St. Peter's Episcopal Church Hebron, CT

Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector

Feast of Christ the King ~ November 22, 2026 ~ Holy Eucharist Rite 2

OPENING HYMN: #460 "ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS" (VERSES 1,3,4)

THE WORD OF GOD

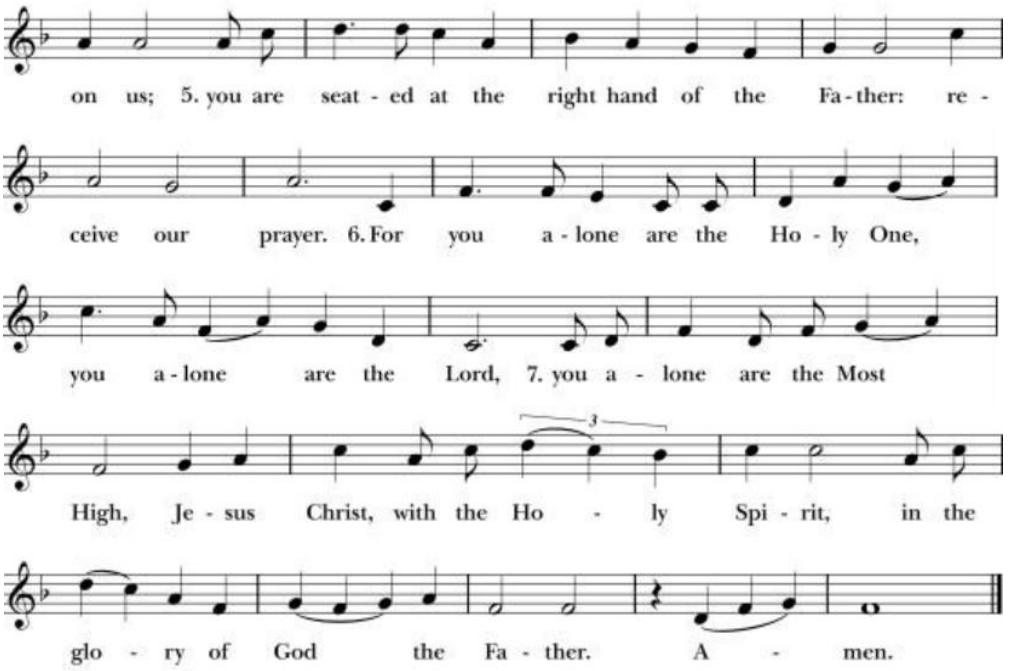
OPENING ACCLAMATION

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:

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights

of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

THE PSALM: PSALM 100

Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
4 For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE SECOND LESSON: EPHESIANS 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

SEQUENCE ANTHEM

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:31-46

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory be to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and

you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

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: Laurie Marks (11/22), Sophia

Perkins (11/25), Allison Carey (11/27), Emma O'Shea (11/28), and those celebrating anniversaries, especially for: Debbie Wilson & Darlene McDonald (11/26)

~ ~ 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, Jeff Baez, Ray, Sara & Larry Hedges, Alex, Rob Gamer, Bill Kowalsky, 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 All Saints', Wolcott; St. Paul's, Woodbury; Grace, Yantic Finance Committee & Property Working Group; For the Faith & Order Commission; The Church of England.

~ ~ 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 Ed Shephard. 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

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: #435 "AT THE NAME OF JESUS"

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.

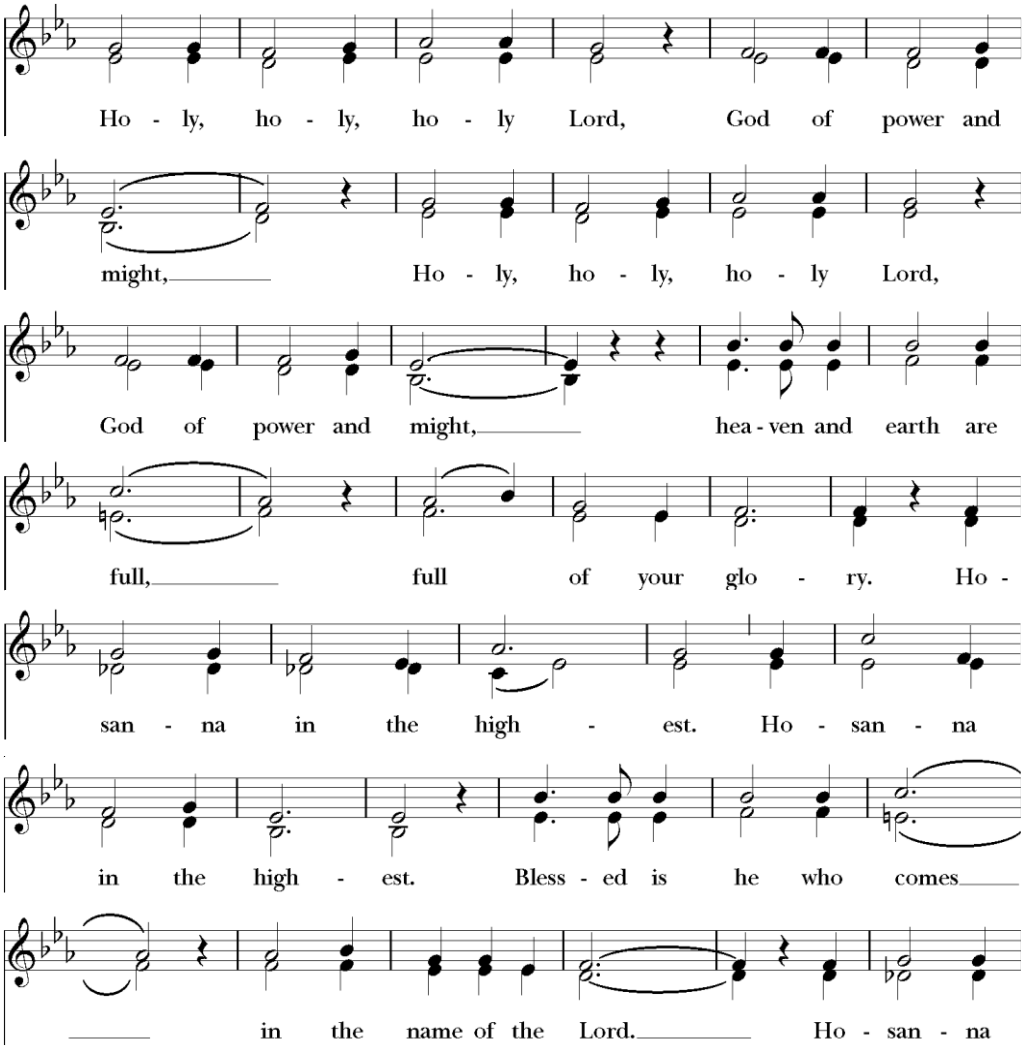
People: We lift them to the Lord.

