

25th Sunday after Pentecost November 19, 2023 ~ Rite 2

Opening Hymn: #680 "O God, our help in ages past"

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom now and forever.

Gloria #S-280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heav - en - ly
King, al - might - y 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

Collect of the Day: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

The Psalm: Psalm 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, ***
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, ***
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, ***
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, ***
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, ***
and of the derision of the proud.

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may

live with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Sequence Music

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things,

I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so, I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return, I would have received what was my own with interest. So, take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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

Sermon

The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Leader: Holy God, source of life and fire of love, in this season of Pentecost when we reflect again on what it means to be a community of faith and preach the gospel through our lives, we ask you to hear our prayer as we open our hearts to you.

We pray for those whose lives closely touch our own that they may always be in our hearts and have joy and happiness in their lives. We

pray for those celebrating their birthdays this week: Lynne Sandahl (11/20), Laurie Marks (11/22), Sophia Perkins (11/25), and for those celebrating anniversaries.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. James', Winsted; All Saints', Wolcott, the Program & Budget Committee, Faith & Order Commission.

Silence

Spirit of Love

People: hear our prayer.

We pray with thanks for all those in our community who support the well-being of others. We pray for those who have requested our prayers especially Mary Elizabeth Lang, Jesse, Theresa, Judy Jones, Tucker Junge, Judy Knox, and for those who are noted in the Continuing Prayers List. We pray for the Israelis and Palestinians.

Silence

Spirit of Love

People: hear our prayer.

We pray for the church; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for our bishops, Jeff and Laura, for our priest Ron, and our deacons Marge and Donna and all priests and deacons. We pray for all who proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth and for all who seek the Truth.

Silence

Spirit of Love

People: hear our prayer.

We pray for all the leaders of the world that they may make wise choices for everyone and that they may lead us to honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Spirit of Love

People: hear our prayer.

We pray for your wonderful creation, the Earth, and its streams, trees, mountains and plants. We pray that the animals of the Earth may freely enjoy these resources.

Silence

Spirit of Love

People: hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially Yvonne Bettancourt, Victoria Fisk's aunt. We pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends and neighbors, that they may be comforted by those who love them. Let them discover Your love through the care and support of others.

Silence

Spirit of Love

People: hear our prayer.

We pray for those who do not understand or have not found Your love, that they may seek a deeper knowledge of You. May Your love find those who need You most.

Silence

Spirit of Love

People: hear our prayer.

Priest: For what else shall we pray this day?

The Confession

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The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn: #620 “Jerusalem my happy home”

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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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 him thanks and praise

Celebrant: It is right and good and a joyful thing...
forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name

Sanctus (*Holy, Holy Lord*) S-130

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.

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

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

Post Communion Prayer (in unison): **BCP page 365**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #621 "Light's abode, celestial Salem"

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia



The Prophetess Deborah exhorting Barak (Marc Chagall)

Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings for Nov. 19, 2023

We pray for our clergy: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for our priest Fr. Ron; for our deacons Marge & Donna; and for all bishops, priests and deacons;

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. James', Winsted; All Saints', Wolcott, the Program & Budget Committee, Faith & Order Commission

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family and especially for those who have requested our prayers: Mary Elizabeth Lang, Jesse, Theresa, Judy Jones, Tucker Junge, Judy Knox, and for those who are noted in Continuing Prayers.

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week: Lynne Sandahl (11/20), Laurie Marks (11/22), Sophia Perkins (11/25), and for those celebrating anniversaries.

We pray for the deceased, remembering especially Yvonne Bettancourt (Victoria Fisk's aunt).

Continuing Prayer List

Jinny and Jack, Alexa, Brett Schulki, Clyde Conrad, Jr., Wilson, Jeff Baez, Scott Warren, Christine Comeau, Christopher Page, Austin Fritz; Chris Bendoraitis; Ashley Joline; Robert Bouchard, June Beauvais; Star, Laura Beaudoin, Bill Houle, Aimee Goodrich, Cara Begin, Derek Anderson, Justin, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Milton Porter, Steve Dubin, Sue & Harry Denaker, Peggy Cobb, Ryan, Joan Hamilton, Ella & Nicole, Roberto Rodegher, Marlin Corbean; Nelson Moore; Brian, Kathryn & Olivia; Tom Robbins & Ti, Caroline, Ron Lamp, Louis Schluntz; Patricia Angelou, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family, Noel, Daryl, Scott Goodrich, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Jeannette Farren & Family; Barbara Farren.

