Isaiah 61:10-11**

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a

bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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

### **The Psalm: 34:1-9**

**1 I will bless the Lord at all times; \***

**his praise shall ever be in my mouth.**

**2 I will glory in the Lord; \***

**let the humble hear and rejoice.**

**3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; \***

**let us exalt his Name together.**

**4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me \***

**and delivered me out of all my terror.**

**5 Look upon him and be radiant, \***

**and let not your faces be ashamed.**

**6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me \***

**and saved me from all my troubles.**

**7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, \***

**and he will deliver them.**

**8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; \***

**happy are they who trust in him!**

**9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, \***

**for those who fear him lack nothing.**

## **The Second Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7**

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*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***

**Sequence Music: "Ave Maria" (Stephanie Wheeler, flute)**

**The Holy Gospel: Luke 1:46-55**

Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski**

**The Nicene Creed**

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**Prayers of the People**

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Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our bishops Jeff and Laura, our priest Ron, our seminarian Doug, our deacons Marge & Donna and all priests and deacons, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for fresh expressions of the church in Connecticut; missional experiments; Students

preparing to enter schools, colleges, universities & seminaries; *The Scottish Episcopal Church*.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present and to those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, and to those celebrating anniversaries, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially the President of the United States, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, remembering especially: Lonni, Randy, Bonnie R., Renee, Fran, Janet, Annette Cucchi, Sarah, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, and for those in our Continuing Prayer list. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith, and fear beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. We remember especially Steffani Borst whose funeral was held on Friday.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

**Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you**

*People: And with thy spirit*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory**

**Offertory Hymn: #490 “I want to walk as a child of the light”**

**Great thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer I** **BCP page, 333**

**Breaking of the bread** **BCP page, 337**

**Communion Hymn: #691 “My faith looks up to thee”**

**Post-Communion Prayer** **BCP page, 339**

### **Blessing**

**Closing Hymn: Sing of Mary (Tune: Hymn to Joy)**

1. Sing of Mary meek and lowly,  
Virgin-mother pure and mild,  
Sing of God's own Son most holy,  
Who became her little child.  
Fairest child of fairest mother,  
God the Lord who came to earth,  
Word made flesh, our very brother,  
Takes our nature by his birth.

**2. Sing of Jesus, son of Mary,  
In the home at Nazareth.  
Toil and labor cannot weary  
Love enduring unto death.  
Constant was the love he gave her,  
Though he went forth from her side,  
Forth to preach, and heal, and suffer,  
Till on Calvary he died.**

**3. Glory be to God the Father;  
Glory be to God the Son;  
Glory be to God the Spirit;  
Glory to the Three in One.  
From the heart of blessed Mary,  
From all saints the song ascends,  
And the Church the strain reechoes  
Unto earth's remotest ends.**

**The Dismissal**

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**Prayers and Thanksgivings for August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**We pray for our clergy:** Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for our priest Ron; for Doug our seminarian, for our deacons Marge & Donna; and for all bishops, priests and deacons.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for fresh expressions of the church in Connecticut; missional experiments; Students preparing to enter schools, colleges, universities & seminaries; *The Scottish Episcopal Church*.

**In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for all our parish family and those who have requested our prayers: Bill Day, Lonni, Randy, Bonnie R., Renee, Fran, Janet, Annette Cucchi, Sarah, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, and for those in our Continuing Prayer list, that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

**We pray for the deceased** remembering especially Steffani Borst whose funeral was held on Friday.

**We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week:** Joan Churney 8/18, Fran Carino 8/20, Bob LaMay 8/22, Art Engler 8/23, and for those celebrating anniversaries.

### **Continuing Prayer List**

Peter Leibert, Mario, Maria, Stephanie John Lumsden, Rosemarie, Roberto Rodegher, Linda Snarski, Len & Kim Begin, Nancy Kirkham, Sheila, Peter & Barbara Farren, Andrew, Peggy Cobb & family, Adrian Mandeville, Neal, Loretta, Judy, Robin, Brenda, Richard Taylor, Jim, David Rigby, Judy Knox, June Beauvais; Star, Norm, Aimee Goodrich, Justin, Derek Anderson, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, Ryan, Marlin Corbean; Brian; Kathryn & Olivia; Caroline, Ron Lamp, Lou and Heidi Schluntz, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Jeannette Farren, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family, Ella & Nicole, Noel, Daryl.

### **On Going Activities**

- Balance Class: Mondays 10:15 a.m. \$5 per session.
- Buildings & Grounds: first Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- Vestry: Third Thursdays, 6 p.m.