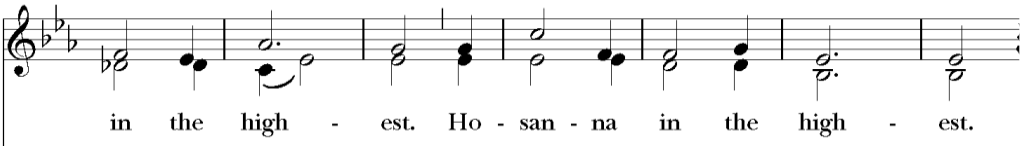
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and 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**





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: #377 **"ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL"**

DISMISSAL

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Prayers and Thanksgivings for November 22, 2026

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for All Saints', Wolcott; St. Paul's, Woodbury; Grace, Yantic Finance Committee & Property Working Group; For the Faith & Order Commission; The Church of England

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: Laurie Marks (11/22), Sophia Perkins (11/25), Allison Carey (11/27), Emma O'Shea (11/28), and those celebrating anniversaries, especially for: Debbie Wilson & Darlene McDonald (11/26).

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family, especially those in any need or difficulty, Jeff Baez, Ray, Sara & Larry Hedges, Alex, Rob Gamer, Bill Kowalsky, and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

We pray for the deceased. We pray especially for 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, Donna McCormak Kelsey J, Michon, Jill, Bailey

Christmas Memorial Cards are available in the back of the church. Please return completed cards by Sunday, December 20th.



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 able to receive mail again!**

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 22 | 3:00 p.m.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Gilead Congregational Church

Join us at Gilead Congregational Church at 3:00 p.m. as four faith communities of Hebron come together at the Annual Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service. We will gather in unity to give thanks for all the blessings received.

December 5 | 9:00 a.m.

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.



~ St. Nicholas Fair ~

Saturday, December 5, 2026 | 9:00 – 3:00

There is something for everyone!

Luncheon: Featuring sandwiches, hot dogs, and chowders!
Basket Drawings: Take a change on a basket prepared by parishioners
Country Store: Handmade preserves, salsas, candies, treats, etc.
RADA: Remarkable Cutlery & Food Mixes to make your next party "delicious done in a snap"
Visit with Santa: There are no minimum (or maximum) age limit. Everyone should experience the magic of Christmas.
Bake Table: Seasonal Specialties
St. Nick's Nook: Christmas Tag Sale, where you can always find a gentle used treasure.
Jewelry: Pre-loved jewelry at low prices.
Handiwork and Needlework: Knitted, wool felted, hand sewn, machine stitched, quilted items – there is something for everyone on your list!
Cookie Buffet: New This Year! Build your own combination of delicious cookies to share with family and friends or to keep as your own personal treat!
Greens: Add some Christmas color to your celebrations this year. The commonly known "Cemetery Boxes" is a beautifully decorated arrangement that can be shared at the grave of a love one, or placed on a front porch to add a sprinkle of Christmas Cheer. The Centerpieces made from a variety of freshly cut greens are just what you need on your dining room table.

Greens

If you have any greens that you would like to donate for the St. Nicholas Fair Centerpieces and Planters, PLEASE place them behind Phelps Hall after November 26th through Monday, November 30th, preferably in plastic bags or in water.

We can also use any Christmas related picks, pinecones on sticks, berries, or decorations to add to the cemetery boxes. We'll gladly received small lined baskets or water holding containers. We fear we have lost many of our baskets and containers due to the fire.

We'd like any spruces, any pines, cedar, boxwood, bayberry, arborvitae, or holly.
No Hemlocks Please!!!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!