

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Hebron CT~ February 23, 2025

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany ~ Holy Eucharist Rite 2, 10:00

Opening Hymn: #7: "Christ, whose glory fills the skies"

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

People: And Blessed be his kingdom, now & forever. Amen

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

Celebrant: Let us pray

The Collect for the Day: O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.

You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

The Psalm: Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.**
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.**
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.**
- 4 Take delight in the Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.**
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.**
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.**
- 7 Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.**
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *

do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *

but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *

you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *

they will delight in abundance of peace.

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; *

he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

42 The Lord will help them and rescue them; *

**he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.**

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a

man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

Sequence Anthem

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Holy Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will

be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Ronald Kolanowski

The Nicene Creed

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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. Barnabas', Greenwich; Christ Church, Guilford; St. John's, Guilford; Grace & St. John's, Hamden, all parish-based mission partnerships; ECCT-wide mission partnership networks; the Companions in Mission Network; and the *Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil*, let us pray to the Lord

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 Barbara Mondrach 2/26, Cynthia Brinkman 2/27, Andrew Goulet 3/1; 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. 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

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer B
Sanctus #S-130

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Schubert, arr. Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 say

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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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-164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Communion Hymn: #129: "Christ upon the mountain peak"

Post Communion Prayer (in unison)

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #460: "Alleluia! sing to Jesus"

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God

Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings for Feb. 23, 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, we pray for St. Barnabas', Greenwich; Christ Church, Guilford; St. John's, Guilford; Grace & St. John's, Hamden, All parish-based mission partnerships; ECCT-wide mission partnership networks; the Companions in Mission Network; and the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil

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 Barbara Mondrach 2/26, Cynthia Brinkman 2/27, Andrew Goulet 3/1; 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.

Valentines Day Concert Rescheduled: A Valentine of Love from Jason Castonguay. will take place **TODAY** February 23 at 3 pm. All reservations made for the first date will be honored.

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: office@stpetershebron.com to reserve.