

The 20th Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 26, 2025 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 with a Service of Holy Baptism

Opening Hymn: #398 "I sing the almighty power of God"

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever

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.

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom now and forever.

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism

People: One God and Father of all.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Collect of the Day: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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: Sirach 35:12-17

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

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

The Psalm: Psalm 84:1-6

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! ***
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house**
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! ***
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! ***
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley**
will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, ***
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

The Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be

fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Sequence Music

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Holy Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

Sermon

The Reverend Ronald Kolanowski

The Service of Holy Baptism

Sponsor: I present **Freya Marie Maldonado** to receive the
Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you
present will be brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Answer: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to
grow into the full stature of Christ?

Answer: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of
wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which
corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from
the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your
power to support **Freya** in her life in Christ?

People: We will.

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.

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant: Let us now pray for **Freya** who is to receive the
Sacrament of new birth.

Celebrant: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Open her hearts to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Bring **Freya** to the fullness of your peace and glory

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death
of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his
resurrection and look for him to come again in glory;
who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now, sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Freya Marie, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray together.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Freya Marie, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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: #525 “The Church’s one foundation”

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: S-130 "Holy, holy, holy Lord"

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father... Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. *Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Communion Hymn: #490 "I want to walk as a child of the light"

Post Communion Prayer (in unison)

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #686 "Come thou fount of every blessing"

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God

Prayers and Thanksgivings for the 20^h Sunday after Pentecost

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

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Holy Spirit, West Haven; St. Paul's, Westbrook; Diocesan Episcopal Church Women & Diocesan Altar Guild. For local ECW chapters & parish altar guilds; *The Church in Wales*

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week:

David St. Laurent 10/30, George Raasumaa-Boots 10/28, Dianne Sayers 10/30, James Celio 11/1, John Marshall 11/1, and for those celebrating anniversaries.

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family and especially for those who have requested our prayers: Bob ManWarren, John Viklinetz; and for those in our Continuing Prayer list, that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially Bob McHugh, Sarah Brown and Nancy Kirkham

Continuing Prayer List

Ann, Dolores, Michael H, Carolyn Aubin, Eileen, Bonnie R., Renee, Fran, Hannah Janowiak, Sarah, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, Randy, Mario, Maria, John Lumsden, Rosemarie, David Rigby, Roberto Rodegher, Linda Snarski, Len & Kim Begin, Sheila, Peter & Barbara Farren, Andrew, Peggy Cobb & family, Adrian Mandeville, Neal, Loretta, Robin, Brenda, Jim, Richard Taylor, 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

- Girl Scouts: occasional Sundays @ 4:30
- Brownies: monthly on Sundays at 2 p.m.
- Balance Class: Mondays 10:30 a.m. \$5 per session.
- Cub Scouts: 1st Mondays 5:30-7 p.m.
- Hebron Greater Together Community Fund: 3rd Tues. 6-8 pm
- Buildings & Grounds: first Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- Boy Scouts: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
- Vestry: Third Thursdays, 6 p.m.

Book Discussion on Verna Dozier's "The Dream of God." Meetings are held from **11:30-1 p.m. every Monday Sept. 8, through Nov.3.** The book is available on Amazon.

New Ministry for College Students: New "Care Package"

Ministry: The Connections Committee is starting a new ministry for those young adults you know who are in college, technical school or the military (we are trying to be inclusive).

We plan on sending each person a care package. The kits might include protein bars, granola, coffee, tea or cocoa, packages of mac and cheese, chewing gum, small hand-held games, playing cards, cozy crazy socks or perhaps a small stuffed animal. We would like to mail them out around Thanksgiving.

In order to get this started, we need to know the names of those young adults who are living away or commuting. They could be a

relative (grandchildren, nieces, and nephews included), a neighbor, friends, or anyone you know who might appreciate being remembered by St. Peter's parish community.

Please send their names, addresses, and whether the person who would receive our gift has any food allergies. Please send the information to us at office@stpetershebron.com, please put "Student/Military Ministry" in the subject line.

Fresh, new garb for St. Peter's worker bees:

From October 17 through November 7th, we will be able to order St. Peter's shirts, hats, aprons, sweatshirts, and possibly jackets on-line. The last ordering was in 2021. And this will probably be the last for a while! so get ready!!

[St. Peter's Episcopal Church Store](#)

I have also pasted below a QR code that links to the store. This might be useful to promote the store sales.



