

August 27, 2017

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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



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Hebron, Connecticut

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

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn: #637 "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord"

Lyons

The Opening Acclamation, The Collect for Purity &

Summary of the Law

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Lord have mercy upon us

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The Collect of the Day (*Proper 16*)

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The Lessons (*page 3-4*)

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: #379 "God is love, let heaven adore him"

Abbot's Leigh

The Great Thanksgiving:

Eucharistic Prayer 1

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Communion

Communion Anthem

Post Communion Prayer (*said in unison*)

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Closing Hymn: #522 "Glorious things of thee are spoken"

Austria

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 27 one service of Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m. (alternating between Rites I & II).
September 3 one 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: Clyde Conrad, Jr. (8/28), JoAnn Osmond (8/30), Peter Myers (8/28), Joan Dombrowski (8/27), Alberta Pomproicz (9/1), Ronald Parkyn (9/1);

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Kent School; South Kent School, Pomfret School, Salisbury School, Wooster School, Rectory School; St. Thomas Day School, New Haven, Trinity School on the Hill (Middle School), Hartford; the Episcopal Church at Yale; the Episcopal Church at UCONN, Storrs; Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven.

Parish Prayer List

Prayers added the week of August 27: V.F., R. Bettancourt, C. Farren, T. Jeter, E. Caron, N. Vidal, H. Jones, S. Hicks, S. Fisk,

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 LaMay, Jim Vicevich, Bob & Bev Winter, Connie Rich, Florence Coulombe, Mike Duval, and Donna Doyker; Lianie; Kyle.

Announcements

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.

Thanks to Amy Stone for riding 20 miles in the Steeple Chase in Willimantic last Saturday! And thanks to those who helped Amy raise \$450 for the No-Freeze Shelter.

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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 16)

The Collect

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Old Testament Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Response: Psalm 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

The Epistle Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Gospel:Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.