

The Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost ~ November 10, 2024

Celebration of Veteran's Day

Opening Hymn: #717 "My country 'tis of thee"

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever

Glory to God #S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty 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 you

People: And also with you

The Collect: O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Old Testament: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Naomi her mother-in-law said to Ruth, “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.” She said to her, “All that you tell me I will do.”

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.”

Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

The Psalm: Psalm 127

- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house, *
their labor is in vain who build it.**
- 2 Unless the Lord watches over the city, *
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.**
- 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; *
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,
for he gives to his beloved sleep.**
- 4 Children are a heritage from the Lord, *
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.**
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
are the children of one's youth.**
- 6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! *
he shall not be put to shame
when he contends with his enemies in the gate.**

The Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the

age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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Sequence Anthem: “If ye love me”

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Holy Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

Sermon

The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People for the 25th 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 Thomas Atwood (11/10), Peter Meshanic (11/10), DonnaLee Kay (11/11), Dan Larson (11/13), Jacob Downey (11/14), Marianne Marsh (11/15), 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 Steve Perkins, Ruth, Adrian Mandeville, Jeni, Gloria, Judy, Nancy Kirkham, Sue Atkinson.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the church; for Sean our Presiding Bishop; for Jeff and Laura, our bishops, for Doug our seminarian, for Donna and Marge our deacons 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 Trinity, Wethersfield; St. Paul's, Willimantic, St. Matthew's, Wilton; All deacons and the Deacons' Council, and the Province I School for Deacons; *The Church of South India (United)*

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 baby Griffin along with his grieving parents Mike and Carley. 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?

All: God our great commander, we give you thanks for the gift of freedom and for those who have dedicated themselves to protecting freedom in our land. Today we thank you for all veterans. We honor their service and sacrifice and pray we carry it forward for our children to honor. Freedom and democracy are the result of all of the most honorable this country has produced. Today we stand to remember the most honorable amongst us to carry the burden of their sacrifice, lest we lose sight of what true freedom is.

Today is for remembering -- stand in honor of them, walk in their path of duty, remember the cost, and hold in our hearts the cause of freedom. May all of us commit ourselves to redouble our efforts to not only remember but to embody the values of freedom in our daily lives. This we ask in your name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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.

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: #711 "Seek ye first"

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*): #S-125

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 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

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.

Communion Hymn: #657 “Love divine, all loves excelling”

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #579 “Almighty Father strong to save”

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God

Prayers and Thanksgivings for the 25th Sunday after Pentecost

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

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Trinity, Wethersfield; St. Paul’s, Willimantic, St. Matthew’s, Wilton; All deacons and the Deacons’ Council, and the Province I School for Deacons; *The Church of South India (United)*

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 Steve Perkins, Adrian Mandeville, Ruth, Jeni, Gloria, 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 baby Griffin along with his grieving parents Mike and Carley. We pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends, and neighbors.

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Continuing Prayer List

Tim O'Shea, 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 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.

Upcoming Events

Walk to End Alzheimer's: Saturday, November 9, Rentschler Field, East Hartford

This Saturday is the walk to end Alzheimer's. Our own deacon, Marge Roccoberton is walking with members of the team from

Hebron which is called Hebron Rocks ALZ. You may remember that earlier this year we had Alzheimer's Sunday and Tonya Maurer was the organizer of the Sunday and some parishioners directly affected by this disease spoke in the sermon time. The Hebron team has already raised some \$10,000. It is not too late to support Team Hebron Rocks ALZ. To make it easy for you here's the link to donate to the team. [Hebron Rocks ALZ's Walk to End Alzheimer's Team Page](#)

The Last Community Dinner of the season – Roast Pork Tenderloin will be on Saturday, November 16th at a new time at 3:30 p.m. If you can help in any way – donations of supplies, helping with the preparations in the kitchen, or helping packing and handing out the meals, it would be very much appreciated!

No-Freeze Shelter – First meal, Saturday. November 23

St. Peter's has supported the No-Freeze Shelter in Willimantic for many years. This year, we will provide meals to the shelter guests and staff once a month on the 4th Saturday. This is a special ministry offering nutritious and tasty meals to those who would otherwise go hungry. It's easy to participate through specific food donations and/or helping us prepare the bagged dinners. Our team welcomes and need your support! Our first meal is scheduled for November 23, and our last will be in March. To learn more, contact Candace O'Shea (c-doshea@comcast.net; 860-918-3295).

The **Thanksgiving Interfaith Service** will be held at St. Peter's this year. On Sunday, November 24th at 7:00 p.m. all the faith congregations will come together to give thanks for the blessings received.