

# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Hebron, CT

The Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 5, 2024 ~ 10 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

Opening Hymn: #610 "Lord, whose love through humble service"

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is Risen

People: The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia

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 -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Celebrant: The Lord be with your

**People: And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray

**Collect of the Day: O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: Acts 10:44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

**The Psalm: Psalm 98**

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \***  
**for he has done marvelous things.**
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \***  
**has he won for himself the victory.**

- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the  
sight of the nations.**
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the  
house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the  
victory of our God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.**
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.**
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.**
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before  
the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.**

### **The Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world.

And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

***People: Glory to you, O Lord***

**The Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17**

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last,

so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

**Sermon**

**The Reverend Ronald J. Kolanowski**

**Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

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*Celebrant:* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

***People:* I do.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?

***People:* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***People:* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you cherish the wondrous works of God. And protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

***The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows:***

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People for the Easter Season**

*Leader:* Through resurrection from the dead, God has given us new birth. Let us offer prayers to God for the living hope of all the world.

*Silence*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;

**People: You are worthy of praise; glory to you.**

*Leader:* For the holy churches in every place, and for the unity of all. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. John's, New Haven; St. Luke's, New Haven; St. Paul & St. James, New Haven Retirement communities, especially Armsmead; chaplains at retirement communities, and Retired Clergy Chaplains; *Iglesia Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil*

*Silence*

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name.

**People: We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

*Leader:* For this holy assembly

*Silence*

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple.

**People: On the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**

*Leader:* For Michel our presiding bishop, Jeff and Laura our bishops; for Ron, our priest and Marge & Donna our deacons; for Marcia and Dan our Wardens, for all who minister in this holy place, and for all the holy people of God.

*Silence*

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim.

**People: We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

For ourselves, our families, for those celebrating birthdays (Joseph Cyr (5/8), Steve Konopka (5/8), Jack Celio (5/10), Tyler Perkins (5/11)); and those celebrating anniversaries.

*Silence*

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People: We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

*Leader:* For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. **In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for all our parish family and especially those who have requested our prayers: Brenda, Jeff Baez, Bill Baldwin, Lydia, Richard Taylor, Jim, Judy, and those in our Continuing Prayer list, that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. We pray for the deceased remembering especially Peter Byram and Jared Billard.

*Silence*

Glory to you, beholding the depths.

**People: In the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**

*Presider:* For what else shall we pray for this day?

## **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People: And also with you.***



# Holy Communion

## Offertory

Offertory Hymn: #291 "We plow the fields and scatter"


The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus: S-125 "Holy, holy, holy Lord"

Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Great Amen S-146

Robinson



A - men. A - men. A - men.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

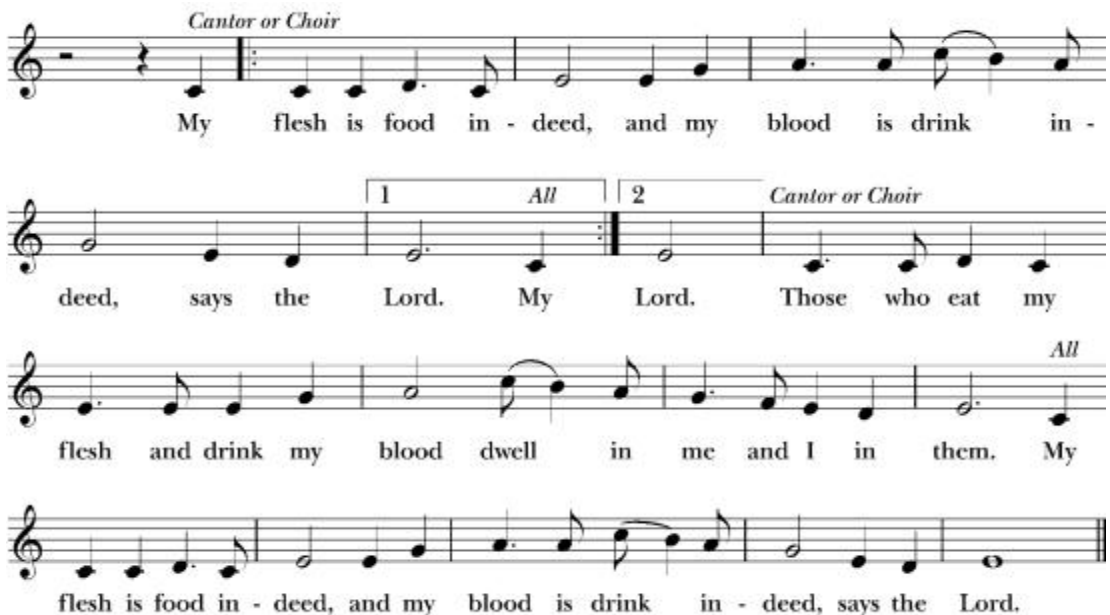
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## The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

