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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT ~ 8:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE 1 ~ *The Book of Common Prayer*

March 16, 2025

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth for ever.

The Decalogue

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The Confession

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Kyrie eleison (*Lord have mercy*)

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The Collect of the Day: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him,

“This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

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

The Psalm: Psalm 27

**1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

- 2** When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.
- 3** Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4** And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5** One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life;
- 6** To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7** For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter*
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8** Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 9** Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10** Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11** You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12** Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13** You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the Lord will sustain me.**
- 15 Show me your way, O Lord; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.**
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.**
- 17 What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the Lord *
in the land of the living!**
- 18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the Lord.**

The Second Lesson: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord

The Holy Gospel Luke 13:31-35

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ

Sermon

The Rev. Ronald J. Kolanowski

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

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The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And with thy spirit.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving ~ Eucharistic Prayer I BCP page 333

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*) BCP page 336

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei (*O, Lamb of God*) BCP page 337

Communion Prayer BCP page 337

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

Post Communion Prayer (*in unison*) BCP page 339

The Blessing

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

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Remembrances and Thanksgivings for March 16, 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 All Saints', Ivoryton; St. Andrew's, Kent; Emmanuel, Killingworth; Trinity, Lime Rock; Bishops, ECCT staff, parish employees & their families; *The Church of the Province of Central Africa.*

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family, especially Carolyn Aubin, Susan, Peggy Cobb and family, Sheila and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week: especially Jeff Baez (3/19); Stephen Fisk (3/19); Walter Marino (3/20), Lauren Harris (3/21)

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, 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, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family, Ella & Nicole, Jeannette Farren & Family; Noel, Daryl.

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. 10
- Vestry: Third Thursdays, 6 p.m.
- BNI (Business Networking International): Fridays, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events

This Sunday, March 16 4-6 p.m. The Callithumpians are back to entertain with stories and music while you dine.

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.

Sanctuary Performing Arts with support from the Hebron Greater Together Community Fund present “Thinning of the Veil” Saturday, March 29, 7p.m. Songs to reconnect with the lost, featuring Voices of Concinnity with Ekklesia Contemporary Ballet

On a night where the veil between the living and the afterlife is thin, may the voices of Concinnity and the movement of dance reconnect us with ones we have lost.

This concert will explore the stories, lore, and experiences of the veil between the world of the living and dead to allow space to process loss, feel comfort, and find connection. Includes new music. Tickets: \$20 (students free). A reception will follow in the parish hall. To purchase tickets: www.stpetershebron.com under the Events tab.

