



A. PETRUCCI

May 8, 2016

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:
THE SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION
with ROGATION DAY CELEBRATION**

8:00 a.m. & 10 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

**Saint Peter's Episcopal Church
Hebron, Connecticut
The Rev. Everett C. Perine, Rector
Josh Ziemski, Organist and Choir Director
860-228-3244**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite One

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 Seventh Sunday of Easter BCP page 174
The Collect for Rogation Day III BCP page 208

We Listen to God's Word

The Readings for Seventh Sunday of Easter (*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 Easter Blessing (*May be found on page 3 of this bulletin*)
The Dismissal Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

The People are invited to follow the procession to the Memorial Garden for Rogation Day Prayers.

10:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite II

Preludes

Josh Ziemski, Organist

WE COME TOGETHER TO PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

We Glorify God

Gathering Hymn #450 (verses 1-3, 6) “All hail the power of Jesus’ Name!” *Coronation*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Collect for Purity

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Glory to God: #S-280 “Glory to God

Powell

The Collect for Seventh Sunday in Easter

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The Collect for Rogation Day III

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We Listen to God’s Word

The Readings for Seventh Sunday of Easter (*The readings may be found on the last page of the bulletin*)

Sequence Anthem: “That they all may be one”

Roff

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 #380 “From all that dwell below the skies”

Old 100th

*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

Communion Hymn #711 “Seek ye first the kingdom of God”

Seek Ye First

We Are Sent Out Into the World

The Prayer of Mission

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The Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us children through the resurrection of the Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of God’s blessing. ***Amen.***

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. ***Amen.***

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. ***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.***

Mission Hymn #405 “All things bright and beautiful”

Royal Oak

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

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

Following the closing Hymn the congregation is welcome to follow the procession to the cemetery and Memorial Garden for the Rogation Day prayers

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 8, 2016

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: Lydia Meyers (5/14), Joseph Cyr (5/8), Jack Celio (5/10), Samuel Forrest (5/12), Tyler Perkins (5/11)

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Mark's, New Britain; St. Mark's, New Canaan; Christ Church, New Haven; Parish prayer groups; intercessory prayer chains

On this special Sunday we remember all our mothers and mother figures, living and deceased, who gave of themselves to nurture us and love us, and by whose example we are inspired and filled with gratitude.

Current Prayer List

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;

Prayers added the week of April 24: 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;

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.

On this Mothers' Day, we give thanks for all mothers living and deceased.

Diocesan News

The staff at **Camp Washington** are eager to show off their work and their facility. They are offering an open-house day on **Sunday May 22nd** 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.

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.

Celebrate Pentecost with us Next Sunday! Next Sunday, May 15 we join together to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost – a day we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the Birth of the Church! We invite you to enhance the festive atmosphere by wearing something red to church (red is the liturgical color for the Spirit). For children this day coincides with the **Last Sunday of Church School** for this school year. Accordingly, there will be lots of activity and special celebrations as we honor these two events in the life of our parish. Please join us!

Coffee hour for the 10 o'clockers We are looking for some 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.

Donations still needed to brighten up Phelps Hall!

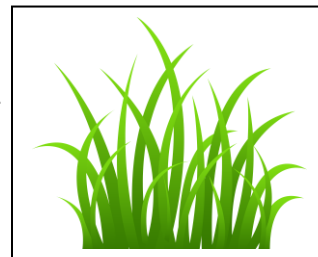
If you haven't noticed, most of the ceiling tiles have already been replaced in the hall. They look great! Donations are still needed to fund the purchasing of new energy efficient LED lighting in the hall. We need to raise an additional \$1,000 to complete the job. Please consider a donation of any amount to help out. You may submit a donation of cash or check to the office or treasurer (to insure proper credit) and designate it as "Ceiling & Lighting Project". Thank you to all of you who have donated or plan to donate! - Buildings & Grounds

What's happening with the Kitchen Renovation Project? Do you have questions about the Kitchen Renovation Project? Are you interested in what fundraising efforts are being planned? Do you want to know how you can support this project? If so, please join us for our open house conversation this **Monday night at 7 p.m. in Phelps Hall**. Fundraising chairpersons Rick & Laura Beaudoin and Connie Medeiros will join project coordinators to answer any of your questions and bring you up to date on our fundraising progress so far!