### Fraction Anthem S-169



*Cantor or Choir*  
My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -  
deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my  
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My  
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

1 *All* 2 *Cantor or Choir* *All*

## The Communion

### Communion music

Post Communion Prayer

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### Easter Blessing

Closing hymn: #400 "All creatures of our God and King"

### Dismissal

*People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings for May 5, 2024**

**We pray for our clergy:** Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for our priest Fr. Ron; for our deacons Marge & Donna; and for all bishops, priests and deacons;

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for** we pray for St. John's, New Haven; St. Luke's, New Haven; St. Paul & St. James, New Haven Retirement communities, especially Armsmear; chaplains at retirement communities, and Retired Clergy Chaplains; *Iglesia Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil*

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**We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week:** (Joseph Cyr (5/8), Steve Konopka (5/8), Jack Celio (5/10), Tyler Perkins (5/11));

**Continuing Prayer List**

David Rigby, Judy Knox, Deanne Bowen, Robert Bouchard, June Beauvais; Star, Norm, Laura Beaudoin, Bill Houle, Aimee Goodrich, Cara Begin, Derek Anderson, Justin, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, Ryan, Roberto Rodegher, Marlin Corbean; Nelson Moore; Brian, Kathryn & Olivia; Joan Hamilton, Caroline, Ron Lamp, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Jeannette Farren & Family; Noel, Daryl, Scott Goodrich, Ella & Nicole, Tom Robbins & Ti; Patricia Angelou.

## Upcoming Events

The next scrumptious dinner offered by St. Peter's is our **Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner on May 18th**. Baked stuffed Chicken Breast, Cranberry Sauce, Gravy, Mashed Potato, Stuffing, Salad. **More to follow.**

**On Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. your toes will be tapping when you come to this concert:**

## The Sanctuary Performing Arts Concert Series

### Proudly Presents



The **French 75 Dixieland Jazz Orchestra** is a five-piece traditional jazz ensemble. French 75 has quickly gained recognition throughout the greater northeast. Performing hits from the 1900s – 1940s, the ensemble embraces the sounds of Louis Armstrong, Fats Waller, Jelly Roll

Morton, and many of the mavericks of American Jazz, performing hits like "Ain't Misbehavin'," "Basin Street Blues," and "When the Saints Go Marching In." French 75 can be heard at numerous venues, including breweries, pubs, and festivals across New York and Connecticut.

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Dear Parishioners,

I want to give a sincere thank you to all who participated in the Saturday monthly brown bag dinners for the No-Freeze Shelter in Willimantic, which we organize from November to April! We, as the St. Peter's community, give a delicious and hefty sandwich with desserts and fruit and, at times, many wonderful extra's. Our No-Freeze crew donates and tirelessly prepares these wonderful meals. It was a pleasure working with the crew, and participating in this ministry of providing a basic human need, feeding others during the coldest part of the year. Many times, at drop off, the folks who were there waiting to go in would grab a box of brown bags to help bring in and would exclaim their thanks and say what a wonderful thing we are doing for them. It was a privilege to help feed others and work with terrific, giving people. Thank You!!

Warmly, Carissa Johnson