St. Peter's Episcopal Church Hebron, CT

Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector
November 8, 2026 ~ Holy Eucharist Rite 2
The 24th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Purple Sunday

OPENING HYMN: #58 "LE, HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING"

THE WORD OF GOD

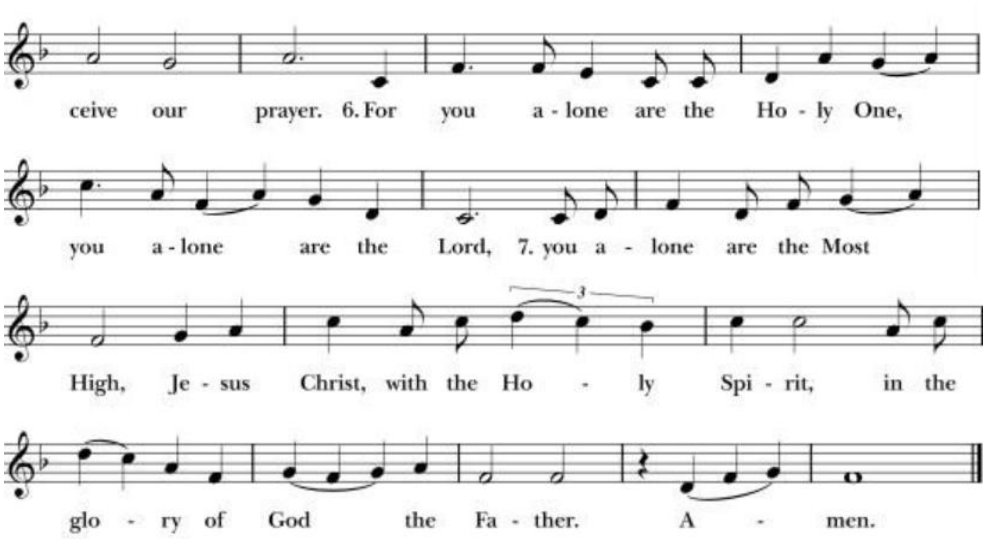
OPENING ACCLAMATION

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)





COLLECT OF THE DAY:

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: JOSHUA 24:1-3A, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors

served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."
Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."
But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader:The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

THE PSALM: PSALM 78:1-7

Attendite, populе

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.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

SEQUENCE ANTHEM

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:1-13

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
People: Glory be to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those

bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Deacon:The Gospel of the Lord **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ**

SERMON **TONYA MAURER, PAM ATWOOD**

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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: Barbara Parkyn (11/9), Thomas Atwood (11/10), Peter Meshanic (11/10), Dan Larson (11/13), Jacob Downey (11/14), Philip Nelson (11/14), 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, Kelsey J, Michon, Donna McCormak, Jeff Baez, Jill, Bailey, 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 Trinity, Wethersfield; St. Paul's, Willimantic; St. Matthew's, Wilton, Military chaplains & all who serve this country, Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

~ ~ 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, especially for Erica Baez' Aunt, Diane Accomando; and Erica Baez' Uncle, William DeCosta; and Ed Shepherd. 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?

PRAYER FOR THOSE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA SAID IN UNISON:

Dear Lord, amid the confusion and forgetfulness that dementia brings, we seek Your divine intervention for clarity of mind and calmness of spirit. Help the patient hold onto the precious memories that bring joy and peace. Guide their thoughts away from fear and anxiety. Strengthen their mind as you strengthen their heart. Surround them with Your peace that surpasses all understanding and fill their mind with Your presence to calm every troubled thought. Renew their memory with Your grace and restore their hope each day.

PRAYER FOR CAREGIVERS TO HAVE COMPASSION SAID IN UNISON:

Heavenly Father, fill my heart with compassion for all those who are caring for loved ones with dementia. Let me see through their eyes, feel their fears, and understand their struggles. Grant them the empathy to provide the care they deserve, even when it is challenging. Help them be a source of comfort and reassurance, reminding them that they are loved and valued. We thank you, dear Lord, for the gift of compassion and the opportunity to express it. 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 *(THE LOOSE OFFERING ON THE 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH IS DESIGNATED FOR THE RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND)*

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

OFFERTORY HYMN: # 324 "LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE"

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 **BCP PAGE 361**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