Looking ahead to our Italian Dinner! Though our Italian Dinner is two weeks away, 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.

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.

Local News

The Andover Food Pantry invites you to the **Grand Opening and Dedication** of their newly renovated **Andover Food Pantry** to be held on Saturday May 14th at the 1st Congregational Church in Andover (359 Route 6) beginning at 11:30 a.m. Following the Dedication there will be a Pot Luck Luncheon provided by the Food Pantry Committee. Fun and games! Please bring a contribution to the Food Pantry when you come.

Opportunities to Serve at St. Peter's

Listed below are a few ways you may participate in the life of St. Peter's. Volunteers are always needed in a variety of jobs...

- **Host a coffee hour after the 10 o'clock service.** It's easy and fun. Make it a family occasion.
- **Help out with Sunday Counting** - Be an alternate/substitute counter to be available on some Sundays when needed. Try it out. If you enjoy it you could sign on for more. Calculators are available. Email wardens@stpetershebron.com or speak with Barb Parkyn or Rob Mangiafico.
- **Become an Acolyte** - New acolytes are needed. Any child 8 years or older is eligible to become an acolyte. Training is easy. If you think your child might be interested in this important ministry please contact JoAnn Osmond.
- **Join the Chalice Bearers at 10 AM service** – Helping Fr. Perry serve the Eucharist on Sundays is a meaningful way to get more involved. Training is not complicated. If you might be interest speak with Fr. Perry or email him at rector@stpetershebron.com.
- **Maintain the church Twitter account** - Like using Twitter? Good with social media? Consider managing Twitter for St. Peter's. Email: wardens@stpetershebron.com or speak with Rob Mangiafico.

MAY CALENDAR

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

The Readings for the 7th Sunday of Easter

The First Lesson: Acts 16:16-34

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Psalm: Psalm 97

1 The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice;*
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him,*
righteousness and justice are
the foundations of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him*
and burns up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world;*
the earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence
of the LORD,*
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness,*
and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of
Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O LORD.

9 For you are the LORD, most high
over all the earth;*
you are exalted far above all gods.

10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the
hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those
who are truehearted.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

The Second Lesson: Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." and let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The Holy Gospel: John 17:20-26

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Today we celebrate Rogation Day!

Rogation Day is actually a series of three days preceding Ascension Day that are set apart by the Church to celebrate God's creation and ask God's blessing over the land as a new growing season begins.

It is a time for us to be reminded that we are stewards of creation and to reflect on the abundance of God's blessings in our lives.



Think of Rogation Day as the Church's Earth Day (only the church has been celebrating this feast for over 1500 years!). This year we honor Rogation Day on the Sunday after the Ascension with a Rogation Procession around St. Peter's Cemetery immediately following the service.

Prayers for the Rogation Procession

Prayer at the SE corner:

O heavenly Father, creator of the cosmos, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; and honor you as our Creator and source of all life. *Amen.*

Prayer at the SW corner:

Lord Jesus Christ, when you came among us, you proclaimed the kingdom of God in villages, towns and cities: Grant that your presence and power may be known throughout this land. Bless all who live and work to produce the food that nourishes us and the necessities of life that sustain us; give us thankful hearts to appreciate our abundance; awaken us to provide for those in need; and inspire us to honor the land and water from which all good things come. All this we ask in your holy name. *Amen.*

Prayer at the NW corner:

Almighty God, whose loving hand created all that surrounds us; in giving us dominion over all things on earth, you made us co-workers in your creation and stewards of your bounty: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations to come may continue to praise you for your bounty. *Amen.*

Prayer at the NE corner (Memorial Garden):

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: increase our reverence for the mystery of life; give us new insight to your purposes for the human race; inspire us with wisdom and determination to provide for the future of our world; and grant us courage and perseverance to bring your healing love to those who are suffering or in need; for the sake of the one who bore your love to us, Jesus the Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*