

August 20, 2017

**THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**9:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite II (Proper 15)**



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

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Hymn: #366 (verses 1-3) "Holy God, we praise thy Name" *Grosser Gott***

**The Opening Acclamation, The Collect for Purity &**

**Summary of the Law** BCP page 355

**Lord have mercy upon us** BCP page 356

**The Collect of the Day** BCP page 232

**The Lessons (page 3-4)**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. James Speer**

**The Nicene Creed** BCP page 358

**The Prayers of the People form VI** BCP page 392

**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** BCP page 393

**The Peace**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

The Offertory

**Offertory Hymn: #380 "From all that dwell beneath the skies" *Old 100th***

**The Great Thanksgiving:**

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP page 361

The Lord's Prayer BCP page 364

**The Breaking of the Bread** BCP page 364

The Communion

**Communion Anthem**

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

**Closing Hymn: #616 (vs. 1-3) "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" *Es flog ein kleins Waldvogelein***

**The Blessing**

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

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

# Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service

## Sunday Schedule for the Summer

August 20, 27 one service of Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m. (alternating between Rites I & II).  
September 3 there will be a service of Morning Prayer at 9 A.M.

## Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings

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 birthdays this week: Milton Porter (8/24), Bob LaMay (8/22), Fran Carino (8/20), Peter Goode (8/23), Jacob Savage (8/21), Meaghan Goode (8/23);

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for fresh expressions of the church in Connecticut; all missional experiments; students preparing to enter schools, colleges, universities, and seminaries; school, college, and university chaplains; all campus ministries; the Higher Education Ministry Network

## Parish Prayer List

**Prayers added the week of August 20:** Wendy; Linda, Margie; June & Bill;

**Prayers added the week of August 13:** Joan, Melissa; 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; Lianie; Kyle.

**Prayers added the week of August 6:** Rina Bettancourt

## Announcements

**Women's Group** at Cindy Brinkman's house, Monday August 21.

The Windham Region No-Freeze Zone is gearing up for the winter season. If you don't know them, they provide emergency shelter for people in the community who find themselves with no place to go and no way to get warm in the cold winter months. If you can help them keep their doors open with even a small donation, you will be performing a fine act of kindness and charity. The address is P.O. Box Willimantic, CT 06226.

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.

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

The Episcopal Church Women are holding a "Quiet Day" on Sept. 9 from 8:30–12:00 at St. Andrew's in Meriden lead by the Rev. Ellen Adams. Flyer on the back bulletin board.

## The Readings for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 15)

### **The Collect**

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Old Testament: Isaiah 56:1,6-8**

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant--these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

### **The Psalm: Psalm 67**

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

**The Epistle: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

**The Gospel: Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28**

[Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.