



July 9
MORNING PRAYER
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church

*Welcoming all.
Serving our community.
Connecting with others.*

9:00 A.M. MORNING PRAYER: RITE 1

(All stand as the Officiant enters. After welcoming the congregation, the Officiant announces the opening hymn.)

Opening Hymn: #657 “Love divine, all loves excelling”

Hyfrydol

Opening Sentence

Officiant Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All kneel. Silence is kept.

All Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

All Stand.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People ***And our mouth shall show forth thy 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 forever. Amen. Alleluia.***

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

The Venite: Psalm 95 (*The Officiant leads the people in saying Psalm 95.*)

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *
 let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, *
 and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
 and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *
 and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his and he made it, *
 and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down *
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God, *
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
 let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *
 and with righteousness to judge the world and the peoples with his truth.

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 145:8-15 (*in unison*)

- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
 slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone *
 and his compassion is over all his works.
- 10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *
 and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
 and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
 and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
 your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The LORD is faithful in all his words *
 and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
 he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Canticle 4: The Song of Zechariah (*Said in unison*)

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Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
in the house of his servant David,
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, *
and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, *
that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
to give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, *
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness and in 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: Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of

All stand for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Apostles' Creed (*The Officiant leads the people in saying the Creed, all standing*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
 the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Prayers (*The Intercessor leads the people in the prayers. People may stand or kneel.*)

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People *And with thy spirit.*
Officiant 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 O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
People *And grant us thy salvation.*
Intercessor Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
People *And make thy chosen people joyful.*
Intercessor Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People *For only in thee can we live in safety.*
Intercessor Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
People *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*
Intercessor Let thy way be known upon earth;
People *Thy 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 thy Holy Spirit.***

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

A Collect for Sundays

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same 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, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

A Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

A Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

A Collect for Guidance

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

Prayers of the People

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The Intercessor leads the people in the Prayers of the People and the following Prayer for Guidance.

Prayer for Guidance

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 Intercessor concludes with the following collect

A Collect for Mission

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

All stand.

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Announcements

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.

Offertory Hymn #302 "Father, we thank thee who hast planted"

Rendez a Dieu

Officiant: In thanksgiving for the many blessings that God has bestowed upon us, let us pray (*all kneeling*)

Prayer of General Thanksgiving (*in unison*)**BCP page 58**

All: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. ***Amen.***

The Officiant concludes the service with the following prayer.

Prayer of St. Chrysostom**BCP page 59**

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

Closing Hymn: #482 "Lord of all hopefulness"***Slane***

*During the singing of the hymn the candles are extinguished.
The Officiant then concludes the service with the dismissal.*

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

*The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Amy Stone
in loving memory of Alice Stone.*

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: Robert Roper (7/13), Maryann Hickelton (7/15), Anna Carey (7/12), Gianni Wursthorn (7/10)

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. James', Poquetanuck; St. Philip's, Putnam; Christ Church, Redding; ECCT and parish-based committees and networks for investments, stewardship, finance, planned giving, insurance, and personnel policy.

Parish Prayer List

Prayers added the week of July 9: Katie, Bill Sowik, Cathreen Salesses; Jonathan Martin; Lee Grenier; 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 especially Doreen, 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 July 2: The Hadley & Weir Families, Kyle B., Tina Jeter, Andrea Gigliotti; Audrey and children; Sienna Roper; Joan Hamilton, Dianne Sayers & Linda Sayers Reynolds; Keith; Karen L., Barbara; Mike, Tom; Jim & Marilyn Kew, Phil, Toni; Stephanie; Irene; Kelly; Tiffany Nicole, Chris; John & Sue; Lauren, Jeni, Victoria, Paulette Likoudis, Bill, Walter, Melissa, Maidey, Jane, Jim & Bernie, Anna C.; John & the Romero family Kile, Lianie, Dana; Gina; Eva & Bill; The Gentino Family; Justin, Stephanie; Grace; Peter, the Kell family; Sam & Grace Downey.

Announcements

Chicken BBQ on July 15th!! This is always a sellout so get there early. If you would like to help out, there is a signup sheet on the back table for needed supplies as well as a helper schedule.

Women's Club - Join us for an evening of wine and music on **Friday July 14th** at Cassidy Hill Winery at 454 Cassidy Hill Road in Coventry from 6 until 8 p.m. You can pack a picnic or just snacks. Bring lawn chairs. There will also be, weather permitting, a local food truck called Lizzie's Curbside if you prefer. The band that night is "Lee & Eddie of Fuse 5". There are no alcoholic beverages permitted on the grounds but the winery will be open until 8 p.m. for wine tasting or to purchase a glass or bottle of their wine. Adults only and no pets. In bad

weather the event will be held inside the winery. If you need any further information, please call Mary Latour at 860-228-2154. She can let you know about carpooling

The **ACHM Regional Hunger Action Team**, with Cathie Litwin representing St. Peter's, is running a program this summer to provide support for children and families struggling with self-sufficiency. On Thursday, July 20th (from 11:00 to 12:45), we will be in Douglas Library in Hebron. If you would like to help out, or just would like more information, please contact Cathie Litwin at 860-228-3940.

Brooklyn Bridge Project Dismantled – Due to budget cuts **the Brooklyn Bridge Project has been shut down**, the men have been moved to another location and, therefore, we will no longer be accepting clothing, magazines, etc. for the men.

Home visits – If anyone in the Parish is in need of a home visit please let Claire in the office know (860-228-3244). Fr. John Burton is now setting up visitation schedules, and Claire would be happy to add your or your loved-one's name.

Vacation Bible School (VBS), an ecumenical fun-filled week for children (ages K-6), will be held at Gilead Congregational Church from July 24-28 from 9 a.m. to 12:30. Registration forms are on the back table. For more information, please call Barbara Parkyn 860-228-3860 or the office.

The Weekly Weeders continue to work in the Memorial Garden on Monday evenings beginning at 6:30. Please call Kathy Kniep for more information.

Sunday Schedule for the Summer

July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27 one service of Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.

(alternating between Rite I and Rite II)

JULY CALENDAR

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
July 2 PENTECOST 4 Morning Prayer 9 AM	July 3 Weekly Weeders 6:30-7:20 pm	July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	July 5 B & G 7 PM	July 6	July 7	July 8
July 9 PENTECOST 5 Morning Prayer 9 AM	July 10 Weekly Weeders 6:30-7:20 pm	July 11 Vestry 7 pm	July 12	July 13 Senior Friends of Hebron 3-5	July 14 Womens Grp	July 15 Chicken BBQ
July 16 PENTECOST 6 Holy Eucharist 9 AM	July 17 Weekly Weeders 6:30-7:20 pm	July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21	July 22