



Saint Peter's Episcopal Church

Hebron, Connecticut

The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector

August 9, 2026 ~ Rite 1 ~ 9:00 a.m.

The 11th Sunday after Pentecost

OPENING HYMN: #435

"AT THE NAME OF JESUS"

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 BE TO GOD

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Priest: Lord be with you,

People: and with thy spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" — that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM: PSALM 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45B

Confitemini Domino

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.**
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.**
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.**
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,**
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.**
- 16 Then he called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed the supply of bread.**
- 17 He sent a man before them, *
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**
- 18 They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.**
- 19 Until his prediction came to pass, *
the word of the Lord tested him.**

**20 The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.
21 He set him as a master over his household,
as a ruler over all his possessions,
22 To instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom.
45 Hallelujah!**

THE SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa-ter, chil - dren,

Fine

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

1. See that host all dressed in white,
 2. See that band all dressed in red,
 3. Look o - ver yon-der, what do I see? God's a-gon-na trou-ble the
 4. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,
 2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,
 3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,
 4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

D.C.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:22-33

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

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THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And with thy spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN: LEVAS #106

"PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND"

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws —

1. stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
2. near, When my life is al - most gone;
3. near, And the day is past and gone;

1. — Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
2. — Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I
3. — At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
2. fall, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
3. hand, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

*All are welcome at St. Peter's. We respect the dignity of every human being.
We encourage you to join together for coffee and cookies in Phelp's Hall.*



The Prayers and Thanksgivings for August 09, 2026

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Peter's, South Windsor; Epiphany, Southbury; St. Paul's, Southington; Liturgical assistants serving in parishes: members of altar guild, lectors, lay readers, Eucharistic ministers, Eucharistic visitors, lay evangelists & vergers; The Episcopal Church.

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

We pray for those who celebrate this week: those celebrating birthdays: Davis Martin (8/10), Samantha Sullivan (8/13), Gayle Kataja (8/13), 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, Cathie Litwin's Aunt, June Carlson; friend of the LaTour's, Barbara Reifschneider; close friend of Gayle Kataja and mentor for Father Ron, Rev. Don Hamer, and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

We pray for the deceased. We pray especially for Lynne Sandahl, Moose, Barbara Steele, and Carolyn Aubin.

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, 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, 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, Louis Domingue

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.

Lasagna Dinner

August 15th 2026 | 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

The menu will include your choice of meat or vegetable lasagna, Italian sausage, garlic bread, fresh fruit cup, and your choice of desserts.



This meal is take-out only. The cost is \$18.00.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to: *Andover Food Bank.*
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 30 Church Street (Rte 85), Hebron CT

Hall Committee Meeting | Sunday, August 16 at 10:30 a.m.

When the parish hall was first renovated in 2018-2019, we had a committee who worked largely on policies of Hall use, which was incredibly helpful and set in motion our current rental policies. As we approach the 200th anniversary celebration, we want to call together those interested in being part of the Hall Committee. This past year or so, we have beautifully renovated the multi-purpose room, as well as the front office, and entryway. However, some feel the hall itself, might be due for a facelift, in preparation for our 200th celebration in October. Therefore, we will hold a meeting, on Sunday, July 16 shortly after worship, in the multi-purpose room, to gather thoughts and ideas from those interested in participating.

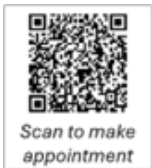
If you are interested mark your calendar and we will see you on the 16th.



**American
Red Cross**

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, August 25, 2026
1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

The American Red Cross has declared an emergency blood shortage. All donors are needed immediately to ensure patients receive lifesaving care without delay. The blood supply fell nearly 25% in June and blood and platelet donations are needed ASAP.



Summer can create a sticky situation for the blood supply! More donors are needed now to help ensure patients have the lifesaving blood they rely on. The Red Cross will say thanks with a \$20 Amazon Gift Card by email when you come give Aug. 1-31. Book now: <https://rcblood.org/4giL3GZ>

To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS, visit www.redcrossblood.org, or scan the QR code provided.



Meditation Class will be held at St. Peter's every month on the 4th Wednesday. Carissa Johnson will lead a 30-minute loving kindness (metta) meditation and discussion about meditation practice in the main church building. You are welcome to sit in the Pews or to bring your own cushion to use. Meditation starts at 4:30 PM, please come a few minutes early to take your seat. The event is free, but donations to the St. Peter's Community Fund or St. Peter's Garden Committee are welcome.

Celebrating our 200th: *Name the Bell*

Save the dates: October 10-18

For our 200th anniversary celebration I became aware of a lovely tradition that dates back to the 10th century. There is a ceremony called “Naming the Bell. To our knowledge, the bell in our tower which was installed in 1831, was never named. We thought it might be fun to “rename the bell” in our tower at the October 18th celebration. We will be launching a contest of naming the bell, so in the meantime, give some thoughts to whom we should name the bell after. More details will be forthcoming on the process of collecting names and determining which names to vote on.

Celebration committee members are John Loge, Gayle Kataja, Sue Ostrout, Kath Talbot, Trisha Beatty, Kim Sullivan, Chuck and Marcia Eaton, and Fr. Ron. All are welcome to join us.



Being Received into the Episcopal Church

I am writing to those in the parish who have been attending St. Peter's but who have not been formerly received The Episcopal Church (TEC). If you have an interest in being received formally into the Church, we will be doing a service of confirmation and reception on Sunday, October 18, when Bishop Mello visits for our 200th celebration. I am proposing a five-week course specifically in understanding Anglicanism and the Episcopal Church. There will be a syllabus of other resources for further personal development.

I will invite some lifelong Episcopalians who are members of St. Peter's who will act as your sponsor to walk with you to help you understand their experience as a part of our larger church. Each week one of them would speak to the group directly on what it means to them to be an Episcopalian.

I envision the course to take place on the five Tuesday nights in September (1, 8, 15, 22, 29) from 5:30-8:00 p.m. This is the best evening open weekly for us to do this work since most other evenings there are things going on at church. These sessions would begin with a simple dinner followed by the education portion in the church. We will take turns organizing dinner for one another. If you have children, please bring them along, we will provide dinner and childcare for them.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Fr. Ron by phone or email. Cell phone: 860-280-8526, Email: ronkol1975@gmail.com. We will send the curriculum to you once you sign up.