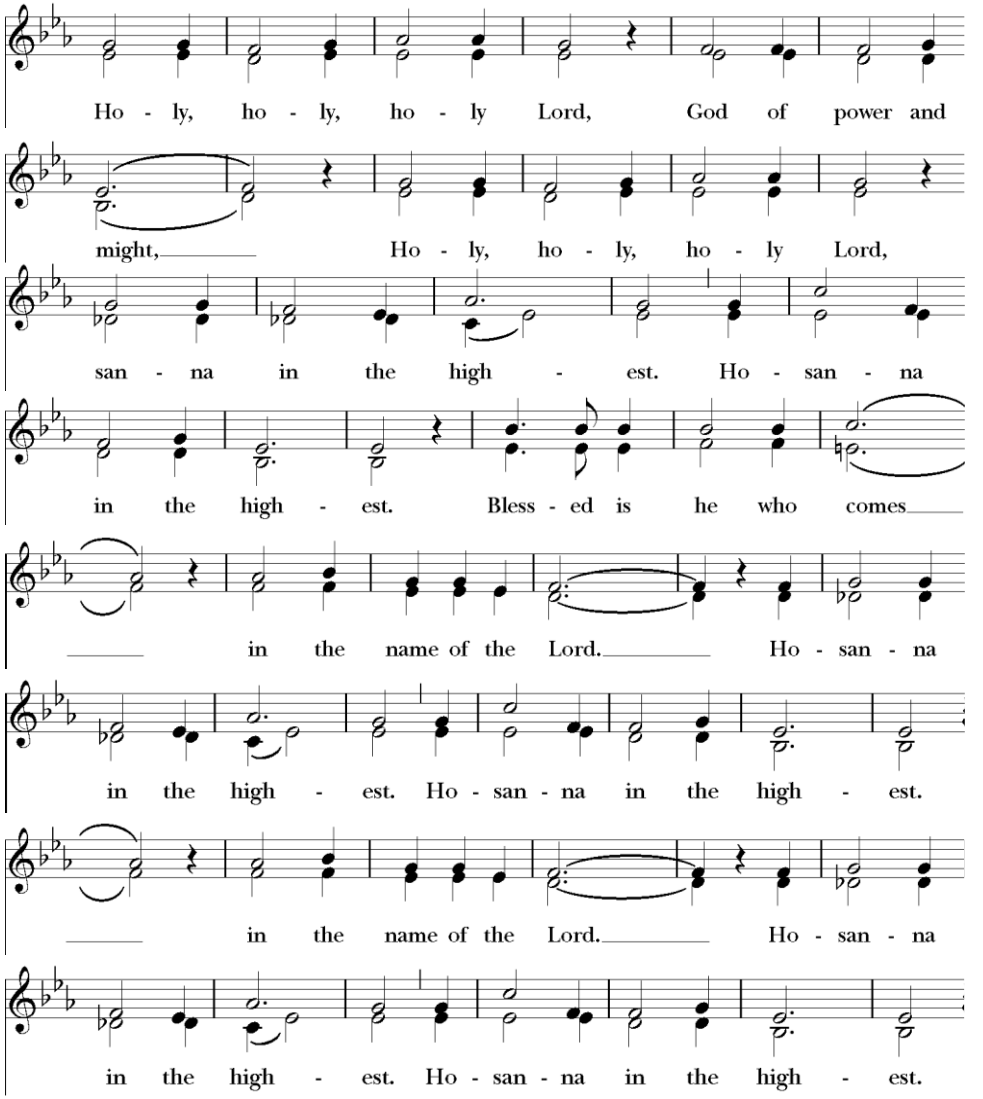
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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 every-where 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**



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A **BCP, PAGE 362**

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 **BCP Page 364**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD **BCP PAGE 337**

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: # 436 **"LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATE"**

DISMISSAL

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Prayers and Thanksgivings for November 8, 2026

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Trinity, Wethersfield; St. Paul's, Willimantic; St. Matthew's, Wilton, Military chaplains & all who serve this country, Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

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: Barbara Parkyn (11/9), Thomas Atwood (11/10), Peter Meshanic (11/10), Dan Larson (11/13), Jacob Downey (11/14), Philip Nelson (11/14), 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, Kelsey J, Michon, Donna McCormak, Jeff Baez, Jill, Bailey, and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

We pray for the deceased. We pray especially for Erica Baez' Aunt, Diane Accomando; Erica Baez' Uncle, William DeCosta; and Ed Shephard.

