



**OPENING HYMN: #711      "SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD"**

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**KYRIE**

**Priest:** Lord, have mercy.

**People:** Christ, have mercy.

**Priest:** Lord, have mercy.

**GLORY TO GOD**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,  
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at  
the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are  
the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the  
Father. Amen.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

**O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you,  
and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to  
do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

***People: Thanks be to God***

## THE PSALM: PSALM 119:105-112

***Lucerna pedibus meis***

**105 Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.**

- 106 I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.**
- 107 I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.**
- 108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.**
- 109 My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.**
- 110 The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.**
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.**
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.**

#### **THE SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 8:1-11**

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 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*

## SEQUENCE MUSIC

### THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:1-9,18-23

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

*People: Glory be to thee, O Lord*

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one

who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**SERMON**

**THE REV. RONALD J. KOLANOWSKI**

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**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: Anna Carey (7/12), Maryann Hickelton (7/15), Andy Opgaard (7/17) and those celebrating anniversaries: The Matejek's (7/17).

~ ~ 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, 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, St. James', Poquetanuck; Christ Church, Redding; St. Stephen's, Ridgefield; ECCT & parish committees on investments, stewardship, planned giving, insurance & personnel policy; Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

~ ~ 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.

~ ~ Silence ~ ~

Leader: Spirit of Love

**People: Hear our prayer**

For what else shall we pray this day?

## CLOSING COLLECT

### CONFESSION

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*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**People: 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.**

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

#### **THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

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

***People: And also with you.***

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **THE OFFERTORY**

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

**HYMN: #291            "WE PLOW THE FIELDS"**

#### **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 GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

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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-130 "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD"**

**PROULX**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**EUCCHARISTIC 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.**

**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: #488**

**“BE THOU MY VISION”**

**DISMISSAL**

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**



## **PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS FOR JULY 12, 2026**

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for St. James', Poquetanuck; Christ Church, Redding; St. Stephen's, Ridgefield; ECCT & parish committees on investments, stewardship, planned giving, insurance & personnel policy; Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

**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:** Anna Carey (7/12), Maryann Hickelton (7/15), Andy Opgaard (7/17), and those celebrating anniversaries: The Matejek's (7/17).

**In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for all our parish family, especially those in any need or difficulty, Mike, and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

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

**THE YELLOW ROSE** that adorns the alter is given in honor of Sam Forrest, during his deployment with the United States National Guard.

### **CONTINUING PRAYER LIST**

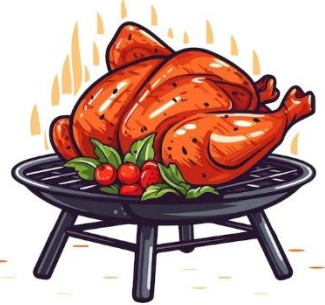
Ann, Dolores, Michael H, Carolyn Aubin, Bonnie R., Renee, Fran, Sarah, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, Maria, John Lumsden, Rosemarie, David Rigby, Len & Kim Begin, Peter & Barbara Farren, Andrew, Adrian Mandeville, Neal, Robin, Richard Taylor, Judy Knox, Star, Norm, Aimee Goodrich, Justin, Derek Anderson,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

### ON GOING ACTIVITIES

Balance Class: \$5 per session (No Class on July 20)	Mondays	10:15 a.m.
Connect:	Mondays	2:00 p.m.
Weekly Weeders:	Mondays	4:00 p.m.
Cub Scouts:	1 <sup>st</sup> Mondays	5:30-7:00 p.m.
Hebron Greater Together Community Fund:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Buildings & Grounds:	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesdays	7:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts:	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.
Meditation Class: (No class on July 22)	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	4:30 p.m.
200 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays	5:00 p.m.
Vestry:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays	6:00 p.m.

**This Saturday, July 18, 4:00 p.m.**

# **Annual Chicken Barbecue!**



St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 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.  
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