



St. Peter's Episcopal Church Hebron, CT

Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 27, 2026 ~ Holy Eucharist Rite 2

OPENING HYMN: #439

"WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS"

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

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 -



COLLECT OF THE DAY:

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock

at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM: PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16

Ad te, Domine, levavi

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

THE SECOND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy

complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE ANTHEM

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:23-32

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

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: Katie Dagon (9/28), Stephen Bezrucik (9/28), Fran Rodegher (10/03), and those celebrating anniversaries.

~ ~ 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, Paul LaTour, Ron & Dean Johnson, Andrew Riley, 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 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 Christ Church, Stratford; Trinity, Tariffville; St. Peter's-Trinity, Thomaston; Youth & youth ministries, J2A, Confirm Not Conform & all preparing for Confirmation; The Church of Bangladesh.

~ ~ 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. We pray especially for Marianne Moore, Gail Mangiafico, Rob Mangiafico's mother, Ron Johnson, Dan Johnson's brother. 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?

CONFESSION

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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

OFFERTORY HYMN: # 339

"DECK THYSELF, MY SOUL, WITH GLADNESS"

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.

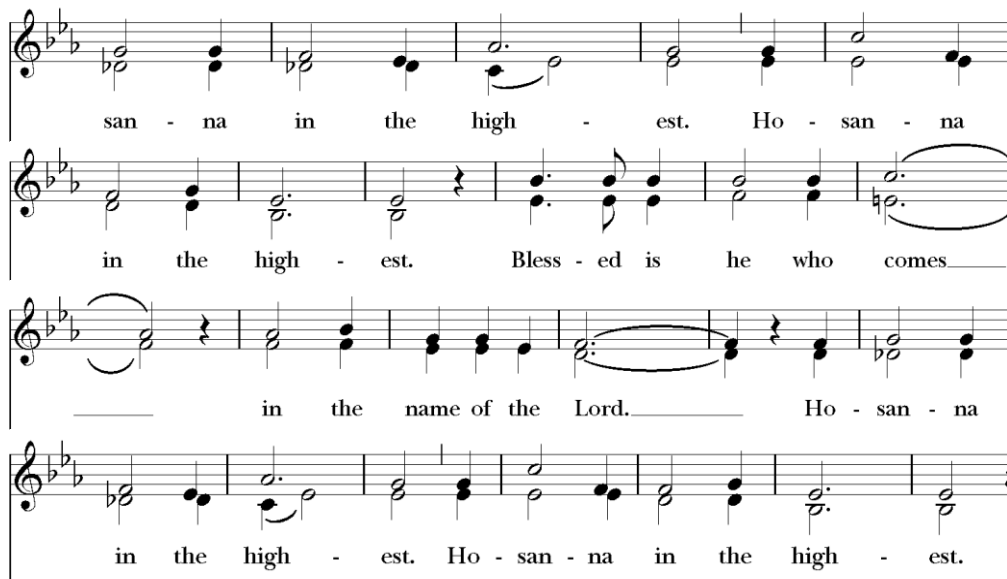
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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 -



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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Celebrant: Holy and gracious father, in your infinite love, you have created us for yourselfWhenever 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

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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: # 686

“COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING”

DISMISSAL

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



The Prayers and Thanksgivings for September 27, 2026

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ Church, Stratford; Trinity, Tariffville; St. Peter's-Trinity, Thomaston; Youth & youth ministries, J2A, Confirm Not Conform & all preparing for Confirmation; The Church of Bangladesh.

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: Katie Dagon (9/28), Stephen Bezrucik (9/28), Fran Rodegher (10/03), 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, Vicki Burch, Jeni Gorcenski, Paul LaTour, Ron & Dean Johnson, Andrew Riley and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

We pray for the deceased. We pray especially for Marianne Moore, Gail Mangiafico, Rob Mangiafico's mother, Ron Johnson, Dan Johnson's brother.

The Yellow Rose at the altar is given in honor of Sam Forrest and Andrew Riley, during their deployments. (Reminder: If sending a card or care package overseas, an international stamp is required. Contact the church office for addresses.)

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 and Families, Ann Valerio, Cindy Brinkman, Marge Roccoberton, Maria Amara, Gerry, Paula, Mary, Louis Domingue, Barbara Reifschneider, Rev. Don Hamer, The Char Families

On Going Activities

Balance Class: \$5 per session	Mondays	10:15 a.m.
Book Club:	Mondays	11:30 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

Founders' Potluck Dinner

October 10, 5:30 p.m.

St. Peter's Church

Everyone is invited to join us on Saturday, October 10th at 5:30 p.m. for good food and entertainment. Come dressed as a member of the parish from any period in the past 200 years: a farmer? a soldier? a hippie? a church lady from the 50s with a little hat and gloves? Or, come as you are today! This will be fun. We hear that the Rev. Samuel Peters himself will be there to tell us about the history of St. Peter's and its place in the community. Everyone is invited. Bring a favorite dish if you can but come even if you don't have time to cook.



