



May 15, 2016

**THE DAY OF PENTECOST**  
**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I**  
**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**Saint Peter's Episcopal Church**  
**Hebron, Connecticut**  
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## 8:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I

### *WE COME TOGETHER TO PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD*

#### *We Glorify God*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The collect for purity and summary of the law BCP page 323  
The Gloria BCP page 324  
The Collect for the Day of Pentecost BCP page 175

#### *We Listen to God's Word*

The Readings for the Day of Pentecost (*The readings may be found on the last page of the bulletin*)  
The Sermon **The Reverend Everett Perine**

#### *We Proclaim Our Belief*

The Nicene Creed BCP page 326

#### *We Offer Prayers of Intercession, Thanksgiving and Confession*

The Prayers of the People BCP page 329

#### *We Are Reconciled to One Another through God's Love and Forgiveness*

The Peace

### *WE COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE HOLY COMMUNION*

#### *We Offer Our Gifts to God*

*Bread and wine for our Eucharistic meal are brought to the altar on behalf of the gathered body.*  
*The ushers collect the offering of gifts from the people and present them at the altar as an offering to God*

#### *We Proclaim Our Faith*

The Eucharistic Prayer I BCP page 333  
The Lord's Prayer BCP page 336

#### *We Share Communion*

The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion BCP page 337  
*The people come forward to receive the bread and the wine*

#### *We Are Sent Out Into the World*

The Prayer of Mission BCP page 339  
The Pentecost Blessing (*May be found on page 3 of this bulletin*)

The Dismissal Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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

*Preludes*

*Joshua Ziemski, Organist*

***WE COME TOGETHER TO PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD***

***We Glorify God***

**Gathering Hymn #225 “Hail thee, festival day!”**

*Salve festa dies*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

The Collect for Purity

BCP page 355

**Glory to God: #S-280 “Glory to God**

***Powell***

The Collect for the Day of Pentecost

BCP page 227

***We Listen to God’s Word***

The Readings for the Day of Pentecost (*The readings may be found on the last page of the bulletin*)

**Sequence Anthem: “If you love me keep my commandments”**

***Tallis***

The Sermon

**The Reverend Everett Perine**

***We Proclaim Our Belief***

The Nicene Creed

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***We Offer Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving***

The Prayers of the People (Form III)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop;

Ian and Laura, our bishops; for Perry our priest; and for all bishops, priests & deacons;

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*After the Intercessor has added prayers from our prayer list on behalf of our parish,  
members of the congregation are invited to add their own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving  
either silently or out loud.*

***We Are Reconciled to One Another through God’s Love and Forgiveness***

The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of God be always with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

**WE COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE HOLY COMMUNION**

***We Offer Our Gifts to God***

**Offertory Hymn #529 “In Christ the is no East or West”**

**McKee**

*Bread and wine for our Eucharistic meal are brought to the altar on behalf of the gathered body.*

*The ushers collect the offering of gifts and present them at the altar as an offering to God*

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People* ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

***We Give God Thanks***

The Eucharistic Prayer A

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**The Sanctus: #S-130 “Holy, holy, holy Lord”**

**Schubert**

The Lord’s Prayer

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***We Share Communion***

The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

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*The people come forward to receive the bread and the wine*

***We Are Sent Out Into the World***

The Prayer of Mission

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**Pentecost Anthem WLP#806 “If you believe and I believe”** *Traditional, Zimbabwe*

*During the singing, the children join Father Perry at the front of the church for the Pentecost Blessing.*

**The Pentecost Blessing**

May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with God’s blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts and make them shine with the pure light of God’s presence. **Amen.**

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to Jesus in word and deed. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**

**Recessional Hymn “Sing a new church” (Printed on last page of the bulletin) (tune of #686)**

**Nettleton**

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**People**

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*The Episcopal Church welcomes all worshippers, regardless of age or denomination, to join us at the altar rail for Communion. If you choose not to receive the Sacrament, we invite you to come forward at the time of Communion to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come to the Communion rail, please inform the usher and Communion will be brought to you at your pew. Note for persons with allergies or medical conditions: Consecrated gluten-free wafers are available at Communion from the priest on request. Our gluten-free wafers are also free of wheat, casein, dairy, nut, egg, yeast and soy.*

**PARISH FAMILY REMEMBRANCES AND THANKSGIVINGS May 15, 2016**

*The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Barb Parkyn  
in celebration of the birthday of Tyler Jamez Perkins.*

**We pray for our clergy:** Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; and Perry our Priest;

**In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer** we pray for our parish family, remembering especially those who celebrate their birthdays this week: Joan Hamilton (5/17), Georgette Conrad (5/19), Mark Houle (5/20),

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for St. Andrew's, New Haven; St. James', New Haven; St. John's, New Haven; St. Luke's, New Haven; Communication, digital ministry, online social networks, evangelism training

