

**The Third Sunday after Pentecost ~ June 9, 2024**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite 2**

**Opening Hymn: #47 "On this Day"**

**Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit**

**And blessed be his kingdom now and forever**

**Glory to God**

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**Collect of the Day: O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.***

**Old Testament: 1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)**

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

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

### **The Psalm: Psalm 138**

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.**
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;**
- 3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.**
- 4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.**

**5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

**6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \*  
that great is the glory of the LORD.**

**7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.**

**8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.**

**9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O LORD, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

### **The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

**Sequence Hymn: #302 “Father, we thank thee who hast planted”**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

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

**The Holy Gospel: Mark 3:20-35**

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” — for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him;

and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

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

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Donna Gray**

**The Nicene Creed**

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### **Prayers of the People for the Third Sunday after Pentecost**

*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: Stephen Platz (6/9), Pat Larson (6/13); Marge Roccoberton (6/13), and for those celebrating anniversaries.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray with thanks for all those in our community who support the well-being of others. We pray especially for Tim O’Shea, Carol Baldwin, Leila Lou Baldwin, Bill Baldwin, Tom and Mercedes Welles,

Ed Bader, Robin, Jacob Pomprowicz, Brenda, Richard Taylor, Jim, and for those who are listed in our Continuing Prayers list.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for our bishops, Jeff and Laura, for all deacons and priests. 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, Norwalk; Iglesia Betania, Stamford; St. Andrew's, Northford; Episcopal Rainbow, TransEpiscopal, Believe Out Loud, LGBTQ+ Episcopalians, and those who serve the LGBTQ+ community; *Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo*

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**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*

Spirit of Love

**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*

Spirit of Love

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially Robert Bouchard. We pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends, and neighbors that they may be comforted by those who love them.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**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*

Spirit of Love

**Hear our prayer.**

For what else shall we pray this day?

**The Confession**

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**The Peace**

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 #209 “We walk by faith”**

**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.

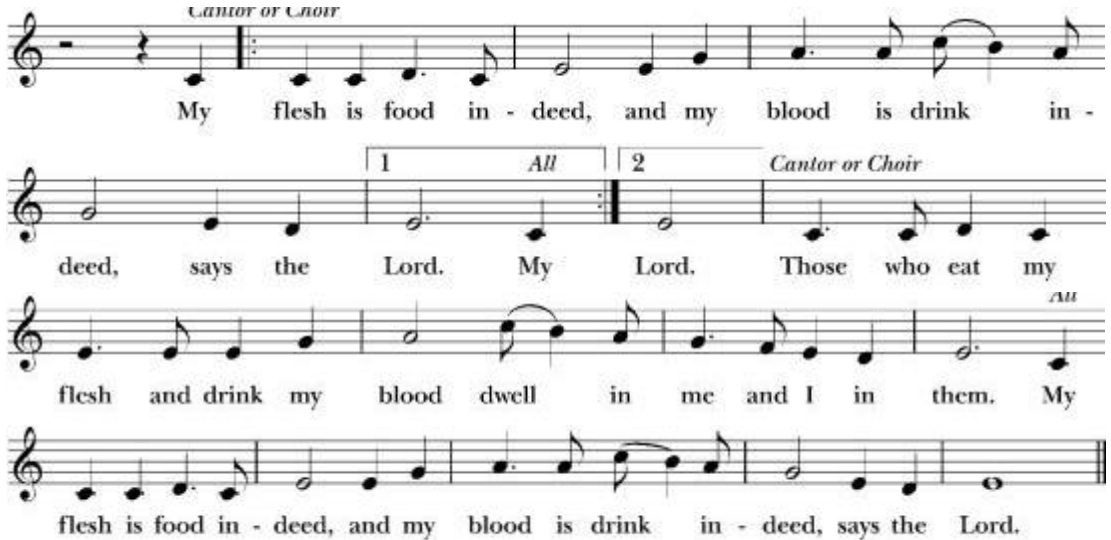
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**The Lord's Prayer** **BCP p. 364**

## The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us  
***People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***



## Fraction Anthem S-169



*Cantor or Choir*

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

1 *All* 2 *Cantor or Choir*

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.

