
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ~ FEB. 2, 2025

8:00 A.M. MORNING PRAYER: RITE I

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Opening Sentence

Officiant: The Lord is in his holy temple.

Let all the earth keep silence before him.

Confession of Sin

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Officiant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All kneel. Silence is kept.

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen

The Absolution

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Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

All Stand.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: ***And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.***

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Officiant: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

O come let us adore him.

The Venite: Psalm 95 (*The Officiant leads the people*) BCP p. 45

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, *

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *

and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his and he made it, *

and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God, *

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *

let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *

and with righteousness to judge the world

and the peoples with his truth.

The Readings and Canticles *(All are seated as the Reader leads the people in the psalm, readings and canticles.)*

Psalm 24:7-10

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

The First Lesson Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader: Hear endeth the Lesson

**Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
and dwellest between the Cherubim; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Reader: Hear endeth the Lesson

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *

for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *

in the house of his servant David,

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *

which have been since the world began:

That we should be saved from our enemies, *

and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *

and to remember his holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, *

that he would give us,

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *

might serve him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before him, *

all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *

for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord

to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *

for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God, *

whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness

and in the shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

The Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her

husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Reader: Hear endeth the Lesson

Sermon

Doug Bowman

The Apostles' Creed (*all standing*)

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers (*People may stand or kneel.*)

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Suffrages (A)

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Intercessor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People* *And grant us thy salvation.

Intercessor Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

People* *And make thy chosen people joyful.

Intercessor Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People* *For only in thee can we live in safety.

Intercessor Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

People* *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Intercessor Let thy way be known upon earth;

People* *Thy saving health among all nations.

Intercessor Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People* *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Intercessor Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People* *And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sundays

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O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

A Collect for Peace

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O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Prayers of the People

The Intercessor concludes by leading the following collect

A Collect for Mission

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Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

All stand.

The Peace:

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

People: ***And with thy spirit.***

Announcements

After the announcements, the Officiant introduces the offertory

Officiant: Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave Himself to us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

Offertory

Prayer of General Thanksgiving (*in unison*)

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All:* Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.

The Officiant concludes the service with the following prayer.

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. ***Amen.***

All: Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The candles are extinguished; the Officiant then concludes the service with the dismissal.

The Dismissal:

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings for February 2, 2025

We pray for our clergy: our Presiding Bishop Sean, our bishops, Jeff and Laura, our priest, Ron, our seminarian Doug, our deacons Donna and Marge and all priests and deacons.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ & the Epiphany, East Haven; St. John's, East Windsor; Christ Church, Easton; Holy Trinity, Enfield Comite Hispano, Spanish-language Cursillo, Latino/Hispanic ministry in Connecticut. The Anglican Church in New Zealand & Polynesia.

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family and especially for those who have requested our prayers including for Peggy Cobb and the Cobb Family, Coco, and Sheila, and for those in 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, remembering especially Tessa Gianoni (2/3).

We pray for the deceased especially for DonnaLee Kay and Joan Hamilton..

Continuing Prayer List

Adrian Mandeville, Neal, Gloria, Loretta, 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, Justin, Derek Anderson, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, Ryan, Roberto Rodegher, Marlin Corbean; 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, 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.**
- **Hebron Greater Together Community Fund: 3rd Tuesdays 6-8 pm**
- **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.**

Upcoming Events

Blood Drive: We will be hosting another **Blood Drive for the Red Cross** on Thursday, February 20 from 1-6 p.m. There is always a need, but after the horrendous fires in California, the need is greater than ever. Please consider giving this life saving donation. One donation can save the lives of three people.

Valentine's Day Concert February 16th at 3 p.m.

Jason Castonguay is once again going to bring happy Valentines wishes and beautiful love songs to St. Peter's on Sunday, February 16th at 3 p.m. His concerts are always amazing so don't miss it!



Sanctuary Performing Arts presents

*A Valentine of Love from
Jason Castonguay in Concert*

*Sunday, February 16 at 3 p.m.
at St. Peter's Episcopal Church
30 Church St., Hebron, CT
860-228-3244*

*A \$10-\$20 Goodwill Offering is Encouraged
Reception to Follow to Meet the Artist*



Jason will offer a compilation of traditional and unique love songs. He will delight us all as he takes us on a journey of love and remembrance this Valentine's Day.

