

The Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ April 26, 2026 ~ 10 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

Opening Hymn: #495 "Hail thou once despised Jesus"

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is Risen

People: The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia

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.

Collect of the Day: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice, we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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: 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
People: Glory be to thee, O Lord

Sequence Anthem

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The Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

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

Celebrant: Will you cherish the wonderful works of God and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of creation?

People: I will with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows:

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers of the people

Leader: Through resurrection, God has given us new birth. Let us offer prayers to God for the living hope of all the world. Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;

People: You are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Leader: For the holy churches in every place, and for the unity of all. For Sean our presiding bishop, Jeff and Laura our bishops; for Ron, our priest: for Donna and Marge our deacons; for Doug our seminarian, for Gayle and John our Wardens, for all who minister in this place, and for all the holy people of God. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple.

People: On the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Leader: In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Andrew's, Milford; St. Peter's, Milford; Trinity, Milton; Parishes in transition, transition teams & interim clergy; and The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim.

People: We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Leader: For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. For all those in danger and need, the sick, the suffering, especially Pat Larson, Francine Bloch, Claire, Gayle Kataja, and the oppressed. For those who have lost employment. Glory to you, beholding the depths.

People: In the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

For ourselves, our families, for those on our prayer list, for those celebrating birthdays this week: Denise Ward (4/27), James Marks (4/27), Nancy Allen-Ziemski (4/28), Mary Latour (4/30), Curt Kraemer (5/1) and those we love. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Leader: Remembering the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Peter our patron and those who have died, especially Bob ManWarren and John Ostrout, and those remembered in our Easter memorials. Let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People: To you, risen Lord.

Presider: For what else shall we pray for this day?

Presider: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who opens our minds and hearts through the risen Christ. Hear our prayers that we offer in the hope of glory, and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn #645 “The King of Love my shepherd is”

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy... Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus S-125 (*Holy, Holy Lord*)



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Celebrant

Holy and gracious father, in your infinite love, you have created us for yourself....Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”
 Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All: AMEN.

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

The Lord’s Prayer

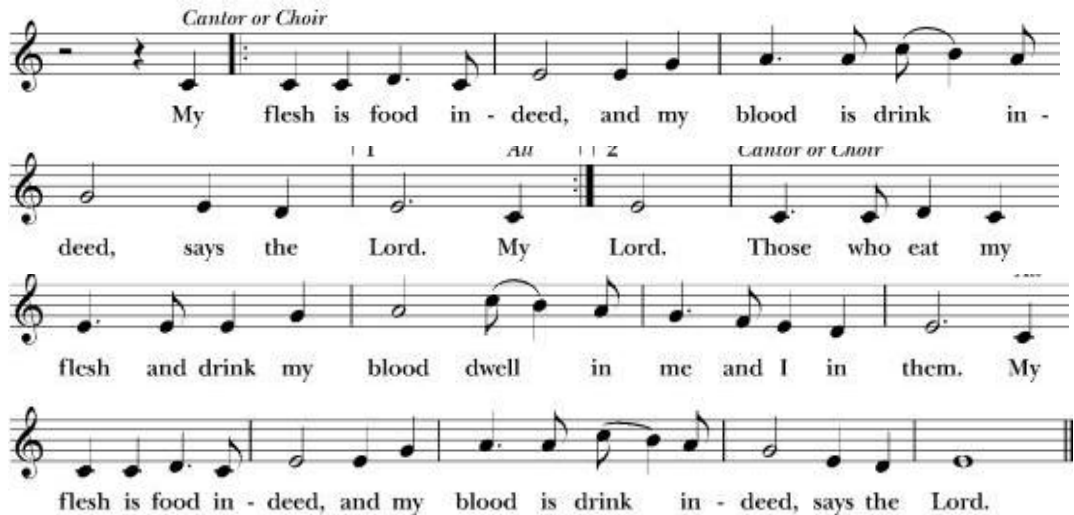
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The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Fraction Anthem S-169



The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff begins with the instruction "Cantor or Choir" above the staff. The lyrics are: "My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -". The second staff continues with "deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my". The third staff continues with "flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My". The fourth staff concludes with "flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord." There are various musical notations including rests, notes, and bar lines throughout the score.

