



# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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

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

**March 22, 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: Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.***

## **The First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you

know.” Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act,” says the LORD.

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

## **The Psalm: Psalm 130**

### ***De profundis***

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could stand?**
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.**
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope.**
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.**
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  
for with the LORD there is mercy;**
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

## **The Second Lesson: Romans 8:6-11**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of

righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in 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 11:1-45**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they

thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw

him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

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

**Sermon**  
**The Nicene Creed**

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## **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 22, 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,** St. Andrew's, Kent; Emmanuel, Killingworth; Trinity, Lime Rock; Members of the Mission Council, Missionary Society, Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, and Donations & Bequests; and The Anglican Church of Korea

**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, Jeremy, Michelle, Taylor, Zach, Merrill Smith, 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 Ashlee Perkins (3/24), Robert Damarjian (3/26), Christopher Marks (3/28), Julio Gianoni (3/28), 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.

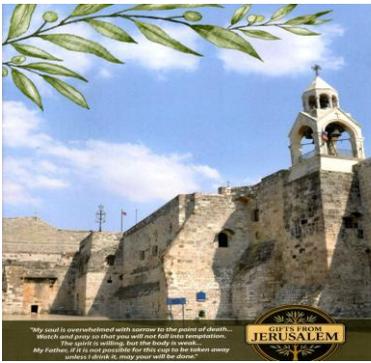
## Upcoming

**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.