

May 21, 2017

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
with ROGATION DAY CELEBRATION**

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**Saint Peter's Episcopal Church
Hebron, Connecticut**

**Guest Celebrant: The Rev. James Speer
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8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 1

We Glorify God

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Collect for Purity and Summary of the Law

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The Gloria

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The Collect for Sixth Sunday of Easter

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The Collect for Rogation Day III

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O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

We Listen to God's Word

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

The Sermon

The Reverend James Speer

We Proclaim Our Belief

The Nicene Creed

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We Offer Prayers of Intercession, Thanksgiving and Confession

The Prayers of the People

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Following the Prayers of the People please join in saying a prayer for guidance during our time of transition:

Almighty and everliving 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

The Confession

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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

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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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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 for Rogation Day Prayers.

10:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite II

Prelude “Trumpet Voluntary”

William Goodwin

WE COME TOGETHER TO PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

We Glorify God

Gathering Hymn #409 “The spacious firmament on high”

Creation

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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O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature:

Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the

account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through

Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God,

for ever and ever. Amen.

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: “Great is the Lord”

Jay Althouse

The Sermon

The Reverend James Speer

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 Fr. Speer our celebrant today; 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.

Please join in saying a prayer for guidance during our time of transition:

Almighty and everliving 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

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.

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

The Peace 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 #291****“We plow the fields and scatter”*****Wir pflugen****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 CommunionThe Breaking of the Bread: **Fraction Anthem #S-154*****Hurd****The people come forward to receive the bread and the wine***Communion Anthem*****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
for the Rogation Day prayers*****Postlude: “Fugue in C”*****Johann Pachelbel***

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 21, 2017

We pray for our clergy: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; Father Jim Speer, our celebrant today, and for all bishops, priests and deacons;

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer we pray for all our parish family and especially for those who celebrate their birthdays this week: Ellen Kraemer (5/23), Sarah Messenger (5/27).

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Paul & St. James, New Haven; St. Thomas', New Haven; Trinity, New Haven; St. James, New London; Camp Washington: staff, counselors, and campers.

Current Prayer List

Prayers added the week of May 21: Stephanie and Beverly; Jeremy, Gareth Bromell, Liz, John, Kathleen, Bill & June, Wendy, Phil Patros; Jennifer, Frank Tomlinson; Derek, Nicky and Jackie, Cheryl F., Matt; Jules Bessette; Ruth Wilson, Diane; Joe, Cee-Cee; Dorothy; Dick Sage, Kathy; Julia, Dave; a Dear Friend; Emil & Annie; Ms. Kamins; Barbara Potterton;

Prayers added the week of May 14: Lee Grenier; John Burton; Ralph, Jackie: Christine Flanagan, Carolyn Mencucci; Edward Murray, Susie, Henry Jones, Sam Docker, Michael Docker, Nicole, Brian, Taylor and Brian Benson, The Caprara Family; Dawn; Christina; Sandra Hastings; The MacDonough Family; Rod & Janice Lambeth; Charles; The Conrad families, Deanne & John Bowen; Danielle, Chantelle and Kayleigh; Louis Domingue, Bob and Barbara LaMay, Jim Vicevich, Bob & Bev Winter, Connie Rich, Florence Coulombe, Mike Duval, and Donna Doyker; Aly, Steffi; Susan; Elizabeth, Kim, Andrée, Dianna Tedesco; the Bossi and Liska families, Barbara and Family; Maidey and Ken, Everette; Jeanne, Sam; Helen and Family; Karen Emmons;

Prayers added the week of May 7: Joan Hamilton, Dianne Sayers & Linda Sayers Reynolds, Keith; Karen L., Barbara; Mike, Tom; Sienna Roper; Jim & Marilyn Kew, Phil, Toni; Stephanie; Irene; Victoria, Paulette Likoudis, Bill, Walter, Melissa, Maidey, Jane, Jim & Bernie, Anna C.; John & the Romero family; Kelly; Tiffany Nicole, Chris; John & Sue; Lauren, Jeni, Kile, Lianie, Dana; Gina; Eva & Bill; The Gentino Family; Justin, Stephanie; Grace; Peter, the Kell family; Sam Downey;

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;

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 law enforcement officers.

We pray for healing and peace.

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.

Stewardship Corner

Our Vision:

“Welcoming all. Serving our Community. Connecting with Others”

We are "Serving our Community" locally and throughout the World

- The Food donations in May are designated for the **Marlborough Food Pantry**.
- We are also always accepting clothing, magazines (cut off the address label, please), kitchen utensils and items for personal hygiene for the **Brooklyn Bridge project** which helps men recently released from prison to re-enter society.
- **Candace, Emma and Tim O'Shea have joined Jack Gasper in participating in the newly created Adventure Trail sponsored jointly by AHM and St. Peter's.** The trail is located on St. Peter's property that lies adjacent to the large parking area across the street from the church. We invite you to take some time later this year to experience the trail for yourself and perhaps be involved the future development of the site.

