

July 23, 2017

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

PROPER 11

9:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I

Saint Peter's Episcopal Church

Hebron, Connecticut

Celebrant: The Rev. Jim Speer

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9:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

Prelude

Joshua Ziemski, organist

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn: #423 "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

The Opening Acclamation, The Collect for Purity &

Summary of the Law BCP page 355

Lord have mercy upon us

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The Collect of the Day (*Proper 11*)

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The Lessons (*page 4-6*)

The Sermon

The Rev. James Speer

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

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Prayer for Guidance (*said in unison*):

Almighty and ever-living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Grant us, in this time of transition, the grace to ask what thou would have us to do. Grant peace and confidence to the uncertain. Guide us as we discern the needs of our parish family and your mission for St. Peter's. Inspire our witness to Jesus Christ and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: #372 "Praise to the living God"

Leoni

The Great Thanksgiving:

Eucharistic Prayer A

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Communion

Post Communion Prayer (*said in unison*)

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #344: "Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing"

Sicilian Mariners

The Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Joshua Ziemski, organist

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service

Sunday Schedule for the Summer

July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27 one service of Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m. (alternating between Rite I and Rite II)

August 6 – The Service will be held in our Memorial Garden! (weather permitting)

Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Nelson & Marianne Moore in thanksgiving for their children.

We pray for our clergy: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Ian & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for all bishops, priests and deacons; for Fr. Jim Speer, our celebrant today;

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family and especially for those who celebrate their birth-days this week: Betty McNamara (7/23), Reginald Corey (7/24), Eileen Lumsden (7/29), Eric Forrest (7/29), Mark Eells (7/27);

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. John's, Salisbury; Trinity, Seymour; Christ Church, Sharon; Parish office volunteers.

Parish Prayer List

Prayers added the week of July 23: Maureen; Kim F.

Prayers added the week of July 16: Audrey & children; The Hadley & Weir Families, Kyle B., Tina Jeter, Andrea Gigliotti; Audrey and children; Sienna Roper; Joan Hamilton, Dianne Sayers & Linda Sayers Reynolds; Keith; Karen L., Barbara; Mike, Tom; Jim & Marilyn Kew, Phil, Toni; Stephanie; Irene; Kelly; Tiffany Nicole, Chris; John & Sue; Lauren, Jeni, Victoria, Paulette Likoudis, Bill, Walter, Melissa, Maidey, Jane, Jim & Bernie, Anna C.; John & the Romero family Kile, Lianie, Dana; Gina; Eva & Bill; The Gentino Family; Justin, Stephanie; Grace; Peter, Barbara Potterton; Henry Jones; Natalie Perry; Sam & Grace Downey; The Conrad families especially Doreen, Deanne & John Bowen; Danielle, Chantelle and Kayleigh; Louis Domingue, Bob and Barbara LaMay, Jim Vicevich, Bob & Bev Winter, Connie Rich, Florence Coulombe, Mike Duval, and Donna Doyker;

Announcements

Prayer List: Our new **Prayer Ministry** will confidentially and faithfully pray for those on our prayer list. While individuals will continue to be included on our prayer list for a month, we will publish only the most recent additions in the bulletin.

Once again, the **Chicken BBQ** was a HUGE success. People came from as far away as Clinton in CT and the line was into the cemetery. It was sold out by 5:30. ***We were able to give \$265 to help the resettled refugee family that the First Congregational Church is supporting.*** An amazing job was done by all: chefs, preppers, servers, cashiers cleaner-uppers, and I'm sure I forgot someone. Also, thanks for the financial support with donations of money and food!! Great job everyone and thanks!!

The Weekly Weeders continue to work in the Memorial Garden on Monday evenings beginning at 6:30. Please call Kathy Kniep for more information.

Readings for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 11)

The Collect

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

The Psalm: Psalm 86:11-17

- 11 Teach me your way, O LORD,
and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.
- 12 I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.
- 13 For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.
- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.
- 15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

The Epistle: Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"