

September 24, 2017



**THE 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 20)**

**8:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I**

**10:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite II**

**Saint Peter's Episcopal Church**

**Hebron, Connecticut**

**Celebrant: The Rev. Jim Speer**

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**8:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE I)**  
**THE WORD OF GOD**

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

**Summary of the Law** BCP page 323

**Lord have mercy upon us** BCP page 324

**The Collect of the Day (*Proper 20*)** BCP page 182

**The Lessons (*page 5-6*)**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. James Speer**

**The Nicene Creed** BCP page 326

**The Prayers of the People** BCP page 329

**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 331

**The Peace**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Offertory**

**The Great Thanksgiving:**

Eucharistic Prayer 1 BCP page 333

The Lord's Prayer BCP page 336

**The Breaking of the Bread** BCP page 337

The Communion

**The Blessing**

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

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**10:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)**

*Prelude: Concerto in D maj. for trumpet and organ: Allegro, Largo, Allegro, Moderato -  
Johann Friedrich Fasch (Kevin Kinsall, trumpet)*

**10:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)**

**Opening Hymn: #541 “Come, labor on”** *Ora Labora*

**The Opening Acclamation, The Collect for Purity &  
Summary of the Law** BCP page 355

**Hymn of Praise: Hymn #1 (verse 1)** *Christe sanctorum*

*Father, we praise thee, now the night is over,  
active and watchful, stand we all before thee;  
singing we offer prayer and meditation:  
thus we adore thee.*

**The Collect of the Day** BCP page 234

**The Lessons (page 5-7)**

**Sequence Anthem: “I am the Vine”** *Butler*

**The Sermon** **The Rev. James Speer**

**The Nicene Creed** BCP page 358

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

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The Offertory

**Offertory Hymn: #685 “Rock of ages cleft for me”** *Toplady*

**The Great Thanksgiving:**

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP page 361

**Sanctus: #S-125** *Proulx*

The Lord’s Prayer BCP page 364

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

The Communion

**Communion Music: “Adagio”** *John Bennett*

Post Communion Prayer (said in unison) BCP page 365

**Closing Hymn: #527 “Singing songs of expectation”** **Ton-y-Botel**

**The Blessing**

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

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude: Toccata in E min. (Kevin Kinsall, trumpet)** *Johann Pachelbel*

# Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service

## Church School

**Church School** welcomes all children pre-K-8<sup>th</sup> grade at 10 a.m. Registration forms are available in the church, in Phelps Hall (office) or on-line. Children join their families in church for Communion.

## 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: Stephen Bezrucik (9/28), Katie Dagon (9/28), Chuck Eaton (9/26), Tom Cyr (9/30), Scott Sullivan (9/24), Jennifer Oberlin (9/26), John Bradley (9/27).

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for Christ Church, Trumbull; Grace Church, Trumbull; Trinity, Trumbull; Youth and youth ministries; J2A, Confirm Not Conform, and all other confirmation classes and other programs that challenge youth to grow in their faith & discipleship.

## Parish Prayer List

**Prayers added the week of September 24:** V.F., R. Bettancourt, S.F., C. Farren, T. Jeter, E. Caron, N. Vidal, Henry Jones, S. Hicks;

**Prayers added the week of September 17:** Sue; the family of Chelsea Reading; the family of Barbara Rose; the family of Richard Nelson; the family of Sara Grady; Linda H., Bob, Larry and all hurricane victims; Jessica Starkey; Wendy; Linda, Margie; June & Bill;

**Prayers added the week of Sept 10:** Joan, Melissa; Barbara Potterton; Natalie Perry; Sam & Grace Downey; The Conrad families, Cathy Palazzi, Deanne & John Bowen; Danielle, Chantelle and Kayleigh; Jim Vicevich, Bob & Bev Winter, Brian & Connie Rich, Scott Richard, Florence Coulombe, and Mike Duval; Lianie; Kyle;

**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.

## Announcements

**The Pumpkin Fest** will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. Concurrent with the pumpkin sale and events, there will be a **Fall Tag Sale**, with **Hallowe'en overtones**. If you have any gently used fall decorations or Hallowe'en costumes we hope you will donate them to this event. Speak with the Eatons for any questions. **There will also be a Silent Auction. Gifts are needed. Please speak with Sue Ostrout.**

**Stewardship Letters** - You should have received the 2018 pledge campaign letter and pledge sheet. Please send in your pledge by October 31st. Let's get our finances on a strong foundation in preparation for the beginning of Fr. Ron's commission. Thank you for your generous support! Barb and Rob

*St. Paul writes: "Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not out of regret or compulsion. For God loves a cheerful giver..." (2 Corinthians 9:6)*

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## **The Readings for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 20)**

### **The Collect**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Old Testament: Jonah 3:10-4:11**

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so, Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

### **The Response: Psalm 145:1-8**

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

### **The Epistle: Philippians 1:21-30**

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

### **The Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16**

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

## SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>September 24</b> <b>PENTECOST 16</b> Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 Church School 10 a.m Girl Scouts	<b>September 25</b>  Weekly Weeders 6:30-7:20 pm	<b>September 26</b>  Boy Scouts 7 pm	<b>September 27</b>  Liturgy Comm. 11:30 am Prayer Ministry 12:30	<b>September 28</b>	<b>September 29</b>	<b>September 30</b>  Pumpkin Fest 9-5
<b>October 1</b> <b>PENTECOST 17</b> Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 Church School 10 a.m Youth Grp 1 p.m. Pumpkin Fest 12-4	<b>October 2</b>  Weekly Weeders 6:30-7:20 pm	<b>October 3</b>	<b>October 4</b>  Buildings and Grounds 7 p.m	<b>October 5</b>	<b>October 6</b>	<b>October 7</b>
<b>October 8</b> <b>PENTECOST 18</b> Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 Church School 10 a.m	<b>October 9</b>  Weekly Weeders 6:30-7:20 pm	<b>October 10</b>	<b>October 11</b>	<b>October 12</b>	<b>October 13</b>	<b>October 14</b>
<b>October 15</b> <b>PENTECOST 19</b> Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 Church School 10 a.m.  "Blessing of the Animals" 2 p.m. Girl Scouts	<b>October 16</b>  Women's Club 7 p.m. O'Shea's	<b>October 17</b>	<b>October 18</b>	<b>October 19</b>  Vestry Meeting 7 p.m.	<b>October 20</b>	<b>October 21</b> Community Dinner "Octoberfest" 4:30 p.m.
<b>October 22</b> <b>PENTECOST 20</b> Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 Church School 10 a.m  Reception to honor Fr. Jim	<b>October 23</b>	<b>October 24</b>  Parish Kitchen Update 7 p.m.	<b>October 25</b>	<b>October 26</b>	<b>October 27</b>  Youth Grp "Lantern Fest"	<b>October 28</b>  Parish Hallowe'en Party & Service
<b>October 29</b> <b>PENTECOST 20</b> Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 Church School 10 a.m Girl Scouts	<b>October 30</b>	<b>October 31</b>	<b>November 1</b> ALL SAINTS DAY  B&G 7 P.M.	<b>November 2</b>	<b>November 3</b>	<b>November 4</b> FALL CLEAN-UP 8 a.m. breakfast