



St. Peter's Episcopal Church Hebron, CT

Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 5, 2026 ~ Morning Prayer Rite 2

OPENING HYMN: #717 "MY COUNTRY TIS OF THEE"

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

CONFESSION OF SIN

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Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel. Silence is kept.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

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Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

All Stand.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

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Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him. Alleluia!

JUBILATE (PSALM 100)

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

THE PSALM: PSALM 145:1-9

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.**
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.**
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.**
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.**
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.**
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.**
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.**
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

**9 The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

THE FIRST LESSON: DEUTERONOMY 10:17-21

The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 11: THE THIRD SONG OF ISAIAH

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**Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.**

**You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.**

**The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.**

**The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE SECOND LESSON: HEBREWS 11:8-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

SEQUENCE MUSIC

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:43-48

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

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

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(THE OFFICIANT LEADS THE PEOPLE)*

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
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.
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. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN UNISON)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day
our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and
the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR THE NATION

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR MISSION

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Holy God, source of life and fire of love, in this season of Pentecost when we reflect again on what it means to be a community of faith and preach the gospel through our lives, we ask you to hear our prayer as we open our hearts to you.

We pray for those whose lives closely touch our own. May they be in our hearts and have joy and happiness in their lives. We pray for those celebrating their birthdays this week: Joseph Mangiafico (7/6), Tara Taglieri (7/6), Marge Dill (7/7), Heather Ziemski (7/9), Gianni Wursthorn (7/10) and those celebrating anniversaries: The Eaton's (7/5).

~~ Silence ~~

Leader: Spirit of Love

People: Hear our prayer

We pray with thanks for all those in our community who support the well-being of others. We pray for all our parish family, especially those in any need or difficulty, Mike, Bruce John, Karen Stone and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

~~ Silence ~~

Leader: Spirit of Love

People: Hear our prayer

We pray for the church; 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 all who proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth and for all who seek the Truth. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Paul's, Plainfield; Christ Church, Pomfret; Trinity, Portland; All deacons & the Archdeacons' Council. The Province I School for Deacons; The Anglican Church of South America.

~~ Silence ~~ Leader: Spirit of Love **People: Hear our prayer**

We pray for all the leaders of the world that they may make wise choices for everyone and that they may lead us to honor one another and serve the common good.

~~ Silence ~~ Leader: Spirit of Love **People: Hear our prayer**

We pray for your wonderful creation, the Earth, and its streams, trees, mountains and plants and for the animals of the Earth.

~~ Silence ~~ Leader: Spirit of Love **People: Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who have died, Michael L., a friend of our bookkeeper, Jeanne. We pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends and neighbors that they may be comforted by those who love them.

~~ Silence ~~ Leader: Spirit of Love **People: Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who do not understand or have not found Your love, that they may seek a deeper knowledge of You. May Your love find those who need You most.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

Officiant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**BCP PAGE 101**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM**BCP PAGE 102**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

THE CLOSING**2 CORINTHIANS 13:14**

Officiant: Let us Bless the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #719**"O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES"**



PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS FOR JULY 5, 2026

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We pray for the deceased. We pray especially for Michael L., a friend of our bookkeeper, Jeanne.

CONTINUING PRAYER LIST

Ann, Dolores, Michael H, Carolyn Aubin, Bonnie R., Renee, Fran, Sarah, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, Maria, John Lumsden, Rosemarie, David Rigby, Len & Kim Begin, Peter & Barbara Farren, Andrew, Adrian Mandeville, Neal, Robin, Richard Taylor, Judy Knox, Star, Norm, Aimee Goodrich, Justin, Derek Anderson, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, 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, Francine Bloch, Gerry, Paula, Mary

ON GOING ACTIVITIES

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



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Annual Chicken
Barbecue!

Saturday, July 18, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

30 Church Street (Rte 85), Hebron CT

**BBQ Chicken, Corn on the Cob,
Pasta Salad, Coleslaw & a choice of our
Scrumptious Desserts**

\$18 per person

This is a take-out only dinner.
For more information, please call the church office at 860-228-3244.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to:
The Marlborough Food Bank