



The Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost
9:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 1
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church
Hebron, Connecticut
The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector

14th Sunday of Pentecost ~ Aug. 25, 2024 ~ 9:00 a.m.~ Rite 1

Opening Hymn: #408 "When in our music"

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever

Kyrie eleison

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Glory be to God

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Collect of the Day: Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for

your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

"Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name —for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

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

The Psalm: Psalm 84

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

2 The sparrow has found her a house

**and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**

**3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.**

**4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

**5 Those who go through the desolate valley
will find it a place of springs, ***

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, *

and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

**7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.**

8 Behold our defender, O God; *

and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts

is better than a thousand in my own room, *

**and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

**10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;**

**11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.**

**12 O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

Sequence Hymn: #304 "I come with Joy"

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord

The Holy Gospel: John 6:56-69

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski

The Nicene Creed

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Confession of Sin (*said in unison*)

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Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And with thy spirit

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Offertory Hymn: #488 “Be thou my vision”

Eucharistic Prayer I

The Breaking of the Bread

Post-Communion Prayer (*said in unison*)

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #527 “Singing songs of expectation”

The Dismissal

Prayers and Thanksgivings for the 14th Sunday after Pentecost, 25 Aug. 2024

The Sanctuary candle is given to the glory of God in loving memory of John Banks a year after his passing.

We pray for our clergy: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, the former Presiding Bishop and Sean, the Presiding Bishop-elect; for 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 Epiphany, Southbury; St. Paul’s, Southington; Church musicians: organists; bands, choirs and choir directors; community chorister programs; parish and diocesan committees on liturgy, music, and worship; *La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico.*

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family and especially those who have requested our prayers including Gloria, Nancy Kirkham, Sue Atkinson, Jeni, Art A., Donna K., and for those who are on our Continuing Prayer list, that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week, Joyce Dombrowski 8/27; Clyde Conrad, Jr. 8/28; Peter Myers 8/28; Heidi Schluntz 8/29, JoAnn Osmond 8/30; and for those celebrating anniversaries.

We pray for the deceased remembering especially Sal, Ed Bader and Erich Siismets.

Continuing Prayer List

Lillian Borsotti, Wally and Sky Barton, Neal Harris, Nancy Duncan, Judy P., Tom and Mercedes Welles, Tracie and Jay Tim O'Shea, Carol Baldwin, Leila Lou Baldwin, Bill Baldwin, Judy, Robin, Brenda, Richard Taylor, Jim, 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 & Marianne Moore; Brian, Joan Hamilton, Kathryn & Olivia; 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.

Fall Book Study Group: "The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World"

Our Deacon Donna Gray led a very successful book group during Lent and the participants expressed interest in doing another book in the Fall and continuing. This the book selected for the Fall is "The Book of Joy," written by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop

Desmond Tutu. It is a book that draws heavily on the personal relationship between these two world spiritual leaders. They rely heavily on humor to express how relationships grow and deepen in the spiritual realm.

There is a sign-up list available in the church and will be open through August. The study will begin on Monday, September 9 running from 11:30-1:00 p.m., and will conclude November 25.

You are encouraged to bring lunch if you would like to share fellowship afterward. We will supply beverages. Please sign up asap. We have space for 16-17.

The book is available in paperback as well as hard cover online. If you need assistance in getting a book let us know.

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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