



October 8, 2017
MORNING PRAYER Rite II
THE 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
(Proper 22)
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church
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Welcoming all.
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10:00 A.M. MORNING PRAYER: RITE II

Opening Hymn #448 "O love how deep, how broad, how high" *Deus tuorum militum*
Opening Sentence **BCP page 78**

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession of Sin **BCP page 79**

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel. Silence is kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

All stand.

The Invitatory and Psalter **BCP page 80**

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

All *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

The Venite: Psalm 95 *(The Officiant leads the people in saying Psalm 95)* **BCP page 82**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Readings and Canticles (*All are seated as the Reader leads the people in the psalm, readings and canticles.*)

The Psalm for the Day: Psalm 80:7-14

- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vine-yard: my beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. and now, in-habitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
 he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
 born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
 from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
 and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
 holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and strain-ing forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a land-owner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’” So, they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?

Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Apostles’ Creed (*The Officiant leads the people in saying the Creed*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Intercessor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Intercessor Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer (*Said in unison.*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Suffrages

Intercessor Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People **And grant us your salvation.**

Intercessor Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People **Let your people sing with joy.**

Intercessor Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Intercessor Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Intercessor Let your way be known upon earth;

People **Your saving health among all nations.**

Intercessor Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Intercessor Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Intercessor may read one or more of the following collects.

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People: Form IV

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The Intercessor leads the people in the Prayers of the People and concludes by saying the following collect

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*

A Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

(All stand)

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

After the announcements, the Officiant introduces the offertory with the following sentence:

Officiant Walk in love as Christ loved us and by whose death on the cross showed us the way to eternal life.

All stand for the singing of the offertory hymn.

During the singing the offering is taken then placed on the altar by the ushers.

The Offertory Hymn: LEVAS #114 “Everytime I feel the spirit” *Negro Spiritual*

At the conclusion of the hymn the following prayer of thanksgiving is said in unison:

The General Thanksgiving *BCP page 101*

Officiant In thanksgiving for the many blessings of our lives, let us pray.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Officiant concludes the service with the following prayer.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom *BCP page 102*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn #518 “Christ is made the sure foundation” *Westminster Abbey*

During the singing of the hymn the candles are extinguished.

The Officiant then concludes the service with the dismissal.

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service

Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings

We pray for our clergy: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Ian and 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: Clifford Bartiss III, Timothy O'Shea (10/11), Kelsie Kay (10/12), Walter Paul Albert (10/11);

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ Church, Waterbury; St. John's, Waterbury; Christ Church congregation, Watertown; young adults, young adult ministries, the Young Adult Ministry Network. The Episcopal Service Corps and the Young Adult Service Corps of The Episcopal Church. St. Hilda's House, New Haven

Parish Prayer List

Prayers added the week of October 8: Charlie, Kim F., Linda H., Bob, Larry and all hurricane victims; Jessica Starkey; Wendy; Linda, Margie; June & Bill;

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;

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

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

**“The wise man does not lay up his own treasures.
The more he gives to others,
the more he has for his own.”**

– Lao Tzu

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Women’s Club – The next meeting of the St. Peter’s Women’s Club will be held on Monday, October 16th at 7:00 at Candace O’Shea’s home, 106 Jennifer Drive, Hebron. This is our annual Halloween party with costumes, masks and scary food. We’ll talk a bit about the St. Nicholas Fair and then enjoy good food and conversation. Come join us!

The Choir from Gilead Congregational Church will be joining our choir at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday October 22, and following the 10:00 a.m. service there will be a festive coffee hour in celebration of Fr. Jim Speer on his last Sunday with us.

Fall Cleanup & Parish Breakfast – Saturday, November 4th

Buildings & Grounds is planning our Fall cleanup of not only the Rectory, Church and Hall grounds, but also the Church and Hall building interiors. Exterior work will start at the Rectory, then onto the Church and Hall grounds, and will include the usual raking and sweeping up of the leaves and branches that have come down this fall. Interior cleanup will include cleaning all easily reachable surfaces (e.g., pew seats, pew book holders), vacuuming carpets, cleaning light fixtures (including the chandelier), just to name a few. Bring buckets, sponges, clean rags/towels, swiffer mops, and any other materials you can think of for a good fall (think “spring”) cleaning. This will be a major undertaking; something we have not done for at least one full year (we had NO spring cleanup this year!!), and we really need the FULL support of the Parish. In appreciation of the Parish’s support, breakfast will be served (NO CHARGE – we will have a donation jar and all donations will go directly to the Kitchen Fund). Breakfast will be served from 7:30 am to 8:30 am; cleanup will begin promptly at 8:30 am. In keeping with our current stewardship drive for St. Peters, it’s time for all parish members to be responsible for the upkeep of St. Peters buildings and grounds.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
October 8 PENTECOST 18 Morning Prayer 8 & 10 a.m. 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 21 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
November 5 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 Church School 10 a.m Welcome Fr. Ron	November 6	November 7	November 8	November 9	November 10	November 11
November 12 PENTECOST 23 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 Church School 10 a.m	November 13	November 14	November 15	November 16 Vestry Mtg. 7 pm	November 17	November 18 Community Dinner Roast Pork Dinner