



The First Sunday in Lent ~ March 9, 2025

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Hebron, CT 06248-0513

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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE 2

10:00 A.M., MARCH 9, 2025

Opening Hymn: #142 “Lord who through these forty days”

A Penitential Order

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: *His mercy endures for ever.*

The Decalogue

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Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Confession of Sin

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Absolution

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The Collect of the Day: Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs

and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

The Psalm: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

**1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.**

2 He shall say to the Lord,

**"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."**

**9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,**

**10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

**11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.**

**12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

**13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion
and the serpent under your feet.**

**14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; ***

I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

**15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.**

The Second Lesson: Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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 4:1-13

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

Sermon

Deacon Marge Roccoberton

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People for Lent

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Priest: For what else shall we pray this day?

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And also with you.

Holy Communion

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: #435 "At the name of Jesus"

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I (from Enriching Our Worship)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

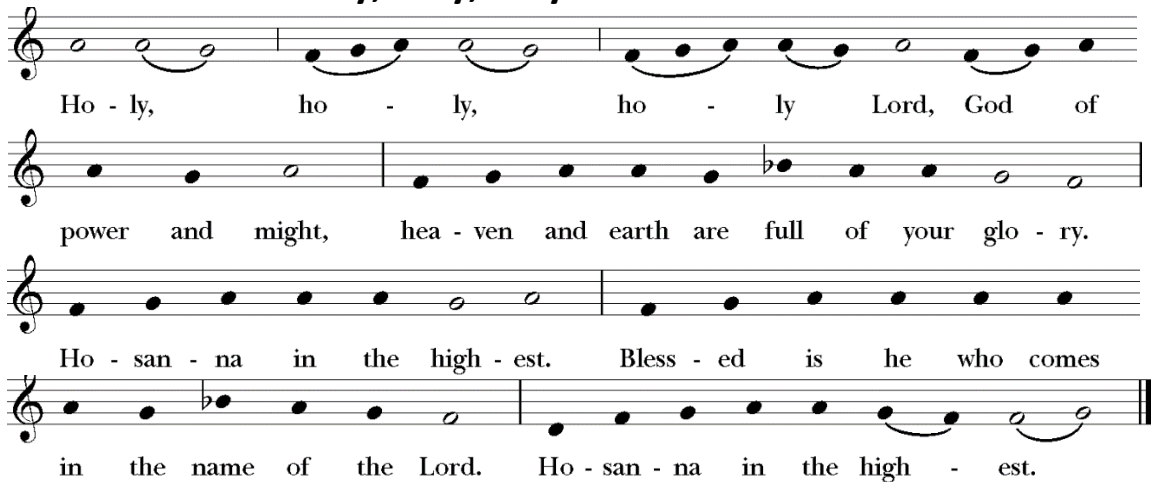
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy... Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus - #122 "Holy, holy, holy Lord"



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love...Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine...
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All: AMEN.

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

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem "Jesus Remember Me"

The musical score is for a Fraction Anthem titled "Jesus Remember Me". It is written in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal lines are in treble clef, and the piano accompaniment lines are in bass clef. The lyrics are: "Jesus, remember me when you come in-to your kingdom." The score includes chord markings: Cm, Fm/Ab, Bb, and Eb. The first system starts with a measure number 5. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand.

Priest: Behold Who You Are as the Body of Christ.

People: May we become what we receive.

Communion Hymn: LEVAS #137 “Just as I am”

Post-Communion Prayer

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #143 “The glory of these forty days”

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Remembrances and Thanksgivings for March 9, 2025

We pray for our clergy: Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of CT; for our priest Ron; for Doug, our seminarian; for our deacons Donna & Marge; and for all bishops, priests and deacons;

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Monica's, Hartford; Trinity, Hartford; St. Peter's, Hebron; St. James', Higganum; All ministries to, with & for women & the Girl's Friendly Society; *The Anglican Church of Canada*

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family, especially Susan, Jesse, Peggy Cobb and her family, and Sheila, as well as those who are listed in our Continuing Prayers list.

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week:

especially Kim Sullivan (3/13)

We pray for the deceased.

Continuing Prayer List

Andrew, Adrian Mandeville, Neal, Gloria, Loretta, Tim O'Shea, Jeff Baez, Bill Baldwin, Judy, Robin, Brenda, Richard Taylor, Jim, 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, Lou and Heidi Schluntz, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Ella & Nicole, Jeannette Farren & Family; Noel, Daryl, Scott Goodrich.

On Going Activities

- **Balance Class: Mondays 10:15 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

THIS SUNDAY!!!

Coalition on Diversity and Equity Rally for LGBTQ+: Sunday, March 9, 2025 2-3p.m. Hebron Town Center

Many members of the LGBTQ+ community are feeling anxious, disheartened, angry, or afraid. Some aren't sure if they will be safe where they live or work. Some are concerned about the future status of their marriage or about receiving gender affirming care.

We have an opportunity to show our love and support for the Queer community in our hometown. East Hampton Pride and Small Town Pride -- groups that are part of the Coalition on Diversity and Equity (CoDE) -- are holding a peaceful rally in Hebron this weekend. Here's our chance to show our LGBTQ neighbors that they are not alone -- that we are a community and we have their back.

We'll gather first (from 1-2 pm) at St. Peter's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 30 Church Street, to make signs. Together, we'll walk to the center of town.

“The Callithumpians” return to St. Peter’s on Sunday, March 16, 4-6pm. Join us for an evening of entertainment & dinner. They will entertain you with stories and music while you enjoy hearty meat or vegetarian stew and bread. Feel free to bring a beverage to toast St. Pat. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be served.

**Sanctuary Performing Arts &
St. Peter's Community Events Committee
Invites You to a Post Maple Fest
St. Patrick's Day Cabaret and Dinner
Featuring "The Callithumpians"**

**"Timeless Music from Ireland, Scotland, New England & the South"
*"ROOTED IN TRADITION, SPICED WITH FUN!"***



**Sunday, March 16, 4:00-6:00pm
Phelps Hall, 30 Church street, Hebron
Suggested Donation \$10 Per Person**

“Tap into Nature” During Maplefest at AHM, 25 Pendleton Drive, Hebron. Sat. March 15 (10-4) and Sun. March 16 (10-2) Raptors, reptiles, amphibians, geology, Artifacts & Native American Storytelling, crafts and activities. Indoor and outdoor activities, weather permitting. This event is a day filled with fun for all ages; from young children to teens to parents and seniors. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Polish Dinner-Spring is just around the corner and so is the kickoff of the Community Dinner season with our world-famous Polish Dinner on March 22. **Pirogies, Cabbage Rolls, Kielbasa, Pickled Beets, Sauerkraut – all your favorites.** We, of course, welcome any help offered!! Signup sheets in the back of the church, or call Marcia Eaton (860-228-3487)

Lenten Book Study “The Inner Voice of Love: A Journey Through Anguish to Freedom,” March 10-April 14 11:30-1:00p.m. In Person at Phelps Hall or on Zoom.

Our Lenten Book Study Group will meet for six weeks of Lent to explore this book by renowned theologian Fr. Henri Nouwen. This is Nouwen’s secret journal. It was written during the most difficult period of his life, when he suddenly lost his self-esteem, his energy to live and work, his sense of being loved—even his hope in God. Although he experienced excruciating anguish and despair, he was still able to keep a journal in which he wrote a daily spiritual imperative to himself that emerged from his conversations with friends and supporters.