



April 5, 2026
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church
Hebron, Connecticut
The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector

Easter Sunday ~ The Resurrection of Our Lord
Rite 1 ~ 8:00 a.m.

Preludes:

Opening Hymn: #207 "Jesus Christ is risen today"

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is Risen

The People: The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia

Glory be to God

BCP, page 324

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread

throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

**1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.**

**2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."**

**14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.**

**15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:**

**16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"**

- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

The Holy Gospel: **Matthew 28:1-10**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

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

Sermon

The Reverend Ronald Kolanowski

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP page 292

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

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 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 wondrous works of God And protect
and restore the beauty and integrity of all 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.**

The Prayers of the People

BCP page 328

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And with thy spirit

Offertory Hymn: #180 "He is risen! He is risen!"

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
 *3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
 ra - dian - t brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Great thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer I

BCP page, 333

Breaking of the bread

BCP page, 337

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP page, 339

Easter Blessing

Closing hymn: #200 "Come, ye faithful, raise the strain"



1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing



led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

The Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings for April 5, 2026

We pray for our clergy: Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Ian & 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

We pray for those celebrating their birthdays this week: Barbara LaMay (4/5), Candace O'Shea (4/6), Thomas Atwood Jr. (4/9), Rose Anderson (4/11)

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray that through this Easter season, we as a diocese continue growing in faith, living in hope, and serving in love. Like the disciples that came before us, may we proclaim the joy of our Lord's resurrection in our lives, in our communities, and in our ministries; for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico.

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, David Anderson, Jeremy, Michelle, Taylor, Zach, Merrill Smith, and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

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

Happening Soon
Day of Tears: Sunday, April 12 at 3:00p.m.

In January, in honor of MLK holiday, we had scheduled the Day of Tears performance. However, due to extreme winter conditions, we had to move the date of the performance to April 12. The play provides an opportunity to witness and reflect on a tragic day in American history. On March 2nd and 3rd, 1859, the largest auction of slaves in American history took place in Savannah, Georgia. More than 400 slaves were sold. On the first day of the auction, the skies darkened and torrential rain began falling. The rain continued throughout the two days, stopping only when the auction had ended. The simultaneity of the rainstorm with the auction led to these two days being called “the weeping time.”

Master storyteller, Julius Lester has taken this footnote of history and created the crowning achievement of his literary career, the day when more than 400 men, women, and children were sold at the largest auction of enslaved people in the United States. We’ll gather at St. Peter’s Church in Hebron to hear powerful staged readings of the voices of those men, women and children. A discussion with the actors will follow the performance to then be followed by supper in the parish hall. We encourage you to read the book prior to the event, but if you don’t the program will stand on its own. Registration is strongly recommended.

[Julius Lester's "Day of Tears" in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King](#)

If you registered for the event we had planned to have in January (but weather forced us to cancel) your ticket will be honored on April 12. If you can’t attend on the rescheduled date and would like a refund, we’ll gladly do so.



Gifts Given in Memory of Loved Ones

Pamela & Tom Atwood

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

Judith Banks

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

Joyce Agnew

**Thomas S., Viola, and
Thomas R. O'Reilly,
Deceased members of Agnew Family
Susan Beatty, George A. Dagon**

Trisha Beatty

Carolyn Bouchard

Loved ones

Claire Bracaglia

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

Brien & Terry Brown

Georgette Conrad

**Sarah Brown DuBrava
Clyde Jr. Odina, Ethel, Shirley &
Louise Domingue, Clyde Conrad Sr.,
Lillian & Ray Conrad**

Betty Close

Peter Byram

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 & Betsy Gerke
John & Elizabeth McCashland
and 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, Lori, 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, Margo 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	Elmer H. Ostrout, Sr., 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 Marshall & Mark Saul
John Viklinetz	Helen Viklinetz
Denise Ward Stephen Wells	Tyler Marchall & Mark Saul Carol A. Wells
Stephanie Wheeler	Russell Wheeler, Jr.; Joyce Leombruno

Gifts given in Honor of Loved Ones

Stephen & Victoria Fisk Rina Bettancourt Suarez

Allison & Eric Forrest Ryan Clark