**Current Prayer List**

**Prayers added the week of May 15:** Kelly, Jean Rohde, Trevor Ferguson; Tiffany Nicole, Chris; John & Sue; Lauren, Jeni, Kile, Lianie, Dana; Gina; Eva & Bill; The Gentino Family, Jane Donnelly and family; Justin, Stephanie; Grace, Phil Patros; Cathy Gerke; Peter, the Kell family; Janet Kay; Sam Downey;

**Prayers added the week of May 8:** Ruth Wilson, Diane; Joe, Cee-Cee; The Davis & Carino families; Marge Caton, Marion and Family; Anne Marie Henderson; John Hickleton, Luke; Luz, Johanna, Dorothy; Dick Sage, Aceynath Porter; Kathy; Julia, Dave; a Dear Friend; Emil; Ms. Kamins; Barbara Potterton;

**Prayers added the week of May 1:** Christina, Sandra Hastings, Peter Myers; The MacDonough Family; Alberta; Rod & Janice Lambeth; Charles; The Conrad families, Louis Domingue, Deanne & John Bowen; Danielle, Chantelle and Kayleigh; Jim Vicevich, Bob & Bev Winter, Bonnie Eells, Flo Columbe, Bob & Ginny Wanagel, Gina, Connie Rich, Rita Mae, Carol & Bing; Aly, Steffi; Susan; Elizabeth, Kim, Andrée, Gail & Ed Stanko, Dianna Tedesco; Bossi and Liska families, Barbara and Family; Maidey and Ken, Everette; Jeanne, Sam; Karen Sandahl; Helen and Family; Karen Emmons;

**We pray for those who are preparing for Confirmation: Megan Alexander, Allison Bradley, John Bradley, Josh Kowinsky, Emma O'Shea, Tim O'Shea, Chris Paggioli, and Jonathan Roper.**

**We pray for all caregivers** who selflessly give of themselves to care for loved-ones;

**We pray for all people suffering hunger, fear & displacement** due to war and natural disaster, especially those currently seeking refuge in Europe; and for the people killed and wounded in Belgium

**We pray for all with financial problems;** those who have lost their jobs and homes; for the well-being of our families during life's changes; all who have suffered trauma; those who are ill, lonely or grieving; our veterans; all who travel; all those suffering with cancer; anyone who is hospitalized or disabled; those affected by natural disasters; and all abused, neglected and missing children.

**We pray for our whole nation:** for peace, non-violence, and healing.

**We pray for our service men and women** throughout the world.

**We pray for all who have died.**

**We give thanks for the many blessings of our lives and the joy we experience in our relationship with God.**

**Our love and congratulations and best wishes go with the three couples who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with the Bishops this Sunday at Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford:**

**Bob & Barbara LaMay  
Nelson and Marianne Moore  
Dan and JoAnn Osmond**

## Diocesan News

The staff at **Camp Washington** is eager to show off their work and their facility. They are offering an open-house day on **Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>** beginning at 3 pm to introduce everyone to their camp and conference center, and it is a wonderful way to get to know more about the excellent programming that they are developing as they live more fully into God's Mission! The day will include camp tours, Holy Eucharist at 4:30 and a cookout! If you are interested, please register by calling 860-567-9623. **Camp weeks are held July through August.** There are varying choices for different age groups. Financial aid is available. The brochures with information and the registration form are on the back table.

## Local News

**Vacation Bible School** – An Ecumenical Program Sponsored by the Churches of Hebron, CT, open to all children entering kindergarten through fifth grade will be held on Monday, July 25 through Friday, July 29 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at Gilead Congregational Church, 672 Gilead Street, Hebron, CT. All registration forms/payments received by July 4, 2016 **only \$20** per child. All registration forms received after July 4, 2016 **\$25**. The fee will cover class materials, daily snack, craft, and community service project. Please make checks payable to Gilead Congregational Church and include registration form below.

Mail checks and registration form by July 4<sup>th</sup> for early bird savings to:

Gilead Congregational Church, VBS  
672 Gilead Street, Hebron, CT 06248

Registration forms are on the back table of the church. For any questions please call Gilead Congregational Church (860-228-3077) Tuesday–Thursday 8:00 AM – Noon

## Parish News

**Attention any adults desiring to be baptized or interested in Confirmation:** Father Perry will be scheduling Adult Inquiry Classes to begin after Easter. Anyone interested in exploring matters of faith including knowing more about the traditions of the Episcopal Church including people wishing to be baptized or becoming members of the Episcopal Church (by Reception or Confirmation) should consider joining the conversation. If you are interested or want more information, please contact him.

