

The First Sunday of Advent ~ November 30, 2025

Holy Eucharist Rite 2 ~ 10:00 a.m.

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Prelude

Opening Hymn: #66 "Come thou long expected Jesus"

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

People: And Blessed be his kingdom, now & forever. Amen

Advent Wreath Lighting

First Sunday of Advent: Hope

Reader: Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday in which we recall the hope we have in Christ. We light this candle to remind us to be alert and watch for His return.

The Candle of Hope is lit

Let us pray: Loving God, we thank you for the hope you give us.

Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming. Amen

Hymn #56 "O come, O come Emmanuel" vs 1 & 2

1. O come, O come,
Emmanuel, and ransom
captive Israel, that mourns
in lonely exile here until the
Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

2. O come, thou Wisdom from
on high, who orders all things
mightily;
to us the path of knowledge
show, and teach us in her
ways to go.

Refrain

People: and also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray

The Collect of the Day: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

The Psalm: Psalm 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, ***
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are standing ***
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city ***
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, ***
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, ***
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ***
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls ***
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, ***
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, ***
I will seek to do you good."

The Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and

jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

The Sermon

Fr. Ron Kolanowski

Creed written by 2019 confirmation class

We believe in God who is creator of all things, known and unknown. We believe God is the ruler of all who redeems us and saves us from sin and death. We believe God is universal, everywhere, infinite and powerful.

We believe Jesus, who is God's only begotten Son is the incarnation of the Trinity. Jesus is God's servant who provides for us. He carries out God's plans and is always present in our lives. Jesus is the one who brings hope and is the healer of outcasts and sinners. He is the loving shepherd of Israel and our teacher, the guardian of peace and most holy prophet.

We believe in the Holy Spirit—the mystery of our faith from which all ideas flow and source of our inspiration. She is the uniting force of all things and the manifestation of the Trinity and hope of all peoples. This Spirit is the guide to righteousness and the purpose of life.

We believe the Church is the uniting force for freedom, truth and justice. The church is a safe place to worship God; the shrine of the Trinity. It is the place of holy repentance, refuge and healing. The Church builds a sense of community in the world.

Prayers of the People for Advent

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, remind us that you are always with us, that like Joseph we might always be eager to fulfill your will, and be eager to pray:

O God, in days to come your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the church for our Presiding Bishop, Sean; for our bishops, Jeff and Laura; for Ron, our priest; for Doug our seminarian; for Donna and Marge, our deacons, for all deacons and priests, and for the entire people of God, that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths.

Silence

Come Lord Jesus,

People: Hear our prayer.

Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation and its leaders, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.

Silence

Come Lord Jesus,

People: Hear our prayer.

In your Kingdom, wolves lie down with lambs and children play with serpents without fear. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind (especially Charlene Neylon, Ellen B. and Family, Chris B., Bonnie R., Bob ManWarren, John Viklinetz and those in our prayer list); that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

Silence

Come Lord Jesus,

People: Hear our prayer.

In your Kingdom, even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice. We pray for those who rejoice this week as they

celebrate their birthday (Kelsi Kohr (12/2), Anna Engler (12/4), Ben Engler (12/4), Susan Ostrout (12/5), Trisha Beatty (12/6)); that they might obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away.

Silence

Come Lord Jesus,

People: Hear our prayer.

In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God with Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer, especially we remember (names of those who have died).

Silence

Come Lord Jesus,

People: Hear our prayer.

Presider: For what else shall we pray this day?

Presider: O Christ, hear our prayers, restore us, and show us the glorious light of your countenance, that we might be saved.

Come Lord Jesus. **Amen.**

The Confession

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The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And also with you

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: #61 "Sleepers, wake"

The Doxology is sung while the offering is brought to the altar.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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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.

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:

Celebrant and People

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 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

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

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation...

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine...

