



# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT ~ 8:00 A.M.**

**HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE 1 ~ *The Book of Common Prayer***

**March 15, 2026**

## **Opening Sentences**

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

***People: His mercy endureth for ever.***

**The Decalogue**

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**The Confession**

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**Kyrie eleison (*Lord have mercy*)**

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**The Collect of the Day: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.***

## **The First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show

you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

## **The Psalm: Psalm 23**

### ***Dominus regit me***

**1 The LORD is my shepherd; \***

**I shall not be in want.**

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \***

**and leads me beside still waters.**

**3 He revives my soul \***

**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I shall fear no evil; \***

**for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who**

**trouble me; \***

**you have anointed my head with oil,**

**and my cup is running over.**

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days**

**of my life, \***

**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

## **The Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14**

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

***People: Glory be to thee, O Lord***

### **The Holy Gospel John 9:1-41**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been

blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.

Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying,

“You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

***People: Praise be to thee, O Christ***

**Sermon**

**The Nicene Creed**

**The Prayers of the People**

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## **The Peace**

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you

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

## ***Announcements***

### **The Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving ~ Eucharistic Prayer I**

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**The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)**

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**The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

**Agnus Dei (*O, Lamb of God*)**

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**Communion**

**Post Communion Prayer (*in unison*)**

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**The Closing Prayer**

**Dismissal**

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

### **Remembrances and Thanksgivings for March 15, 2026**

**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 St. Peter's, Hebron; St. James', Higganum; All Saints', Ivoryton; Bishops, The Commons staff & parish employees; and The Anglican Church of Kenya

**In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for all our parish family, especially for Cindy Brinkman, Marge Roccoberton, Maria Amara, Steve Konopka, Claire Bracaglia and for those who are listed in our Continuing Prayers list that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. We pray for those who have died.

**We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week:** especially Stephen Fisk (3/19), Walter Marino (3/20), Lauren Harris (3/21), thanksgiving for the birth of Sophia Judith Platz (great granddaughter of Steve Platz), and for those celebrating anniversaries.

**We pray for the deceased.**

### **Continuing Prayer List**

Ann, Dolores, Michael H, Carolyn Aubin, Eileen, Bonnie R., Renee, Fran, Sarah, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, Mario, Maria, John Lumsden, Rosemarie, David Rigby, Roberto Rodegher, Len & Kim Begin, Sheila, Peter & Barbara Farren, 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, Ann Valerio.



## **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.

**Upcoming**

**St. Peter's Sanctuary Performing Arts  
Invites You to a Post Maple Fest Event  
St. Patrick's Day Cabaret & Dinner with  
"The Callithumpians"**



**Sunday, March 22, 2026 4-6p.m.**

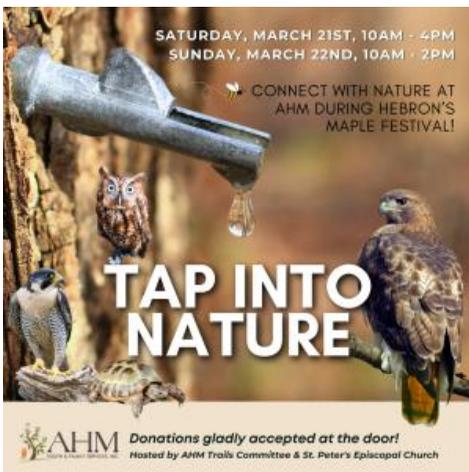
**St. Peter's, 30 Church St.**

**Evening of Celtic music & dinner of  
meat or vegetarian stew and bread.**

**You may bring alcoholic beverages.**

**Non-alcoholic beverages are served.**

**Suggested Donation \$15 Per Person**



## St. Peter's AHM Tap Into Nature Event 2026!

AHM Youth & Family Services and St. Peter's Episcopal Church partner each year to host the very popular "TAP INTO NATURE" event during Hebron's Maple Festival. Save the date for this year's event, scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 21st from 10 am – 4 pm and Sunday, March 22nd, from 10 am – 2 pm.

Tap Into Nature is located both indoors & outdoors at AHM Youth & Family Services, located at 25 Pendleton Drive in Hebron. **All ages are welcome!** Tap Into Nature features both **indoor and outdoor** activities, weather permitting. This event is a day filled with fun for all ages; from young children to teens to parents and seniors. Everyone is welcome to attend! **AHM 25 Pendleton Drive, Hebron**

### Saturday, March 21st, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

- Blue Moon Raptors **11 am – 12:30 pm, & 1:30 pm – 3 pm**
- Riverside Reptiles
- Hebron Pollinator Pathway & Audubon Society Exhibit
- Maple Syrup Demonstration
- Animal Tracks & Signs
- Hebron's Paths & Trails & Composting 101
- Crafts & Activities indoor & outdoor!

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### Sunday, March 22nd, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

- Blue Moon Raptor – Birds of Prey **11:30 am – 1: 00 pm**
- Riverside Reptiles
- Hebron Pollinator Pathway & Audubon Society Exhibit
- Outdoor Maple Syrup Demonstration
  - Hebron's Paths & Trails
  - Animal Tracks & Signs Composting 101
  - Crafts & Activities indoor & outdoor!

**Daily Lenten Meditations** – During the entire season of Lent, you are invited to use the daily online devotionals from Episcopal Nun Sister Monica Claire, Sister Superior of the Sisters of John the Baptist, Mendham, NJ. She has been asked to lead these devotions for all of us in The Episcopal Church on behalf of the Episcopal Relief and Development. Link to her daily online meditation and all the materials is:

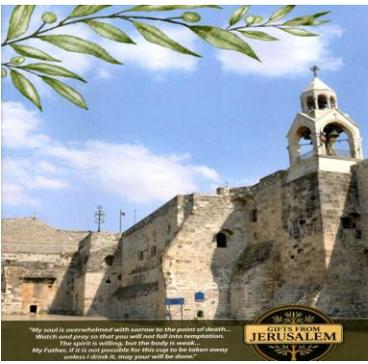
<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/>

### **On Going Activities**

- **Balance Class: Mondays 10:15 a.m. \$5 per session.**
- **Cub Scouts: 1st Mondays 5:30-7 p.m.**
- **Hebron Greater Together Community Fund: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 6-8 pm**
- **Buildings & Grounds: first Tuesdays, 7 p.m.**
- **Boy Scouts: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.**
- **Vestry: Third Thursdays, 6 p.m.**
- **BNI (Business Networking International): Fridays, 7:30-8:30 a.m.**

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

St. Peter's Church, Hebron



For centuries Christians who live in the Holy Land have welcomed and relied on pilgrims who journey to visit and worship at the various sites of our faith.

Many Christian families who still live in Bethlehem and the towns nearby earn their livelihood through crafting and selling Olive Wood Carvings to pilgrims.

The flow of pilgrims to the Holy Land has been dramatically curtailed due to ongoing political conflicts, instability, unchecked violence and the increasing physical isolation of Palestinians.

Four months ago, the Awad family, Ihab and Samah Awad and their two sons, left their home in Beit Sahour, near Bethlehem, and moved to Rocky Hill. They came to escape the ever-increasing oppression, to enable their teenage sons to have access to a better education, and to represent families in the Olive Wood industry and help sell their products.

We have invited the Awad family to join us here at St. Peter's on Palm Sunday, March 29, with a display of the products they have for sale.

Be sure to meet this wonderful family during coffee hour. Your purchase of the beautiful general and seasonal Olive Wood Carvings they bring, for yourself and as gifts, will support them, and be a significant way we can assist Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land who are in such critical need.