PUMPKIN FEST

A treasured St. Peter's Tradition! FUN FOR ALL AGES!

DATES & TIMES

October 3
9am-4pm

October 4
12pm-4pm

HARVEST MARKET
Wonderful Selection for Sale!
Pumpkins, Gourds, Squash, Mums, Cider

Tractor Hay Rides! S'mores & Cider!

Face Painting! Visit with a Donkey!

Includes new CORN HOLE and PUMPKIN PATCH (pumpkins available for purchase)

All children's activities are FREE!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Help us make this a success!
(Set-up, Baking, Selling, Activities, Kitchen, Clean-up).
CONTACT MARCIA EATON: 860-228-3487

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A portion of our proceeds will be donated to Hebron Historical Society.

The Blessing of the Animals

October 4, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Memorial Garden

Join us for the annual blessing of our beloved pets great and small (and children's stuffed critters).

For those who have lost a dear pet, there will be an interment of ashes as well. Donations of pet foods will be greatly appreciated.



Preparing for our

200th Anniversary Celebration

October 10-18, 2026

Voting for our Bell Name - TODAY

Just a reminder, after service today, join us during coffee hour to vote for a name for our bell. To our knowledge, the bell in our tower, which was installed in 1831, was never named. The Bishop at the Anniversary Service on October 18th will officially give the bell the name we choose.

Gathering for Memorabilia

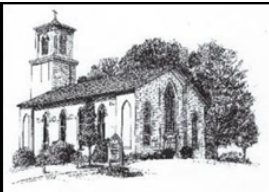
During our Anniversary Celebration we will display photos, clippings, artifacts and other St Peter's memorabilia in the parish hall. Join us on October 7 and October 8 from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. to bring in your photos and other memorabilia to prepare them for display. Poster board and others materials for display and labeling will be provided. It also will be a good time simply to enjoy talking and laughing together about our St Peter's of the past, recent and not so recent.

Celebration Baking

Copies of a booklet of vintage recipes are available at the back of the church. We hope that some of us will use these vintage recipes to prepare baked goods that will be offered as part of the festive coffee hour on October 18 when the bishop visits. As a way to prepare, we invite you to take a booklet home and practice the recipes ahead of the celebration. We also invite you bring your "test batches" to coffee hours during the next few weeks leading up to the celebration. We think it could be fun to try these recipes out — in the baking and in the eating.

Anniversary Memorial Gifts

As is our custom at Christmas and Easter we are inviting people to submit memorial names to be included in the program for the Anniversary Celebration. The form is located on the back table in the church and in your pew. Please return it to the church office no later than Friday, October 2. Funds collected will help defray the many expenses of the celebration week. We have received two donations totaling \$400 and another \$500 donation to come from another friend of the parish. Please be generous.



SAINT PETER'S CHURCH

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SAT OCT 10	5:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Potluck Founders Dinner	<i>Rev. Samuel Peters will provide some history of the church, when it was built in the center of town, when our faith community was in the middle of community life. Open mic for additional stories & memories</i>
SUN OCT 11	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	1800's Living History Encampment	<i>Revolutionary War camp reenactment. Priest will commission these British soldiers as done in 1750, as they'd prepare to serve King and country. (No Sounding Firearms)</i>
TUE OCT 13	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Presentation of St. Peter's History	<i>Presented by John Baron of the Hebron Historical Society of St. Peter's role in the community when located in the center of the village. Approx 45 with open Q&A.</i>
WED OCT 14	4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Walking Tour of Cemetery	<i>Rain Date: Thu, Oct 15 Chuck Eaton will lead a walking tour of our historic cemetery and the graves with historical significance such as Governor Peters and first rector Samuel Peters.</i>
FRI OCT 16	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Happy Hour & Trivia Night	<i>Test your St. Peter's knowledge with fun and fellowship, and light refreshments. Supervised Activities for children provided. All are welcome. BYOB.</i>
SAT OCT 17	7:30 pm	VOCE Concert: The Old Church	<i>A premier choral ensemble of CT, and a concert series named in honor of our anniversary. Visit VOCEinc.org for tickets. A reception hosted by Sanctuary Performing Arts will follow.</i>
SUN OCT 18	10:00 am	200th Anniversary Worship	<i>No 8am service. Bishop Jeff Mello will lead us in worship & rededicate the church in a special liturgy. This celebration will include special music, guest musicians, a festive coffee hour, and more.</i>

VOCE Revival: The Old Church

October 17, 7:30 p.m., at St. Peter's Church

VOCE, the renowned Connecticut choral ensemble, returns to St. Peter to help us celebrate our 200th anniversary. Their performances are always uplifting and deeply moving. This fall, their concert series, "The Old Church", highlights centuries of sacred harmonies. Immerse yourselves in their unique blending of ancient and contemporary choral classics. Don't miss what will be a truly inspirational concert. Tickets can be purchased for \$30 at VOCEinc.org. *If you are unable to afford the cost of a ticket, please contact the church office, as we may be able to assist due to a generous gift by a parishioner.* A reception hosted by the Sanctuary Performing Arts will follow.