Communion

Post Communion Prayer (*in unison*)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn #377 "All people that on Earth do dwell"

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Prayers and Thanksgivings for April 26, 2026

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Andrew's, Milford; St. Peter's, Milford; Trinity, Milton; Parishes in transition, transition teams & interim clergy; and The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

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

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week: Denise Ward (4/27), James Marks (4/27), Nancy Allen-Ziemski (4/28), Mary Latour (4/30), Curt Kraemer (5/1) and those celebrating anniversaries.

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family, especially those in any need or difficulty, Pat Larson, Francine Bloch, Claire, Gayle Kataja, and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

We pray for the deceased. We pray especially for Bob ManWarren and John Ostrout, and those who are remembered in the listing of memorials this Easter Season.

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, Cindy Brinkman, Marge Roccoberton, Maria Amara, Steve Konopka, Claire Bracaglia.

Thank You Gift and Update on Claire

Thank you to all who contributed to a gift for Claire. We plan to present her with this parish-wide gift this week. Claire's new address is: Portland Care and Rehabilitation Centre, 333 Main Street, Portland, CT 06480. We encourage you to send cards and notes of thanks to her at this address. She has touched most of us in this parish in personal ways. We miss her terribly and give thanks for her gift of love and service to all of us for these past 20 years.

On Going Activities

- Balance Class: Mondays 10:15 a.m. \$5 per session.
- Connect: Mondays 2:00 p.m.
- Weekly Weeders: Mondays 4:00 p.m.
- Cub Scouts: 1st Mondays 5:30-7 p.m.
- Hebron Greater Together Community Fund: 3rd Tuesdays 6-8 pm
- Buildings & Grounds: First Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- Boy Scouts: Wednesdays, 7 p.m. 10
- Vestry: Third Thursdays, 6 p.m.
- 200th Anniversary Celebration: 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6:00 p.m.

Navigating the Hospice Journey: May 6 from 2pm-3pm at St. Peter's Phelps Hall. Rebecca Tamsin, LCSW, Director of Counseling at Masonicare Home Health and Hospice will share information about how hospice care and hospice teams can provide maximum support (including pain management and emotional support) at home. There will be ample time for questions and discussion. If you have any questions, please contact Candace O'Shea at (860) 918-3295.



**St. Peter's Church
54th Annual Plant & Garden Sale
May 2, 2026
9:00am – 3:00pm**

St. Peter's will conduct its 54th Annual Plant and Garden Sale, with several opportunities for our friends and visitors. We will feature garden items: tools, plant stakes and markers, trees, shrubbery, perennials and herbs. We will stock a variety of hanging plants, including tomatoes, as well as patio pots of tomatoes. There will be a limited supply of annuals and vegetable plants.

We will also have the assistance of Master Gardeners to answer your questions. Please think of St. Peter's for your gardening needs and gifts. For any questions, contact Marcia Eaton (860-614-7202)

Baked Stuffed Chicken Dinner: May 16 at 4pm.

This is a take-out only meal. The meal includes Stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, roll, salad. Cost is \$18 per meal. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Hebron Town Center Project which, in addition to many town events that it sponsors, is leading Hebron's 250th anniversary of the founding of the US.

Stories of CT's Black Patriots:

Thursday April 30, 6:30-8:00 pm, Hebron Senior Center

As part of the nation's 250th anniversary, the Coalition on Diversity and Equity (CoDE) is sponsoring a program on Black Patriots who fought in the American Revolution and Civil War. Please join us on April 30th from 6:30-8:00pm at the Russell Mercier Senior Center in Hebron.

John Mills will share stories from his newly released book, **The**

Narrative of Primus, A Lineage Woven into American History. It

reminds us that America was built not only by the celebrated, but by the unseen and that their descendants are still here to tell the story.

The short documentary film, **The 29th Connecticut Regiment and the Fight for Freedom** will also be shown and its creator, Chris Barlow, will discuss its making. The film won the 2023 Mystic Film Festival's Best Connecticut Film award.



