

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 15, 2026 at 10 a.m. ~ Rite 2

**Opening Hymn: #135 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"**

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

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

Glory to God #S-280

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: The Lord be with you.

***People: And with your spirit***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**Collect of the Day: Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The First Lesson Exodus 24:12-18**

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

## The Psalm: Psalm 2

### *Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

1 Why are the nations in an uproar? \*

    Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
    and the princes plot together, \*

    against the Lord and against his Anointed?

3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; \*

    "let us cast off their bonds from us."

4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \*  
    the Lord has them in derision.

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, \*  
    and his rage fills them with terror.

6 "I myself have set my king \*  
    upon my holy hill of Zion."

7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: \*  
    he said to me, "You are my Son;  
    this day have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance \*  
    and the ends of the earth for your possession.

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod \*  
    and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

10 And now, you kings, be wise; \*  
    be warned, you rulers of the earth.

11 Submit to the Lord with fear, \*  
    and with trembling bow before him;

12 Lest he be angry and you perish; \*  
    for his wrath is quickly kindled.

13 Happy are they all \*  
who take refuge in him!

### **The Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21**

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

*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 17:1-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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

**Sermon**

**Doug Bowman**

**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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For our Bishops and all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ Church, Greenwich; St. Barnabas', Greenwich; Christ Church, Guilford; The Reparations Fund Board; The Racial Healing, Justice & Reconciliation Ministry Network; The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

***Lord, have mercy.***

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who rejoice this week as they celebrate their birthdays especially for Brien Brown (2/16), Erica Baez (2/18), Rina Bettancourt (2/18), Catherine Litwin (2/18), Donna Gray (2/21), and for those celebrating anniversaries that they might obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, remembering especially those who are listed in our Continuing Prayers list, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace. let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

***To thee, O Lord our God.***

*Presider: For what else shall we pray on this day?*

*Presider: Source of light and gladness, accept the prayers we offer in this joyful season. May we grow in Jesus Christ who unites our lives to yours and who is Lord for all eternity through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**The Confession**

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**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 #427 “When morning gilds the skies”

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

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer B

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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.***

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

*Schubert, arr. Proulx*

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**

**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” sung 3x**



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

pa - cem.

**Post Communion Prayer (in unison)**

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**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn: #618 “Ye watchers and ye holy ones”**

**Dismissal**

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**



## 4th Annual Valentine's Day Concert

February 15, 2026 at 3:00p.m.

**St Peter's Church, 30 Church Street, Hebron, CT**

*Reserve your ticket under Upcoming Events at:*

[www.stpetershebron.com](http://www.stpetershebron.com)

*A \$10-\$20 Goodwill Offering is Encouraged at the Door*

*Reception to Follow to Meet the Artist*

For the fourth year, performer Jason Castonguay provides us with a musical Valentine of Love. In the style of the Great American Songbook, you will find yourself singing along and tapping your toes to Valentine Love Songs.



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# Mardi Gras Bash

Tues., Feb. 17, 2026

5-7pm

Phelps Hall,

St. Peter's Church

30 Church Street

Hebron, CT

The Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is getting a face-lift. It will be anchored by pancakes plus more. This year, will feature a *breakfast buffet*. You will be able top your pancakes with various fresh fruits, syrup, whipped cream, chocolate sauce and chocolate chips. For our gluten free friends, we will prepare gluten free French toast. There will be bacon as well as sausage and the traditional canned peaches. There will also be a juice bar with orange, Apple, and cranberry juice along with sparkling wine to make mimosas. We also welcome Paczkis a traditional Polish pre-Lenten pastry. A play list of Mardi Gras music takes us to Bourbon Street in the French Quarter. Before we start start we will step outside to burn last year's Palm Sunday palms to be used for Ash Wednesday the following day. So please bring palms from last year. Once we observed this ritual we will serve food.

There is a sign-up list so we can all pitch in to bring this party to life. You will find a sign-up sheet in the back of church, as well as on the table in the Foyer of Phelps Hall or call the parish office at 860-228-3244.



**Wednesday in Lent  
4:30-6:15 p.m.  
Feb 25, March 4, 11, 18 and 25**

## **Soup for the Body, Soul, and Spirit**

### **4:30 Love and Kindness Mindful Meditation**

In this time of division, noise and competing voices for our time and our minds we find it difficult often to slow down, to find silence amid the chaos and feed our spirit. Our own parishioner Carissa Johnson who is both a Christian and a practicing Buddhist skilled in the art of meditation will provide a space for us to find solace and silence as we invite love and kindness into our soul through this half hour of peace. Even if you have never meditated before this is an opportunity for you to try on this practice in the familiar space of our beautiful church.

### **5:00p.m. Stations of the Cross**

Following the meditation session at 5p.m. we will hold the ancient Lenten observance of the Stations of the Cross. The stations follow The Via Dolorosa, literally “the sorrowful way.” It is the traditional route in Jerusalem that tradition tells us our Lord traveled on the day of His crucifixion with 14 stations beginning with Jesus being condemned to death by Pilate, to the place of His burial in the tomb on Mount Calvary. The sessions will be led by JoAnn Osmond with the assistance of other parishioners.

### **5:30-6:15p.m. Soup and Bread Supper**

Following the stations of the cross we will gather in the parish hall for a simple soup and bread supper. We will have both fresh and gluten free bread. We will end by 6:15 since the Scouts will be coming in to set up for their 7p.m. meeting in the hall.