



September 3, 2017

THE 13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 17)
9:00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER: Rite II

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*Our organist today is Lucille Allen.
We welcome her and thank her for being here today.*

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

Opening Hymn #707 "Take my life and let it be"

Hollingside

Opening Sentence

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

Confession of Sin

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

All kneel. Silence is kept.

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

All stand.

The Invitatory and Psalter

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Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People ***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

All ***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.***

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

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

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

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

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

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

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

The Psalm for the Day: 26:1-8 (*Said in unison*)

- 1 Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah (*Said in unison*)

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

The Second Lesson: The Epistle Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge

yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessor The Lord be with you.

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

Intercessor Let us pray.

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

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

Give us this day our daily bread.

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

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

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

The Suffrages

Intercessor Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People ***And grant us your salvation.***

Intercessor Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

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

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

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

Intercessor Lord, keep this nation under your care;

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

Intercessor Let your way be known upon earth;

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

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

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

Intercessor Create in us clean hearts, O God;

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

The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

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

A Collect for Peace

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

A Collect for Grace

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

A Collect for Guidance

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

Prayers of the People: Form IV

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

Prayer for Guidance (said in unison):

Almighty and ever-living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Grant us, in this time of transition, the grace to ask what thou would have us to do. Grant peace and confidence to the uncertain. Guide us as we discern the needs of our parish family and your mission for St. Peter's. Inspire our witness to Jesus Christ and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

A Collect for Mission

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

(All stand)

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

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

All stand for the singing of the offertory hymn.

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

The Offertory Hymn #383 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

St. Elizabeth

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

The General Thanksgiving

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

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

The Officiant concludes the service with the following prayer.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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

Closing Hymn #450 “All hail the power of Jesus’ Name” (vs. 1-3)

Coronation

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

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Service Schedule

Beginning September 10, we will resume our normal schedule of Communion Services of Rite I at 8 a.m. and Rite II at 10 a.m., officiated by the Rev. Jim Speer. Each service is followed by fellowship and coffee hour

Church School for children in grades pre-k through 8 will begin on Sunday, September 17 at 10 a.m. Registration forms are available on our website, or at the church, and walk-ins are welcome any Sunday!

**TEXAS EMERGENCY DONATIONS can be made to the Red Cross,
or the SPCA-TX or to the Episcopal Relief Fund
(flyers on the back table).**

Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings

*The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Stephen and Victoria Fisk in
Loving Memory of Doreen Fisk.*

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

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family and especially for those who celebrate their birthdays this week: Caitlin Oberlin (9/6); Marianne Moore (9/6).

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for L'Eglise de L'Epiphanie, Stamford; St. Andrew's, Stamford; St. Francis', Stamford. Those involved in the ministry of education for Christian formation in parishes; church school and youth group directors, teachers, and mentors; for adult education leaders; for the Christian Formation Ministry Network

Parish Prayer List

Prayers added September 3: Cathy G., Georgette. Joan, Melissa; Barbara Potterton; Henry Jones; Natalie Perry; Sam & Grace Downey; 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; Lianie; Kyle.

Prayers added August 27: V.F., E. Caron, R. Bettancourt, C. Farren, T. Jeter, N. Vidal, H. Jones, S. Hicks, S. Fisk;

Prayers added August 20: Wendy; Linda, Margie; June & Bill;

Prayer List: Our new Prayer Ministry will confidentially and faithfully pray for those on our prayer list. While individuals will continue to be included on our prayer list for a month, we will publish only the most recent additions in the bulletin.

Announcements

The Episcopal Church Women are holding a "Quiet Day" on Sept. 9 from 8:30–12:00 at **St. Andrew's in Meriden** lead by the Rev. Ellen Adams. *Flyer on the back bulletin board.*

The Weekly Weeders meet Mondays at 6:30pm in the Memorial Garden.

**Please join us for refreshments and
fellowship after the service**