Gifts Given in Memory of Loved Ones

Pamela & Tom Atwood

**Frost "Nanny" Krist,
Dorothy & John Atwood**

Joyce Agnew

**Thomas S., Viola, and Thomas R.
O'Reilly, Deceased members of
Agnew Family.**

Judith Banks

**John Banks & the Banks McGovern
& Veillette families**

Trisha Beatty

Susan Beatty, George A. Dagon

Carolyn Bouchard

Loved ones

Claire Bracaglia

**Henry Lindert, Henry Jones, Helen
Wason, Phyllis Meshanic**

Brien & Terry Brown

Sarah Brown DuBrava

Betty Close

Peter Byram

Georgette Conrad

**Clyde Conrad, Jr., Odina, Ethel,
Shirley & Louise Domingue, Clyde
Conrad Sr., Lillian & Raymond
Conrad**

Henry & Joyce Dombrowski

**Henry & Betty Dombrowski; John
& Angie Banulski; Judy, David &
Dave Martin**

Marcia & Chuck Eaton

**Harrison, Ethel, Harry & John
Eaton, Barbara & George Potterton
and Georgia, Jack, Lee, Pam and
Priscilla**

Chris & Steve Eells	Clarence & Terry Michaud, Bonnie Eells
Stephen & Victoria Fisk	Doreen Dibben Fisk, Douglas Fisk, Marcos Antonio Vidal
Allison & Eric Forrest	George W. Clark and Walter S. Forrest
Chris & Cathy Gerke	Ralph & Elizabeth Gerke, John & Elizabeth McCashland, Rosemary White
Donna Gray	Family and friends that have entered eternal life.
Adam B. Green	BettyLou Mokoski Judith Lynn Green
Maryann Hickelton	Marion Trudelle
Mark & Laurel Houle	Dorothy Proctor Houle, Maria Carmella Terlizzi
Gayle Kataja	Peter Kataja, Kyle Buttice, Merle & Earl Porter
Bob Kliminsky	Jean Kliminsky
Kathy Kniep	Jeanne & Robert Wessman; Paul LeBreton, Blanche & Evangeline Kniep
Ron Kolanowski	Helen, Lorei, George & Germane Kolanowski, Mel & Helen Hiltabidel, Shawn, Sheffield our foster child
Steve Konopka	The Konopka Family
The Kraemer family	Robert Bork

Daniel & Patricia Larson

**Bishop Morgan Porteus, Mr. & Mrs.
Robert Porteus Middlemass**

Mary & Joseph Latour

**Richard T. Hagenow, Anna & Francis
LaTour**

Cathie & Ray Litwin

Gene Baker

John Loge

**Frances Jean Loge, Beverly Jane
Sandefur, Judith Marion Gray,
Stuart Edgar Power**

Lynda Majewski

Paul Louis Arruda

**Darlene McDonald &
Deb Wilson**

**David & Velma McDonald,
Charleen McDonald, Larry
McDonald; John & Anita Wilson**

**Barbara & Steve
Mondrach**

**Robert & MaryAnn Siegle; Steve &
EmmyLou Mondrach**

Marianne Moore

Nelson, Kenneth, Maitland Moore

Lydia Myers

**P. Hamilton & Ruth Myers; Tom &
Martha Bombaci**

Alexander Nelson

**Alison Nelson, Philip Ott, Daniel
Flyntz, Ed & June Sucich**

The O'Shea Family

**Jean & Ray Baldwin, Carbery &
Genevieve O'Shea, Genevieve Alexander, I
Fletcher, Christine Morrison, Sean
O'Shea, Juanita & Jack Alden**

The Osmond Family

Cleo & Doris Wandling, John B. & Mildred Osmond, John C. Osmond

John & Susan Ostrout

Dorothy & Elmer H. Ostrout, Jr., Shirley & William Murray, Ed Murray

Barbara Parkyn

Family and friends

Steve Platz

**Judy, Ed & Linda Platz
Henry & Evelyn Dickinson**

**Chris & Chad Raasumaa-
Boots**

Our grandparents

Kim & Brian Reed

G. Earl & Merle N. Porter; Kyle P. Buttice

Fran & Lino Rodegher

Sandra & Carmela Guglielmi, Lino, Livio & Gianfranco Rodegher

Amy Stone

Family Friends & Pets

Keith & Beth Thompson

Joline & Louis Drudi, Jean & Floyd Thompson, Tyler

John Viklinetz

Helen Viklinetz

**Denise Ward
Stephen Wells**

**Tyler Marshall & Mark Saul
Carol A. Wells**

Stephanie Wheeler

**Russell Wheeler, Jr.; Joyce
Leombruno**

Gifts given in Honor of Loved Ones

Stephen & Victoria Fisk Family and friends here and abroad

The Forrest Family Ryan Clark and Our Armed Forces

