St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Hebron CT~ February 16, 2025 The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany ~ Holy Eucharist Rite 2, 10:00 Opening Hymn: #529: "In Christ, there is no east or West" Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: And Blessed be his kingdom, now & forever. Amen Glory to God #S-280



Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People: and also with you* Celebrant: Let us pray

The Collect for the Day: O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The First Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse--who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

The Psalm: Psalm 1

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*

nor lingered in the way of sinners,

at in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \* and they meditate on his law day and night.

- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \* everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*

the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \* but the way of the wicked is doomed.

#### The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

## Sequence Anthem: "Here I am, Lord"

#### Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ *People: Glory to you, Lord Christ* The Holy Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what

their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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

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#### The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops and all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.* 

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. David's, Gales Ferry; St. James', Glastonbury; St. Luke's, Glastonbury; Christ Church, Greenwich; The Union of Black Episcopalians CT & the Racial Healing, Justice & Reconciliation Ministry Network; and *The Church of Bangladesh* 

#### Lord, have mercy

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom

and the will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For those who rejoice this week as they celebrate their birthdays especially Brien Brown 2/16, Rina Bettancourt 2/18, Catherine Litwin 2/18, Donna Gray 2/21, Carolyn Bouchard 2/21; and those celebrating anniversaries, that they might obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.* 

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Estella, Peggy Cobb and her family, Coco, and Sheila, remembering also those who are listed on our Continuing Prayers list, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, remembering especially. Let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace. Let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

#### To thee, O Lord our God.

*Presider:* For what else shall we pray on this day? *Presider:* Source of light and gladness, accept the prayers we offer in this joyful season. May we grow in Jesus Christ who unites our lives to yours and who is Lord for all eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **People: Amen.** 

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The Peace of the Lord be always with you *People: And also with you* 

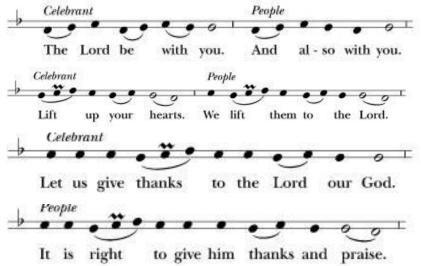
#### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Offertory**

Offertory Hymn: #410: "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven"

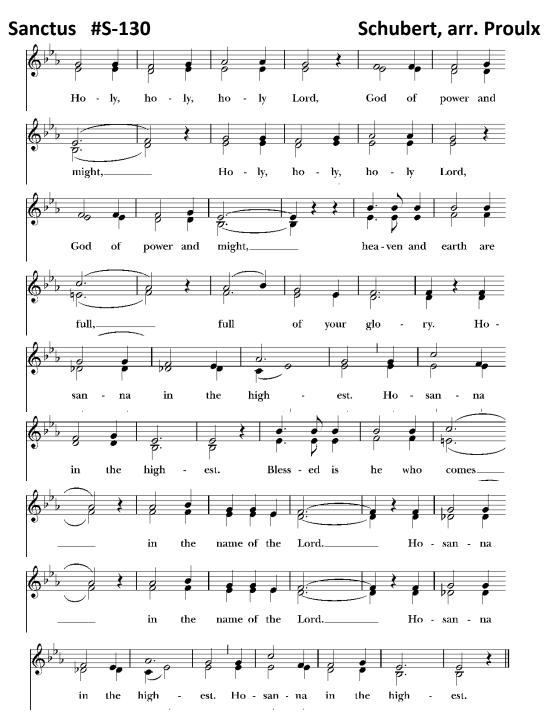
The Doxology is sung while the offering is brought to the altar. The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda "Lift up your hearts" S-120



#### **Eucharistic Prayer B**

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation....

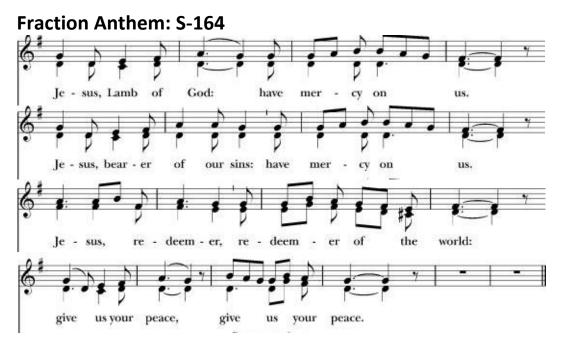
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

#### **Celebrant and People:**

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sayThe Lord's Prayer (in unison)BCP, page 364The Breaking of the Bread

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



Communion Hymn: #WLP 810: "On eagle's wings"



Post Communion Prayer (in unison)BCP, page 366The BlessingRecessional Hymn: #379: "God is Love, let heaven adore him"

#### Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God

#### Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings for Feb. 16, 2025

We pray for our clergy: Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for our priest Fr. Ron; for Doug, our seminarian, for our deacons Marge & Donna; and for all bishops, priests and deacons; In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. David's, Gales Ferry; St. James', Glastonbury; St. Luke's, Glastonbury; Christ Church, Greenwich; The Union of Black Episcopalians CT & the Racial Healing, Justice & Reconciliation Ministry Network; and *The Church of Bangladesh*.

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family, especially Estella, Peggy Cobb and her family, and Sheila as well as 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. We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week especially Brien Brown 2/16, Rina Bettancourt 2/18, Catherine Litwin 2/18, Donna Gray 2/21, Carolyn Bouchard 2/21, and those celebrating anniversaries.

#### **Continuing Prayer List**

Neal, Adrian Mandeville, Steven, Loretta, Tim O'Shea, Bill Baldwin, Judy, Robin, Brenda, Richard Taylor, Jim, Jeff Baez, Lydia, Star, Norm, David Rigby, Judy Knox, Deanne Bowen, June Beauvais; Bill Houle, Ron Lamp, Laura Beaudoin, Aimee Goodrich, Cara Begin, Justin, Derek Anderson, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, Ryan, Brian, Roberto Rodegher, Ella & Nicole, Marlin Corbean; Joan Hamilton, Kathryn & Olivia; Caroline, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Noel, Jeannette Farren & Family; Daryl, Scott Goodrich, Lou & Heidi Schluntz.

**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.



This afternoon at 3 p.m.!! Valentines Day Concert: A Valentine of Love from Jason Castonguay. Jason will offer a compilation of traditional and unique love songs. He will delight us all as he takes on a journey of love and remembrance this Valentine's Day.

## Mardi Gras Bash: Tuesday, March 4, 5-7pm



The Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is getting a face-lift. It will be anchored by pancakes plus more. This year, will feature a **breakfast buffet**. You will be able top your pancakes with various fruits, syrup

whipped cream. There will be bacon as well as sausage and the traditional canned peaches and pears. There will also be a juice bar with orange, Apple, and Tart cherry juice along with sparkling wine to make mimosas. We also welcome Paczki a traditional Polish pre-Lenten dessert. The youth will be developing a play list of Mardi Gras music to take us to Bourbon Street in the French Quarter. At some point during the celebration, we will step outside to burn last year's Palm Sunday palms to be used for Ash Wednesday the following day.

There is a sign-up list so we can all pitch in to bring this party to life. You will find a sign-up sheet in the back of church, as well as on the table in the Foyer of Phelps Hall.

If you prefer, you may call Claire at 860-228-3244 or email: <u>office@stpetershebron.com</u> to reserve.