**The National Alliance on Mental Illness** is having a fundraising event on **May 21<sup>st</sup> in Hartford**. NAMI needs funding in order to continue its mission of support, education, and - equally important - advocacy for our friends and family members who are affected by mental illness. Our parishioner Maryann Hickleton is going to walk for the cause and would love to see a show of support from St. Peter's parishioners. Even the smallest donation through her page on the NAMI website: <https://fundraise.namict.org/fundraise?fcid=668264> will help her reach her goal. The process is fast, easy and secure. Thanks.

**Tag Sale** - St. Peter's annual Tag Sale is taking place June 10 & 11. We will be accepting donations of gently used, functional items beginning Monday, May 23 through Wed. June 8th. The Hall is opened 8-11 am. If you need to arrange another time, please call the office or Joan Churney at (860-228-0027). A list of acceptable/non acceptable items is on the back table.

**Coffee hour for the 10 o'clockers** We are looking for families who might like to bake for and ideally host the coffee hours following the 10 o'clock services. If we got 4 willing people they could be on the schedule once a month. If more folks sign up it would be even less frequent. Please consider helping out and sign up on the sheet which is on the table at the back of the church.



**Weekly Weeders are Back!** – If you love to garden, come and join the Weekly Weeders. They meet every Monday evening during the summer from 6:30 to 7:20. We're out of there by 7:30 except for those of us who want to stay around and chat. We keep the Memorial Garden looking beautiful and enjoy good company at the same time. Everyone is welcome to join the group. There's no need for a firm commitment of time; people come when they can even if it's only once.

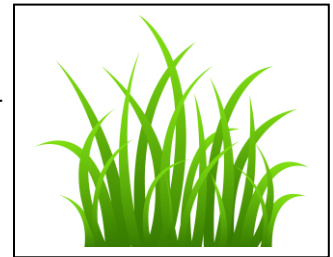
**Women's Club** - The next Women's Club meeting will be held tomorrow, Monday, May 16th. We'll meet for dinner at the Texas Roadhouse in Manchester (near the Manchester Cinema) at 5:30 and go to a movie afterwards. Please let Kathy Kniep or Mary Latour know if you plan to attend so we can make a dinner reservation. We did this a couple of years ago and it was definitely fun. Let us know if you'd like to carpool. Come join us!

**Looking ahead to our Italian Dinner on May 21st!** We thought you would like to know that the vestry has decided to designate 10% of our proceeds from the dinner to support the work of the No Freeze Shelter in Willimantic! Please keep the Shelter – its personnel and its clients – in your prayers as we give thanks for the work it does in providing warm and safe shelter to the homeless in our area.

**Brooklyn Bridge** – The staff at the Brooklyn Bridge project which helps men recently leaving prison and reintegrating into society was thrilled with the latest donation of clothing, magazines, toiletries and board games. They once again stressed that the men leaving prison have nothing but the grey sweats they are issued as they enter prison, and that our support is enormously important in helping them find their way towards a new life. So I thank you all for your donations. Claire

## It may feel chilly but **the Grass is Growing!!**

The Building & Grounds Committee is looking for volunteers to help with cutting the grass at the Church/Phelps Hall and at the Rectory. A riding lawn mower, self-propelled hand mower, and a gas trimmer are kept in the sheds at Phelps Hall and at the Rectory (yes, one set for each location) for your use. Gasoline is also stored in both sheds. We will gladly give you some orientation with the equipment so that you'll find it easy to operate. It takes approximately 2 hours at either location for one person to do, and about ½ that time for two people. We have had some couples volunteer, so feel free to talk your spouse into helping. We're asking that people volunteer to mow one of the locations a total of two times over the mowing season (May-October). Mowing is usually completed late in the week (Thursday, Friday or Saturday) at your convenience (several of the volunteers choose to mow after work). You will be provided a key to the shed so you may come and go as you please. We draft up a schedule for the entire mowing season, taking into account vacations and other unavailable time for each of the volunteers. The draft schedule is sent to all volunteers for a final review. This way, each volunteer will know weeks or months in advance of their schedule. Volunteers will have a list of contact phone numbers and emails in case an unexpected issue comes up, so they may switch mowing dates. Please feel free to contact Curt Kraemer (860-537-4517) or Rick Marks (860-228-3833) without feeling that you're going to have to say yes. Please feel free to contact any member of the Building and Grounds Commission as well. Please give this some consideration. We're only talking about 4 hours of your time over a six month period.



**Sewing Machine for sale** – A pre-owned sewing machine with advanced capabilities regarding embroidery stitching is for sale in Phelps Hall. Anyone interested in examining it or purchasing it may see it on Sunday or call the office. It may be purchased for a donation (the amount to be determined by the purchaser) to Father Perry's "Rector's Discretionary Fund." Any questions regarding the machine's history may be addressed to Stephanie Wheeler.

