

The Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 3, 2026 ~ 10 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

Opening Hymn: #1 "Father, we praise thee, now the night is over"

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: Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

In te, Domine, speravi

**1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.**

2 Incline your ear to me; *

make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,

for you are my crag and my stronghold; *

for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,*

for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *

for you have redeemed me,

O LORD, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand; *

rescue me from the hand of my enemies,

and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *

and in your loving-kindness save me.

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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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 14:1-14

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling

places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

Sermon

The Reverend Marge Roccoberton

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. Peter's Grace, Monroe; St. Mark's, Mystic; St. Michael's, Naugatuck; Retirement communities, especially Armsmear & Seabury Retirement community; chaplains at retirement communities, Retired Clergy Chaplains. For Elder Ministry Network; and The Church of North India.

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, Chuck Eaton 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: Paul Sandahl (5/3), Anthony Wursthorn (5/4), Liliana Wursthorn (5/4), Joseph Cyr (5/8), David Kniep (5/8), Steve Konopka (5/8) 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 #366 “Holy God, we praise thy Name”

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*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
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.

Eucharistic prayer A

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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

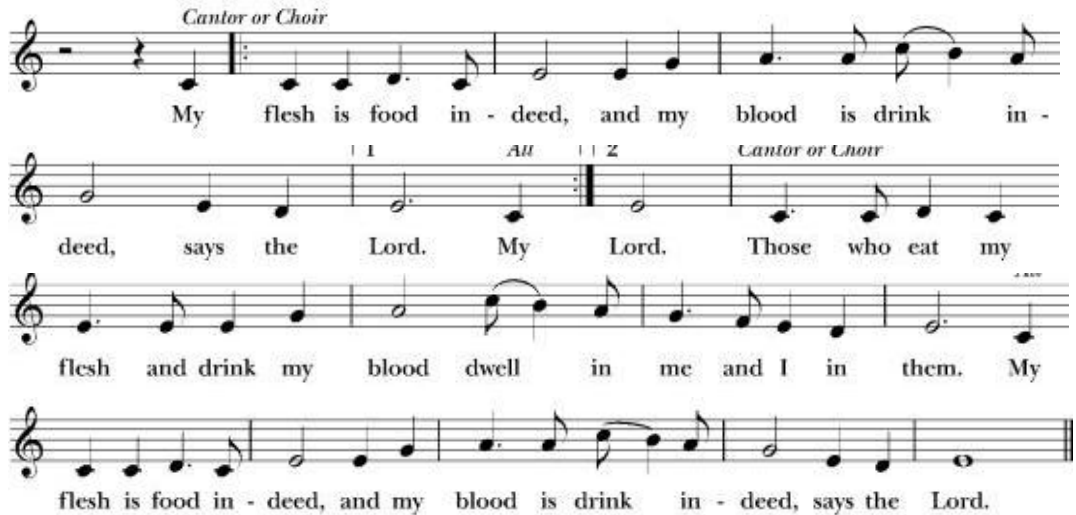
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The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Fraction Anthem S-169



The musical score for Fraction Anthem S-169 is written on four staves of music. The lyrics are: "My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord." The score includes performance instructions: "Cantor or Choir" above the first staff, "All" above the second staff, and "Cantor or Choir" above the third staff. The music is in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

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 LEVAS #109 “What a friend we have in Jesus”

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Prayers and Thanksgivings for May 3, 2026

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Peter’s Grace, Monroe; St. Mark’s, Mystic; St. Michael’s, Naugatuck; Retirement communities, especially Armsmear & Seabury Retirement community; chaplains at retirement communities, Retired Clergy Chaplains. For Elder Ministry Network; and The Church of North India.

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: Paul Sandahl (5/3), Anthony Wursthorn (5/4), Liliana Wursthorn (5/4), Joseph Cyr (5/8), David Kniep (5/8), Steve Konopka (5/8) 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, Chuck Eaton 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.

Update on Claire

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 the church office at 860.228.3244.



St. Peter's 54th **Annual Plant and Garden Sale** was yesterday. Thank you to all who worked. Of course, there are many plants still available for sale. Please stop by the parish hall after church for more hanging baskets and perennials to perk up your garden.

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.

St. Peter's Tag Sale: June 5 and 6

As you are Spring Cleaning, please put aside items for our tag sale. We will let you know shortly when you can bring in your donations. Typically, we accept donation the week before, but stay tuned.



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



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

30 CHURCH STREET (RT. 85)
HEBRON, CT



BAKED STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST DINNER

MAY 16TH 4:00 P.M.

**Stuffed Chicken Breast,
mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing,
cranberry sauce, roll, and salad.**

*A portion of the proceeds will benefit the
Hebron Town Center Project.*

**TAKE-OUT ONLY. COST IS \$18 PER MEAL.
FOR DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH AT 860-228-3244.**