

Gospel—The Gospel of Luke 2:22-40 — See Insert

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

Homily

The Rev. Anne Fraley

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers

In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers, saying, “Christ, have mercy.”

For peace and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation of all, let us pray.
Christ, have mercy.

For Sean, Jeffrey, and Laura, our bishops; for Nigerian bishops John and Markus; for Anne, Zeb, and Jessie, our clergy, and for all the People of God, let us pray.
Christ, have mercy.

For the Church of God in every place, that it may persevere in faith and hope. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Christ and the Epiphany, East Haven; St. John’s, East Windsor; Christ Church, Easton; Holy Trinity, Enfield; Comite Hispano, Spanish-language Cursillo, Latino/Hispanic ministry in CT; The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; and for St. Peter’s Birzeit and St. Andrew’s, Ramallah, and Fadi, their Rector, let us pray.
Christ, have mercy.

For the leaders of our nation, and all in positions of authority, that they may honor the trust placed in them by the people they serve, let us pray.
Christ, have mercy.

Please bring in your books and place in the box in the office. If possible, please put a sticky note inside the book indicating the genre and a brief description of what the book is about. We will be collecting books throughout March and appreciate all your help.

With winter here, **please remember our South Windsor neighbors** and put items in the **Food Box located in the Narthex**. Any kind of non-perishables are accepted. For years our church has helped supply the town Food Pantry through these donations so they count on us.

We are beginning to update our prayer request list. If there is someone in the list of ongoing prayers that can be removed, please let us know.

Thanksgiving: for our St. Peter’s Parish.

The Little Pantry in front of the Church is frequently empty. Please help by putting items in the pantry. This week’s suggestions: baking mixes, pancake mix, and syrup. Thank you.

Readings for next Sunday, February 9th: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Serving:	Today 8am	Today 10am	Next Week 8am	Next Week 10am
Ushers:	J. Bodfish	M. Bell	T. Morelli	G. Malone
Lectors:	M. Houlroyd	D. Ober	D. Bennett	N. T-Z
Intercessors:	M. Houlroyd	D. Ober	D. Bennett	D. Fornuto
E. Minister:	I. Menon	A. Bierkan	D. Indomenico	D. Ober
Tech:	D. Hubeny		D. Nanci	
Counters:	D. Nanci/T. Fornuto		N. Eaton/M. Bell	
Coffee Hour:	Bell/Hoff		Hubenys	

Announcements

On **February 9th** join **SPOT at 9 am, in between services**, in our **Large Classroom**. Anyone interested in outreach is welcome to attend.

Please join the men of the parish for breakfast on **February 10th** at **Oscar's Restaurant** in South Windsor at **7 am**. No need to RSVP – just show up!

Also, on **February 10th**, the **Vestry will meet** in the **Office Wing Meeting Room** at **7 p.m.**

Please join **Heavenly Hugs on February 15th** at **11 - 2 pm** in our **Large Classroom**.

Parish Life will be holding their annual **Spaghetti Dinner** on **Saturday, February 15th** at **5 p.m.** Come join us for homemade sauce and meatballs with accommodations for gluten-free, dairy-free, and vegetarian dietary needs. Please sign-up using the link on the “coming events” page of our website: stpeters-sw.org. The sign-up is also available through our Face Book page. There is no charge for dinner, though a free will offering is appreciated.

On **February 25th** **Bible Chat** will meet in the **Office Wing Meeting Room** at **7 p.m.**

You can help! The **Mission Commission** is, once again, collecting personal hygiene items to make care bags and distribute to those in need. Please bring in trial-size toiletries such as toothpaste, soap, deodorant, mouthwash (alcohol free), \$10 gift cards to Dunkin or McDonald's, etc. We will be **collecting** these items **over the coming weeks** to be **assembled by SPOT** members in **early February**.

2025 Flower Donations – You may sign up to donate for flowers either on our **website** under **Giving/Flower Donations**, or on the **sign-up sheet on the Short Hall Bulletin Board**. More than one family may sign up for any Sunday; sign ups should be at least **one week in advance** to be included in the weekly bulletin. Payment may be made online or by check: \$35 payable to St. Peter's, with “alter flowers” in the memo line. Please note that flowers do not adorn the Altar during Lent but donations for the bread and wine may be done “in memory of” or “in thanksgiving for” a loved one.

Save the date! Our **2nd annual “Fishin’ for Mission”** event is scheduled for **Friday, April 4th** to raise money for the South Windsor Food and Fuel Bank.

Books to Share? To try to raise money at our Spring craft/vendor fair we are looking for gently used books to be donated for our “Blind Date Books”. Books will be wrapped and can be bought “blind” at the event. We are looking for books in the following genres: mystery/thriller, historical fiction, contemporary fiction and nonfiction romance, fantasy/sci-fi, biographies/memoirs, and cookbooks.

For the concerns of our hearts and our community, and those in need of healing and comfort, especially— Luis and Alison Dieppa, Mary and Nelson Cossio, Jason Ward, Dom, Jim Hopkins, Joan Grout, Bill, Jane; and those committed to our ongoing prayers: For our Armed Forces serving at home and abroad and their families, especially Richard Nuñez, Jr., Kenneth Fraley, Jr., and Melissa Kell; the victims of natural disasters and human violence throughout the world, especially those impacted by wildfires in California, and including the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, and Syria; and the victims and families of gun violence around our nation, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For groups to whom we extend hospitality through the use of our building, especially Al-Anon, and for the concerns and organizations supported by St. Peter's through mission, especially: South Windsor Social Services, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For all who minister in our midst, especially Ladies Bible Chat. For parish members the Bell and Bennett families and Mary Lou Best. For Mark Lundy and Krystle Bradway who are celebrating a birthday this week, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

Anand Menon, Prakash Achan, The Reverend Jean McCarthy, and the victims of the plane and helicopter crash in Washington DC, and those whose souls have gone to eternal rest, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For the blessings of our days, and the gifts of grace we receive, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

The Confession

Leader—

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Blessing of Comfort Critters

The Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving

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, good, and joyful to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

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. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Peter and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. 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. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, *Celebrant and People* Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Fraction

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant 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.

The Distribution of Communion

Postcommunion Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

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The Blessing

The Dismissal