**From the Treasurer:**

<b>Financial Information as of April 30 , 2016</b>			
	<b>YTD Anticipated</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>Over/(Under)</b>
Parishioner Offerings	<b>\$47,408.00</b>	<b>\$41,609.00</b>	<b>(\$5,798.00)</b>
Total income from all sources*	<b>\$57,921.00</b>	<b>\$51,081.00</b>	<b>(\$6,839.00)</b>

**MAY/JUNE CALENDAR**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>May 15</b> <b><u>Pentecost</u></b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>8 &amp; 10</b> <b>Last day of Church School 9:55</b>  United Brethren Synagogue benefit concert 3 pm @ Mercer Senior Cntr	<b>May 16</b>  Weekly Weeders 6:30	<b>May 17</b>  Choir 6:30-8 PM	<b>May 18</b>  <b>Communion with Healing 7 pm</b>	<b>May 19</b>  <b>Nursing Home Visits</b>	<b>May 20</b> Fr. Perry Day off	<b>May 21</b>  Italian Dinner
<b>May 22</b> <b>1st Sunday after Pentecost – <u>Trinity Sunday</u></b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>8 &amp; 10</b>	<b>May 23</b> <b>Clergy conference</b>  Weekly Weeders 6:30	<b>May 24</b> <b>Clergy Conference</b>  Choir 6:30-8 PM	<b>May 25</b> <b>Clergy Conference</b>  <b>Communion with Healing 7 pm</b>	<b>May 26</b>	<b>May 27</b> Fr. Perry Day off	<b>May 28</b>
<b>May 29</b> <b>2nd Sunday after Pentecost (<i>Proper 4</i>)</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>8 &amp; 10</b>	<b>May 30</b> Fr. Perry on vacation  Weekly Weeders 6:30	<b>May 31</b>  Choir 6:30-8 PM	<b>June 1</b>  B & G mtg 7pm  <b>No evening service</b>	<b>June 2</b>	<b>June 3</b>	<b>June 4</b>
<b>June 5</b> <b>3rd Sunday after Pentecost (<i>Proper 5</i>)</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>8 &amp; 10</b>	<b>June 6</b>  Weekly Weeders 6:30	<b>June 7</b>  Choir 6:30-8 PM	<b>June 8</b>  <b>Communion with Healing 7 pm</b>	<b>June 9</b>	<b>June 10</b> Fr. Perry Day off  <b>TAG SALE</b>	<b>June 11</b>  <b>TAG SALE</b>
<b>June 12</b> <b>4th Sunday after Pentecost (<i>Proper 6</i>)</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>8 &amp; 10</b>	<b>June 13</b> <b>Vestry Mtg</b>  Weekly Weeders 6:30	<b>June 14</b>  Choir 6:30-8 PM	<b>June 15</b>  <b>Communion with Healing 7 pm</b>	<b>June 16</b>  <b>Nursing Home Visits</b>	<b>June 17</b> Fr. Perry Day off	<b>June 18</b>
<b>June 19</b> <b>5th Sunday after Pentecost (<i>Proper 7</i>)</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>8 &amp; 10</b>	<b>June 20</b>  Weekly Weeders 6:30	<b>June 21</b>  Choir 6:30-8 PM	<b>June 22</b>  <b>Communion with Healing 7 pm</b>	<b>June 23</b>	<b>June 24</b> Fr. Perry Day off	<b>June 25</b>

## The Readings for the Day of Pentecost

### **The Collect**

The First Lesson: Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

    `In the last days it will be, God declares,  
    that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
        and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
    and your young men shall see visions,  
        and your old men shall dream dreams.  
    Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
        in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
        and they shall prophesy.  
    And I will show portents in the heaven above  
        and signs on the earth below,  
        blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
    The sun shall be turned to darkness  
        and the moon to blood,  
        before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
    Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "



### **The Psalm: Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan,\*  
which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled  
with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified;\*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;\*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;\*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

### **The Second Lesson: Romans 8:14-17**

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

### **The Holy Gospel John 14:8-17**

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

## Sing a New Church

(sung to "Nettleton," the melody for "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Hymn #686)

Summoned by the God who made us  
rich in our diversity  
Gathered in the name of Jesus,  
richer still in unity.

*Refrain:* Let us bring the gifts that differ  
and, in splendid, varied ways,  
sing a new church into being,  
one in faith and love and praise.

Radiant risen from the water,  
robed in holiness and light,  
male and female in God's image,  
male and female, God's delight. *Refrain*

Trust the goodness of creation;  
trust the Spirit strong within.  
Dare to dream the vision promised,  
sprung from seed of what has been. *Refrain*

Bring the hopes of every nation;  
bring the art of every race.  
Weave a song of peace and justice;  
let it sound through time and space. *Refrain*

Draw together at one table,  
all the human family;  
shape a circle ever wider  
and a people ever free. *Refrain*

~Delores Dufner, OSB  
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