Ongoing Activities

- **Balance Class** Mondays 10-11 am, \$5
- **Buildings and Grounds Committee:** First Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- **Building Networks International:** Fridays 7:30 a.m.
- **Choir practice Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.**
- **Fellowship Café (Memory Workshop):** Every Tuesday, 10-2 p.m
- **Virtual coffee hours** Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.
- **Vestry meeting** Third Thursdays at 7 p.m.

News from The No-Freeze Shelter

Hello to all! The no freeze shelter once-a-month Saturday meals are starting up again! The first Saturday is coming up on November 25th. If you would like to donate food items for the bagged dinners we are preparing or would like to volunteer to assemble the brown bagged dinners, please email me, Carissa Johnson: dcfamily6@gmail.com , to get involved. We are providing a brown bag sandwich meal once a month from November through April. We are meeting on the 4th Saturday of each of these months to put the meals together. Please email me for all the details and to be included in the group's email and sign-up wizard!

Thank you! Carissa Johnson

Collections for the Diocese of Jerusalem to support those in the Middle East

The vestry approved a motion that for several Sundays we would dedicate the cash collected during services to go to support the American Friends of the Diocese of Jerusalem. The American Friends supports the work of transforming lives of the vulnerable and displaced in the Middle East through the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and its schools, hospitals, and centers for children with disabilities. The Ahli Arab hospital in Gaza where 400 people died in the bombing on October 17 is one of the hospitals run by the diocese. If you would like to write a check, simply make it payable to St. Peter's and put AFDJ in the memo line, or you can drop cash in the collection plate on Sundays. All funds will be deposited to the Rector's Discretionary Fund and sent on to AFDJ in December.



ANNUAL HEBRON INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023 at 7:00p.m.

SERVICE HELD AT UNITED BRETHREN SYNAGOGUE

RECEPTION HELD AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

10 & 30 CHURCH STREET, HEBRON, CT

Our brothers and sisters at the United Brethren are hosting the Annual Thanksgiving Service. Considering the war in the Holy Land it is appropriate they are hosting during a difficult time for Jews, Christians and Muslims affected by war. Please come and celebrate our unity and faith. Also, a monetary collection will support the work of HIHS Food Pantry. Also, donations of canned goods, specifically canned fruit or hearty soups (Progresso or similar) are encouraged. Please be generous with you donation, since the numbers they serve keep increasing. In the month of October alone they fed nearly 400 families and 1000 people need of support.

St. Peter's will host the reception immediately following. You are invited to bring finger foods for refreshments and can bring it early. You can drop it before church on Sunday or between 3-5 in the afternoon when we host the concert here in the church starting at 3:00p.m.

Don't miss the concert this afternoon!

**Sanctuary
Performing Arts
Proudly Presents
Duo Alterity
in Concert**



**Sunday, November 19, 3:00p.m.
St. Peter's Church
30 Church Street, Hebron, CT**

“Duo Alterity is rapidly emerging as one of the premier flute and guitar duos on today’s concert stage.” (Richard Provost, Professor Emeritus and Founder of The Hartt School Guitar Department). The multi-award-winning ensemble has performed extensively across the United States and was invited to be Artists-in-Residence for the 2018 and 2019 seasons of the Connecticut Summerfest Contemporary Music Festival, where they worked closely with emerging composers and gave six world premieres. Duo Alterity is dedicated to the performance of new music. The ensemble also won First Prize in the 2017 Music of America’s Great Composers Competition, the 2016 Vivo International Music Competition, and the 2016 Hartt Chamber Music Competition. They have performed at numerous prestigious venues including Carnegie Hall. The acoustics of St. Peter’s will provide the perfect setting to capture their wonderful sound. It will be a treat for all

St. Nicholas Fair – St. Peter’s Annual St. Nicholas Fair will be held on the first weekend in December. On Saturday, December 2, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., you will find the hall glistening with Christmas lights and decorations.

There will be our extraordinary tag sale for Christmasy items, a bake sale, wreaths, center pieces, and cemetery boxes; there will also be holiday vendors, holiday basket raffles, RADA, luncheon and a visit from Santa himself!!

Mark your calendars!