Continuing Prayer List

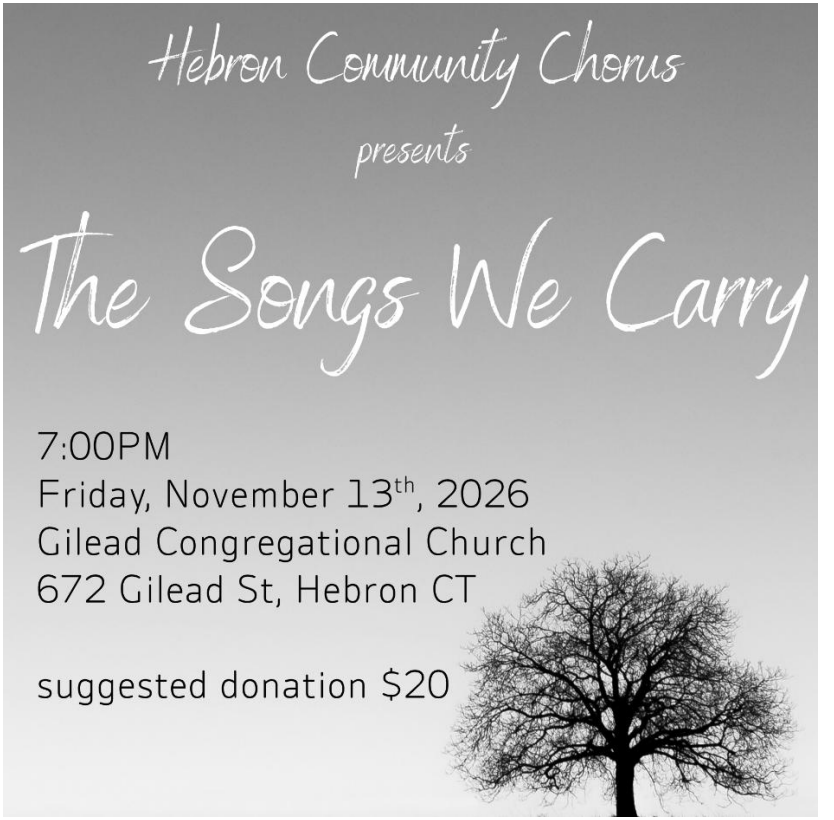
Ann, Dolores, Michael H, Bonnie R., Renee, Fran, Sarah, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, Maria, John Lumsden, Rosemarie, David Rigby, Len & Kim Begin, Peter & Barbara Farren, Andrew, Adrian Mandeville, Neal, Robin, Richard Taylor, Star, Norm, Aimee Goodrich, Justin, Derek Anderson, Janet Nixon, Bill D., 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, The Char Families, Jeni, Paul LaTour, Art Engler, Tim, Jeff Baez, John Viklinetz



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.) Update: Sam is unable to receive mail at this time, please hold letters until further notice.

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:	1st	Mondays	5:30-7:00 p.m.
Hebron Greater Together Community Fund:	3rd	Tuesdays	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Hall Committee:	4th	Tuesdays	6:00 p.m.
Buildings & Grounds:	1st	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts:		Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.
Meditation Class:	4th	Wednesday	4:30 p.m.
Worship Committee:	3rd	Thursdays	5:00 p.m.
Vestry:	3rd	Thursdays	6:00 p.m.



Upcoming Events:

November 8:

Purple Sunday (Alzheimer's and related diseases Sunday)



You are encouraged to wear purple and honor those in your life with dementia.

November 13:

Hebron Chorus: 7:00p.m. Gilead Church

The Hebron Chorus will do this year's fall concert at Gilead Congregational Church in Hebron. The theme is "The Songs We Carry." There are three St. Peter's parishioners in the chorus. Please come show your support.

November 15:

Veterans Day Sunday



We remember in prayer our veterans and those in service to our nation in our armed forces.

Jewelry Making Workshop to support Hebron Rocks Alzheimer team)

You Support our Hebron Rocks ALZ Team!

Come and have some fun with Marge. She will host a Jewelry Making Workshop at St. Peter's Church on Sunday, November 15 after the service. Everyone will go home with a beautiful piece of beaded jewelry designed by you!

If you have a small a small pair of flat nose pliers (smooth jaw) &/or needle nose pliers (serrated jaw) please bring them along - be sure to put your initials on them with masking tape.



Cost is $25, and the event will be about 1.5 - 2 hours.

All proceeds go to Team Hebron Rocks ALZ.

Limit 13 people. Adults and kids 14+. I can't wait to see you there!!!

November 21:

Community Roast Pork Dinner

The menu includes: Roast Pork, Roasted Potatoes, Gravy, Winter Squash, Applesauce, Rolls, your Choice of desserts. The dinner is takeout and $18 per meal. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Windham Area Interfaith Network that provides a host of services to vulnerable families in need including heating assistance for the upcoming winter months.

December 5:

Saint Nicholas Fair

It is not too early to go through your gently used Christmas decorations that may need a new home and put them aside for our Saint Nicholas Fair.