

September 17, 2017



**THE 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 19)**

**8:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I**

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

**Saint Peter's Episcopal Church**

**Hebron, Connecticut**

**Celebrant: The Rev. Jim Speer**

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**8:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE I)**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**The Opening Acclamation, The Collect for Purity &**

**Summary of the Law** BCP page 323

**Lord have mercy upon us** BCP page 324

**The Collect of the Day (*Proper 19*)** BCP page 182

**The Lessons (*page 5-6*)**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. James Speer**

**The Nicene Creed** BCP page 326

**The Prayers of the People** BCP page 329

**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*

**Confession of Sin** BCP page 331

**The Peace**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Offertory**

**The Great Thanksgiving:**

Eucharistic Prayer 1 BCP page 333

The Lord's Prayer BCP page 336

**The Breaking of the Bread** BCP page 337

The Communion

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**10:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)**

*Prelude: "Voluntary in B flat (Maurice Greene)*

*Joshua Ziemski, Organist*

**Opening Hymn: #410 "Praise my soul, the King of Heaven"**

*Lauda anima*

**The Opening Acclamation, The Collect for Purity &**

**Summary of the Law** BCP page 355

**Hymn of Praise: Hymn #1 (verse 1)**

*Christe sanctorum*

*Father, we praise thee, now the night is over,  
active and watchful, stand we all before thee;  
singing we offer prayer and meditation:  
thus we adore thee.*

**The Collect of the Day**

BCP page 233

**The Lessons (page 5-6)**

**Sequence Anthem: "Bless the Lord, O my Soul"**

*Deborah Governor*

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. James Speer**

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP page 358

**The Prayers of the People, form VI**

BCP page 392

**Prayer for Guidance (said in unison):**

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**Confession of Sin**

BCP page 393

**The Peace**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Offertory**

**Offertory Hymn: #516 "Come down, O love divine"**

*Down Ampney*

**The Great Thanksgiving:**

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP page 361

**Sanctus: #S-125**

*Proulx*

The Lord's Prayer

BCP page 364

**The Breaking of the Bread**

BCP page 364

The Communion

**Communion Music: "Aria in B (Theme, var. 3 & 4)**

*John Philipp Krieger*

Post Communion Prayer (said in unison)

BCP page 365

**Closing Hymn: #400 "All creatures of our God and King"**

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

*People: Thanks be to God.*

*Postlude: "Sarabanda in D minor" (Johan P. Krieger)*

*Joshua Ziemski, Organist*

# Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service

## Church School is Back!!

**Today**, we welcome back all our **Church School** children at 10 a.m., and we hope some new faces will join in the fun. Registration forms are available in the church, in Phelps Hall (office) or on-line.

## Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings

**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, 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: Emil Caron (9/17), Victoria Fisk (9/21), Dan Osmond (9/22), Bob ManWarren (9/20), John Paggioli (9/17), Janet Kay (9/18), Allison Forrest (9/22), