

October 1, 2017



THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 21)

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*):

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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: "Musings on Engelberg"

Paul Leddington Wright

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

Opening Hymn: #477 "All praise to thee"

Engelberg

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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

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The Lessons (page 5-7)

Sequence Anthem: "I Lift Up My Soul"

Mayo

The Sermon

The Rev. James Speer

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People, form VI

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Confession of Sin

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The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: #574 "Before thy throne, O God, we kneel"

St. Petersberg

The Great Thanksgiving:

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus: #S-125

Proulx

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Communion

Communion Music: "Aria in B" (Theme, variations 5 & 6) *Johann Philipp Krieger*

Post Communion Prayer (said in unison)

BCP page 365

Closing Hymn: #686 "Come, thou fount of every blessing"

Nettleton

The Blessing

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Menuet in F"

Johann Philipp Krieger

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service

Church School

Church School welcomes all children pre-K-8th 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

*The Sanctuary Candle this Sunday is given to the glory of God
by DonnaLee Kay in loving memory of Alex Kay.*

The Candle last Sunday was donated by Nancy Ziemski in loving memory of David Cornell.

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 Eells (10/4), Pam Atwood (10/6), Kim Carino (10/5);

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. John's, Vernon; St. Paul's, Wallingford; St. John's, Washington; for all companion and service animals, all livestock and wild animals, great and small.

Parish Prayer List

Prayers added the week of October 1: Frank Sloan; Joan, Melissa; Barbara Potterton; Natalie Perry; Sam & Grace Downey; The Conrad families, Luther Gibson, Deanne & John Bowen; Brian, Connie, Lynn; Danielle, Chantelle and Kayleigh; Jim Vicevich, Bob & Bev Winter, Florence Coulombe, and Mike Duval; Irene, Jeni, Mary Jo, Gloria; Lianie; Kyle;

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; Linda H., Bob, Larry and all hurricane victims; Jessica Starkey; Wendy; Linda, Margie; June & Bill;

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

Youth Group “Jump Off Event” October 1st at 1pm

Meet at St. Peter’s Phelps Hall at 1pm. and then we will head to “Jump Off” in Manchester. We will close the afternoon off with pizza!

Details: Several parents are available to drive youth from St. Peter’s to Jump Off,” pizza and return to the church. We expect to return about 5:30 pm. To find out more about “Jump Off,” view their website at <https://www.jumpoffct.com/location/manchester/>

Cost: **St. Peter’s Youth Group parishioners: FREE**

Guests: \$17.00 (Covers admission and the required Jump Off grip socks)

Note: **Waivers are required by Jump Off. These can be signed online at:**

<https://www.jumpoffct.com/spend-more-time-at-our-indoor-trampoline-gym-in-manchester/>

The Pumpkin Fest will be held on September 30th and October 1st. 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.**

Weekly Weeders - Fall has arrived and we're going to end our Monday evening meetings for this season. The only project left will be helping with Fall Cleanup in early November. We'd like to thank all of the volunteers who helped out this summer with the weeding and spreading the new mulch. Your efforts are much appreciated! The Memorial Garden and church grounds look really good - stop by and take a look!

Blessing of the Animals – The celebration of the Blessing of the Animals, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, will be held on October 15th at 2 p.m. in the Memorial Garden. We are welcoming donations of pet food and other “petly” items on that day. So, bring your critters, large and small and join the fun. Pray for good weather.

Stewardship Letters – If you haven’t received the 2018 pledge campaign letter and pledge sheet, please pick one up in the back of the church or call the office and one can be mailed out to you. 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: “Remember this: The farmer who plants a few seeds will have a very small harvest. But the farmer who plants because he has received God's blessings will receive a harvest of God's blessings in return.....” (2 Corinthians 9:6)

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The Readings for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21)

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

The Psalm: Psalm 25:1-8

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

The Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

OCTOBER 2017

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| October 1
PENTECOST 17
Holy Eucharist
8 & 10
Church School 10
a.m
Youth Grp 1 p.m.
Pumpkin Fest 12-4 | October 2

Weekly
Weeders
6:30-7:20 pm | October 3 | October 4

Buildings and
Grounds 7 p.m | October 5 | October 6 | October 7 |
| October 8
PENTECOST 18
Holy Eucharist
8 & 10
Church School 10
a.m | October 9

Weekly
Weeders
6:30-7:20 pm | October 10 | October 11 | October 12 | October 13 | October 14 |
| October 15
PENTECOST 19
Holy Eucharist
8 & 10
Church School 10
a.m.

“Blessing of the
Animals” 2 p.m.
Girl Scouts | October 16

Women’s
Club 7 p.m.
O’Shea’s | October 17 | October 18 | October 19

Vestry
Meeting 7
p.m. | October 20 | October 21
Community
Dinner
“Octoberfest”
4:30 p.m. |
| October 22
PENTECOST 20
Holy Eucharist
8 & 10
Church School 10
a.m
Reception to honor
Fr. Jim | October 23 | October 24

Parish Kitchen
Update 7 p.m. | October 25 | October 26 | October 27

Youth Grp
“Lantern
Fest” | October 28

Parish
Hallowe’en
Party &
Service |
| October 29
PENTECOST 20
Holy Eucharist
8 & 10
Church School 10
a.m
Girl Scouts | October 30 | October 31 | November 1
ALL SAINTS
DAY

B&G 7 P.M. | November 2 | November 3 | November 4
FALL
CLEAN-UP
8 a.m.
breakfast |