



Saint Peter's Episcopal Church

Hebron, Connecticut

The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector

August 23, 2026 ~ Rite 1 ~ 9:00 a.m.

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

OPENING HYMN: #304

"I COME WITH JOY TO MEET MY LORD"

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

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GLORY BE TO GOD

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COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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: EXODUS 1:8-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with

hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it.

When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM: PSALM 124

Nisi quia Dominus

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;**
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;**
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;**
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;**
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.**
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.**
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.**

THE SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober

judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE HYMN: #675 “TAKE UP YOUR CROSS THE SAVIOR SAID”

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:13-20

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

SERMON

THE REV. RONALD KOLANOWSKI

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And with thy spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN: #523

“GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN”

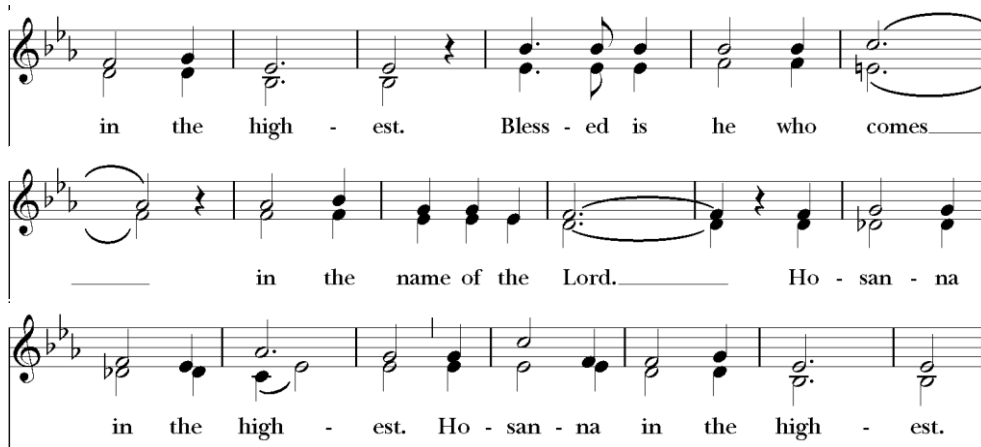
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SANCTUS: S-130 “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD”

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



BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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CLOSING HYMN: #525

"THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION (VERSES 1,2,5)"

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 23, 2026

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Rectory School, Pomfret; Salisbury School, Salisbury; South Kent School, South Kent; Students, teachers & chaplains at Episcopal schools preparing to begin the school year; Church of the Province of West Africa.

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: Art Engler (8/23), Galilea Garcia (8/24), Joyce Dombrowski (8/27), Peter Myers (8/28), Heidi Schluntz (8/29), 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, Marianne Moore; Calab's father, Michael Hadyka; a 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.

The Yellow Rose at the alter is given in honor of Sam Forrest, during his deployment with the United States National Guard. (Reminder: If sending a card or care package to Sam Forrest, an international stamp is required. Contact the church office for his address.)

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 Roccoberon, Maria Amara, Gerry, Paula, Mary, Louis Domingue, June Carlson, Barbara Reifschneider

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.
Finance Committee:	2 nd Thursday	11:00 a.m.
200 th Anniversary Celebration:	3 rd Thursdays	5:00 p.m.
Vestry:	3 rd Thursdays	6:00 p.m.
Women's Club:	Sundays	TBD

Meditation Class on August 26th at 4:30



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. 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.



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.



Make space on your calendar to make a lasting difference. Patients rely on a steady supply of blood every day, and your donation can help ensure care is there when it's needed most.



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

Celebrating our 200th: Name the Bell

Save the dates: October 10-18

For our 200th anniversary celebration, we will take part in a lovely 10th Century tradition, called "Naming the Bell". Our bell was installed in 1831, and to our knowledge, was never named. We will be launching a contest to collect names for the bell, which will be officially named at the October 18th anniversary celebration by our bishop. You will receive a form next week to fill out with your name suggestion.

