



Saint Peter's Episcopal Church

Hebron, Connecticut

The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector

October 11, 2026 ~ 8:00 a.m. ~ 10:00 a.m.

The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

The 1826 American Episcopal Prayer Book uses the Eucharistic rite authorized in the 1789 Book of Common Prayer, with minor changes associated with the 1822–1826 standardization.

THE ORDER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

OPENING HYMN: #450

"ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME"

PREPARATION AND ADMISSION

Priest: All ye who are openly sinful, unreconciled, or in any serious disputes may not receive Communion until Ye have repented.

GATHERED FOR EUCHARISTIC SERVICE

Priest: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

THE COMMANDMENTS DECALOGUE

Priest: God spoke these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest: Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest: Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest: Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest: Honor thy father and thy mother.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest: Thou shalt do no murder.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest: Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest: Thou shalt not steal.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest: Thou shalt not covet.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE: PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: Here endeth the lesson

SEQUENCE HYMN: #680 “O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST”

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:1-14

Priest: The Holy Gospel is written in the 22 chapter of Matthew, beginning at the 1st verse.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those

invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

DOUG BOWMAN

THE NICENE CREED

**All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made;
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made:
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was
incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man: And
was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according
to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right
hand of the Father:
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the
dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who
proceedeth from the Father and the Son;**

**who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets:
And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church:
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins:
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to
come. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Priest: Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth; where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. *Matthew 5:23,24*

OFFERTORY HYMN: #686 “COME THOU FONT OF EVERY BLESSING”

PRAYER FOR THE WHOLE STATE OF CHRIST’S CHURCH

Priest: Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially The President of the United State and other civil authorities. that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all their days.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

CONFESSION

Priest: Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

All: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is**

past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMFORTABLE WORDS

Priest: Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Hear also what Saint Paul saith: This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Hear also what Saint John saith: If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins.

THE SURSUM CORDA AND PREFACE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Priest: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Priest: Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Priest: All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath willed us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto

us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: #324

"LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE"

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood

of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All: Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

DISMISSAL

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSINGS ROYAL SOLDIERS AS IT WAS DONE IN 1750s

Priest: Dearly beloved, these men are now appointed to serve His Majesty King George, and to defend the Crown, the realm, and those committed to their protection. Let us therefore commend them to Almighty God, beseeching Him to grant them courage in danger, discipline in obedience, mercy toward the weak, and steadfastness in the discharge of their duty.

TO THE SOLDIERS:

Priest: You are called to serve with honour and fidelity. Obey your lawful officers, keep good order among yourselves, protect the innocent, and show clemency where mercy may be given. Bear yourselves as Christian men and faithful subjects, remembering that true courage is joined with temperance, justice, and compassion.

In the name of the King, and under the authority entrusted to your officers, I charge you to take up your arms faithfully and to fulfil your duty without fear, favour, or deceit. May your conduct bring credit upon your regiment, your country, and your own good name.

Let us pray.

Priest: O Almighty God, Lord of hosts, who dost rule both heaven and earth, look with favour upon these soldiers who are now set apart for service. Strengthen their hearts, steady their hands, and preserve them from cowardice, cruelty, and disorder.

Grant wisdom to their officers, unity to their company, and courage to every man. In the hour of danger, be their refuge; upon the march, be their guide; in battle, preserve them from confusion; and in all their actions, keep them mindful of justice, honour, and mercy.

Defend them from sickness, treachery, and sudden death. Bring them safely through every trial, and return them, when their service is ended, to their families and homes in peace.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE BLESSING

Priest: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always. May the Lord preserve you in body and soul, direct you in the path of duty, and grant you victory over fear, temptation, and adversity. Go forth, therefore, in faith and good courage, and serve faithfully.



✦ CELEBRATING 200 YEARS ✦ of faith & fellowship

SUN OCT 11	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	1800's Living History Encampment	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)
TUE OCT 13	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Presentation of St. Peter's History	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.
WED OCT 14	4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Walking Tour of Cemetery	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.
FRI OCT 16	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Happy Hour & Trivia Night	Test your St. Peter's knowledge with fun and fellowship, and light refreshments. Supervised Activities for children provided. All are welcome. BYOB.
SAT OCT 17	7:30 pm	VOCE Concert: The Old Church	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.
SUN OCT 18	10:00 am	200th Anniversary Worship	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.

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.