If you or someone you know from St. Peter's is serving our community, please let us know.

We would like to let others know how you are living out your call

to participate with God in God's mission to the world!

Parish News

Sunday, June 4th we will have ONE service at 9 a.m. followed by a Parish Town Meeting and a special coffee hour. Mark your calendars.

Youth Group Formation:

St. Peter's is beginning a **youth group** for middle, high school (and above) youth! There will be a short meeting **this Sunday MAY 21 after the 10 a.m. service** to discuss our plans. Please join us.

Community Dinner May 20th - St. Peter's **Italian Dinner** was once again a big success. Thanks, as always are due to those who participated from the chefs, the servers to the set up crew and the cleaner-uppers. Thanks one and all!!

The Weekly Weeders are working hard and having fun! Now that the weather is nice, come join us and help keep our Memorial Garden beautiful! We meet every Monday evening from 6:30 to 7:20. We do what we can in 50 minutes and close up shop at 7:30. Then we usually stick around and chat for a while. Bring your gardening gloves and whatever tools you normally use to weed like clippers, trowels, scratchers, rakes, etc., as well as a hat and bug spray. We have extra tools if you need them. It's a nice way to get outside, visit with friends, and keep our garden looking beautiful!

Results from the church school fundraiser:

The children were able to provide the following gifts to those in need throughout the world in partnership with Episcopal Relief and Development:

- * 2 full flocks of chickens
- * Clean water for an entire family
- * 4 groups of fruit trees

Thank you to all of you that supported their efforts, and to the children that worked hard to help those less fortunate. Barb and Rob

Tag Sale

St. Peter's Annual Tag Sale is being held on Friday, June 9 (8-3) and Saturday, June 10 (8-3). We can now begin to start gathering items for our annual tag sale. Below is a list of desired items for you as a guide. If there are any concerns please contact Marcia Eaton (860-228-3487) or Ron Churney (860-228-0027). A designated area in Phelps Hall will be available for your items. You can start drop off on Monday May 22 to Tuesday June 6. The office is open 8-11 or someone can open up for you by appointment. We need newspapers and plastic bags for the checkout tables.

ITEMS WE CAN ACCEPT

Linens	Frames
Towels	Tools
Curtains	Crafts
Toys & Games	Pictures
Children's book	Jewelry
Pots and Pans	Handbags
Dishes	Bicycles
Kitchen utensils	Sports equipment
Small electric tools/appliances	Nick-nacks
Glassware	Lamps
CDs – Movies	Baby equipment
Clean rugs	

SMALL furniture (e.g. end-tables, chairs)

ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT


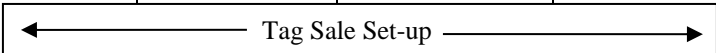
Clothing	Paint
Computers	Luggage
Books & Magazine	Mattresses
Tapes & Recorders	Printers
Cribs & Car seats	Exercise Equipment

NO LARGE furniture (sofas, large tables, recliners, bedroom sets etc.)

NO LARGE appliances (e.g. fridge, stove, microwave, a/c, washers, dryers)

NO HEAVY, BULKY PIECES (*we're all too old*)

MAY/JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 21 EASTER 6 Rogation Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 Last day of Church School Girl Scouts (KS)	May 22 Weekly Weeders 6:30-7:20 pm	May 23 Choir practice 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7 p.m.	May 24	May 25	May 26	May 27
May 28 EASTER 7 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10	May 29 Weekly Weeders 6:30-7:20 pm	May 30 Choir practice 6:30 pm	May 31	June 1	June 2	June 3
						
June 4 DAY OF PENTECOST Holy Eucharist 9 a.m. Parish Town Meeting following service	June 5 Weekly Weeders 6:30-7:20 pm	June 6 Choir practice 6:30 pm	June 7 Buildings & Grounds 7 p.m.	June 8	June 9	June 10
						
					Tag Sale	Tag Sale
June 11 PENTECOST 1 (TRINITY SUNDAY) Holy Eucharist 8 & 10	June 12 Vestry 7 pm Weekly Weeders 6:30-7:20 pm	June 13 Choir practice 6:30 pm	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17 Community Dinner

The Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Collect: O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Response: Psalm 66:7-18

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
 make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
 and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
 you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
 you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
 we went through fire and water; *
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
 and will pay you my vows, *
 which I promised with my lips
 and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
 with the smoke of rams; *
 I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
 and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
 and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
 the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
 he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
 nor withheld his love from me.

The Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts, sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Gospel: John 14:15-21

Jesus said, "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.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to 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 Sixth Sunday of Easter with a Rogation Procession immediately following the service, beginning at the front steps of the Church and continuing to St. Peter's Cemetery and the Memorial Garden.

Prayers for the Rogation Procession

(said by priest or one or more parishioners)

Prayer at the front of the Church *(facing East):*

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 in front of Phelps Hall *(facing South):*

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 behind Phelps Hall *(facing West):*

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 Memorial Garden *(facing North):*

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.**