The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 27, 2024
PUBLIC WORSHIP AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE.

Opening Hymn: #410 " Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven"

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever

Glory to God #S-280



Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Collect of the Day: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament: Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Job answered the LORD:

"I know that you can do all things,

and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?'

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,

things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.'

I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,

but now my eye sees you;

therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand

donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Kerenhappuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations

The Psalm: Psalm 34:1-8

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
 his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; * let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; * let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; * happy are they who trust in him!

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds

his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

Sequence Music

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ *People: Glory to you, Lord Christ*

The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to

Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski

Litany against Gun Violence

And so, we pray,

All God of sacred stories, heal us and make us whole.

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People for the 23rd 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 who celebrate their birthdays this week, remembering especially Dianne Sayers (10/30), James Celio (11/1), John Marshall (11/1)

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 Jeni, Loretta, Gloria, Judy, Nancy Kirkham, Sue Atkinson.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the church; for our retiring Presiding Bishop, Michael and our Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe; for our bishops, Jeff and Laura, for Doug our Seminarian, for our deacons Donna and Marge and for all priests and deacons. We pray for all who proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth and for all who seek the Truth.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Holy Spirit, West Haven; St. Paul's, Westbrook; Diocesan Episcopal Church Women, Diocesan Altar Guild; local ECW chapters and parish altar guilds The Scottish Episcopal Church

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 JoAnn

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Vechinsky. We pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends, and neighbors that they may be comforted by those who love them. The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Ellen Kraemer in loving memory of JoAnn Vechinsky.

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?

Prayer against Gun Violence

Let us pray together: We stand together in hope. We stand together in faith. We stand together in love. We stand individually as ambassadors of hope, vessels of faith, and sentinels of love. We stand as a community committed to making no peace with gun violence. We pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to inflame and enkindle our lives, our churches, our communities, our cities, and our nation with a passion for lasting peace, through Jesus Christ the Author of Peace. Amen.

Confession (in unison)

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The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

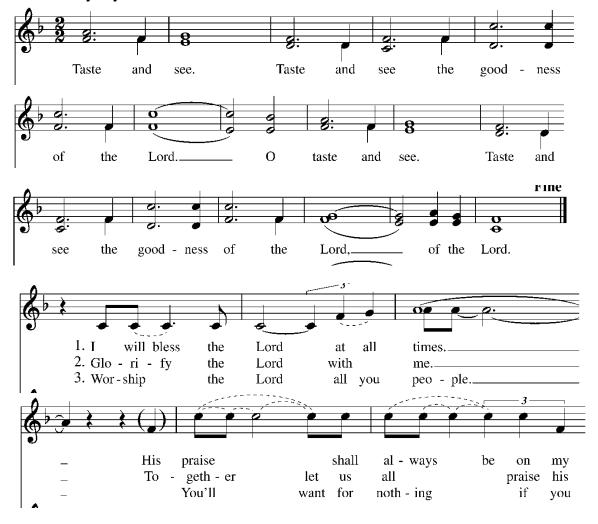
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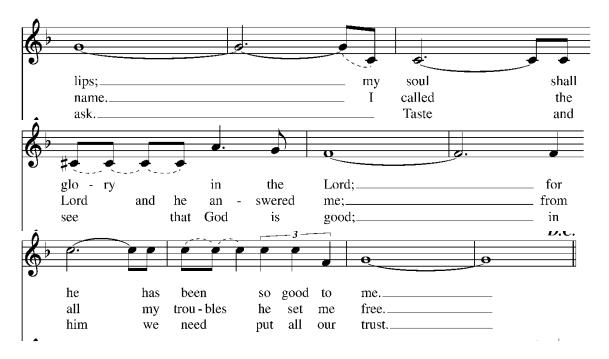
The Holy Communion

The Offertory

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

Offertory Hymn: WLP #764 "Taste and See"





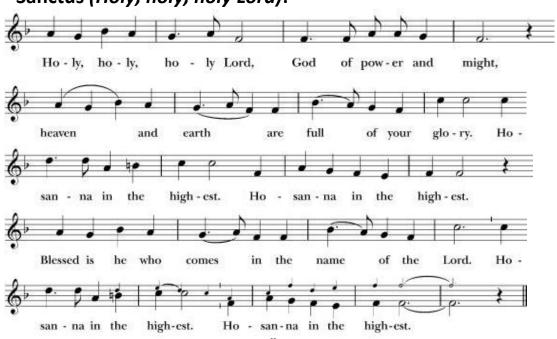
The Doxology will be sung when the offering is brought to the altar.

The Great Thanksgiving

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Eucharistic Prayer A

Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy Lord):



The Celebrant continues: Holy and Gracious Father... Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

The Lord's Prayer

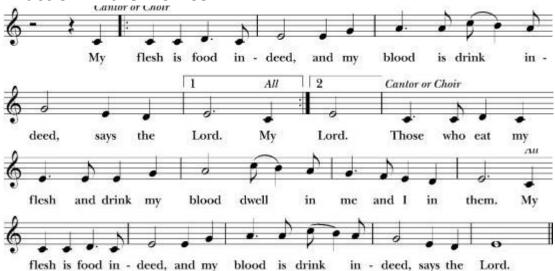
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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem S-169



Communion Hymn #304 "I come with joy to meet my Lord"
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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #493 "O, for a thousand tongues to sing" Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God

Prayers and Thanksgivings for the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Ellen Kraemer in loving memory of JoAnn Vechinsky.

We pray for our clergy: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for our retiring Presiding Bishop, Michael and our newly-elected Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for our Priest Ron; for Doug our Seminarian; for our Deacons Marge & Donna; and for all bishops, priests and deacons; In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Holy Spirit, West Haven; St. Paul's, Westbrook; Diocesan Episcopal Church Women, Diocesan Altar Guild; local ECW chapters and parish altar guilds The Scottish Episcopal Church

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family and those who have requested our prayers. We pray especially for Loretta, Jeni, Gloria, Nancy Kirkham, Sue Atkinson Judy, and for those who are listed in our Continuing Prayers list that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. We pray for those who have died, remembering especially Joann Vechinsky. We pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends, and neighbors that they may be comforted by those who love them.

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week, especially Dianne Sayers (10/30), James Celio (11/1), John Marshall (11/1).

Continuing Prayer List

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, Bill D., Derek Anderson, Justin, Janet Nixon, Steve Dubin, Ryan, Roberto Rodegher, Marlin Corbean; Nelson 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.

On Going Activities

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

<u>Hebron Interfaith Human Services (HIHS) Food Drive: Canned Fruit for October and November</u>

The food needs for autumn usually are higher than the summer months. HIHS is anticipating an uptick of clients since they are a regional food pantry serving anyone who comes. We are invited specifically to collect canned fruit, preferably with the pop open tops. Rather than a long list of items they are giving each community one item to collect in order that they build up an inventory for the fall. Our role is the canned fruit for October through November. Thank you for your generosity.