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

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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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: #712 "Dona nobis Pacem"

1
Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis

2
pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

3
Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na

no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Communion Hymn: "People look East"



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

Post Communion Prayer (*in unison*)

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #58 "Lo, He comes with clouds descending"

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God

Christmas Memorial card, with which you can memorialize loved ones who are no longer with you and support our Advent and Christmas services is available at the back of the church. The card can be returned in the accompanying envelope by mail or placed in the offertory box. We would like to have the names to be remembered as soon as possible so we can prepare our memorial list for the Christmas bulletins.

Continuing Prayer List

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

Coming Events

The Saint Nicholas Fair is on December 6. Christmasy Items for the Tag Sale can be brought to Phelps Hall at any time. In addition to donating items for the Christmas Tag Sale, there are a number of ways you can help us prepare for the Fair. Join a **Greens workshop** Wed., Dec. 3 in the hall 6:30–8:30. Create a basket for our **basket raffle**. Bake for our **baked goods** table that will also include country kitchen - jams and jellies, candy, fudge, and other items. Provide items for the **Craft table**.

We will also have a **Rada cutlery** table and various vendors. We will need help in all these areas. You can also offer to help in the kitchen serving a lunch of clam and corn chowders, chicken, egg, and tuna sandwiches plus hotdogs and grinders

The Christmas Pageant will be held on Dec. 21 as part of the 10 am service. If you know of a child who might be interested, speak to Erica Baez. We need lambs, angels, wisemen, as well as the Holy Family. The more the merrier!

The Christmas Mail boxes are out waiting to receive parish Christmas Cards.

Save a stamp and post your Christmas wishes here and don't forget to check to see if you have received any cards.

St. Peter's is hosting a Red Cross blood drive from 1-6 on December 17. Please go on their website redcrossblood.org or call (tel:1-800-733-2767) and sign up to give this precious Christmas Gift.

Advent and Christmas Calendar of Events 2025

Sundays in Advent: 11-30; 12-7; 12-14; 12:21

- **December 7: Second Sunday of Advent**
8a.m. Rite I no music and 10:00a.m. Rite II with music; Rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant following the 10 am
- **December 14: Third Sunday of Advent** 8a.m. Morning Prayer Rite I and 10:00a.m Morning Prayer Rite 2. Sermon by Deacon Marge Roccoberton. Rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant following the 10 am
- **December 21: Greening and Decorating the Church 10:00a.m.** Join fellow parishioners as we prepare our church for the Feast of Christmas
- **December 21: Fourth Sunday of Advent --Christmas Pageant at the 10 a.m. service** Sermon by Rev. Ron Kolanowski
- **December 24: Christmas Eve 4:00p.m. followed by Christmas Toast.**
Given that fewer and fewer people are comfortable driving at night we will have one large service planned for Christmas Eve with brass, special musicians, and Christmas carols. Please stay afterwards for a few minutes to toast in Christmas with champagne or mimosas, sparkling water, and a few goodies.
- **December 25: Christmas Day, a single service at 10:00 a.m.**
- **December 29: First Sunday of Christmas One Service 9:00 a.m.**
We will celebrate the Feast with one **Service of Lessons and Carols** at 9 a.m.
- **January 5: Feast of The Epiphany**
8a.m. Rite I no music and 10:00a.m. Rite II with music; Sermon by Rev. Ron Kolanowski

*Come to the
Fair!*



THE ST. NICHOLAS FAIR!
AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH
30 CHURCH STREET, HEBRON CT

December 6th from 9-3 p.m.

Something for everyone and a good time for all

- Holiday shoppers will enjoy a Country Store with homemade treats, as well as a Bake Table.
- Christmas Items, Classic Treasures, Rada Cutlery, Jewelry, Crafts, and Needlework.
- Greened cemetery boxes and centerpieces.
- Have your picture taken with Santa Claus.
- Vendor tables with their unique offerings.
- A fabulous luncheon

Finally, the Holiday Basket Drawings!!! Shoppers will be able to select from many holiday and non-holiday themed baskets with tickets at only \$1.

Plan to come early and stay for a while!