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #621 "Lights abode, celestial Salem"

Dismissal

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

## Prayers and Thanksgivings for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, after Pentecost June 9, 2024

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

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for Christ Church, Norwalk; Iglesia Betania, Stamford; St. Andrew's, Northford; Episcopal Rainbow, TransEpiscopal, Believe Out Loud, LGBTQ+ Episcopalians, and those who serve the LGBTQ+ community; *Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo*.

**In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for all our parish family and those who have requested our prayers: Tim O'Shea, Carol Baldwin, Leila Lou Baldwin, Bill Baldwin, Tom and Mercedes Welles, Ed Bader, Melissa Walker, Kathy D., Jacob Pomrowicz, 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 Robert Bouchard.

**We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week:** including Steve Platz (6/9), Pat Larson (6/13) and for those celebrating anniversaries.

### **Continuing Prayer List**

Robin, Brenda, Richard Taylor, Jim, Judy, Jeff Baez, Lydia, David Rigby, Judy Knox, Deanne Bowen, 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, Patricia Angelou, Lou and Heidi Schluntz.

## On Going Activities

- Balance Class: Mondays 10:00 a.m. \$5 per session.
- Cub Scouts: 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays 5:30-7 p.m.
- Buildings & Grounds: first Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- Boy Scouts: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
- Vestry: Third Thursdays, 6 p.m.
- BNI (Business Networking International): Fridays, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

**St. Peter's Garden Committee** meets every Monday evening, from 4 to 5 o'clock, May through October. We care for the plants and the flowers that make the Memorial Garden and the grounds of St. Peter's so beautiful. We need your help! You don't need to be an experienced gardener. We'll teach you everything you need to know.



Please join us and enjoy new friendships and the beauty and peace of the garden.

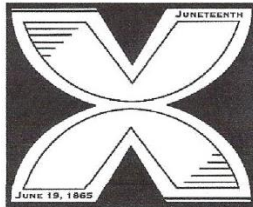
See Kathy Kniep for more information (860-234-4364);  
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**St. Peter's Taste of Italy Lasagna Dinner** will be offered on June 22. Meat or veggie lasagna, salad, garlic bread and your choice of desserts.

**Red Cross Blood Drive** will be held on **Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>** from **1-6 p.m.**

# THIRD ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

**SATURDAY**  
**JUNE 15**  
**10:30AM - 2:30PM**



**PETERS HOUSE**  
**BURNT HILL PARK**  
**HEBRON**

**RAIN LOCATION: HEBRON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**BROUGHT TO YOU BY COALITION ON DIVERSITY & EQUITY (CODE)**

ENJOY PERFORMANCES: EVAE PEART & NIA ARTS (DRUMMING AND DANCING), LISA CLAYTON SINGERS, HARTFORD POET LAUREATE FREDERICK-DOUGLASS KNOWLES II, RAOUF MAMA (STORYTELLING)

LEARN: AFRICAN AMERICAN QUILT-MAKING FROM SISTERS IN STITCHES. JOINED BY THE CLOTH, HISTORY OF FORMERLY ENSLAVED HEBRON RESIDENT CESAR PETERS FROM HIS DESCENDANTS, TOUR HISTORIC PETERS HOUSE, BUS TOUR OF HEBRON SITES WHERE BLACK AMERICANS LIVED

FUN FOR KIDS: STORY WALK, SCAVENGER HUNT, FACE PAINTING, PAINT FREEDOM POLE, ARTS & CRAFTS

MORE: FOOD, VENDORS FROM BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES, TEA CUP AUCTION, EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL, MEET PEOPLE INVOLVED WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE



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