St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Hebron, CT

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 31, 2025 Holy Eucharist, Rite 1

Opening Hymn: #437 "Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord"

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

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

The Kyrie BCP, page 324

The Gloria BCP, page 324

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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: Proverbs 25:6-7

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"

than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

The Psalm: Psalm 112

- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord * and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; * the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; * the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending * and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; * the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; * their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, * until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
 and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
 they will hold up their head with honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; * the desires of the wicked will perish.

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Sequence Music

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord

The Holy Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Sermon The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People for the Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

Confession BCP p. 330

Absolution BCP p. 332

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit

Announcements

The Holy Communion

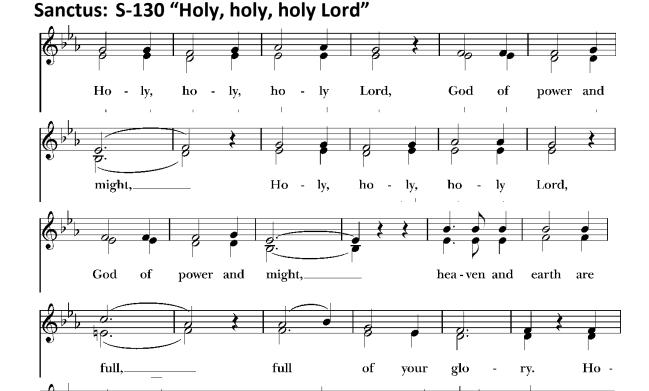
The Offertory

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

Offertory Hymn: #686 "Come, thou fount of every blessing" The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1

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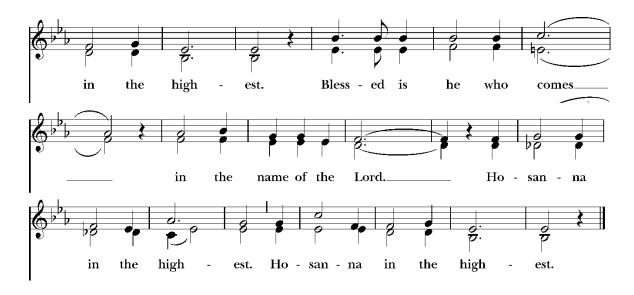
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Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

Communion BCP p. 337

Communion Hymn: #665 "All my hope on God is founded"

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 339

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #376 "Joyful, joyful we adore thee"

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayers and Thanksgivings for the 12th Sunday after Pentecost

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 all Episcopal schools, seminaries & campus ministries: Kent School; South Kent School; Pomfret School; Salisbury School; Wooster School; Rectory School; St. Thomas Day School, New Haven; Trinity Academy, Hartford; the Episcopal Church at UCONN, Storrs; Berkeley Divinity School; New Haven; The Episcopal Church at Yale, New Haven; Trinity College, Hartford; *The Church of South India (United)*.

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: Ronald Parkyn 9/1, Alberta Pomprowicz 9/1, Lucille Allen 9/3, Michael Riley 9/3, Marianne Moore 9/6, 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: Carolyn Aubin, Eileen, Lonni, Bonnie R., Renee, Fran, Annette Cucchi, 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 Joanie Perkins whose funeral was held yesterday.

Continuing Prayer List

Judy Knowlton, Hannah Janowiak, Bill Day, Sarah, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, Randy, Mario, Maria, 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, Star, Norm, Aimee Goodrich, Justin, Derek Anderson, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, Ryan, Marlin Corbean; Brian; Kathryn & Olivia; Caroline, Ron Lamp, Lou & Heidi Schluntz, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Jeannette Farren, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family,

On Going Activities

- Balance Class: Mondays 10:30 a.m. \$5 per session.
- Cub Scouts: 1st Mondays 5:30-7 p.m. (summer hiatus)
- Hebron Greater Together Community Fund: 3rd Tues. 6-8 pm
- Buildings & Grounds: first Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- Boy Scouts: Wednesdays, 7 p.m. (summer hiatus)
- Vestry: Third Thursdays, 6 p.m.

Book Discussion A beloved teacher helps modern people live the Bible's message more fully in the book, "The Dream of God." Author Verna Dozier explores the ways that humanity and the institutional church have strayed far from Jesus's original message. Dozier encourages us to see Christianity not as creed or institution, but as "the vision of a new possibility for human life rooted in an ancient understanding of God and lived out by a Nazarene carpenter." We will be reading the book, "The Dream of God" by Verna Dozier and getting together to talk about it this fall. The meetings will be held from 11:30-1 p.m. every Monday Sept. 8, through Nov.3. A signup sheet will be at the back of the church and in the hall.

The book is available on Amazon.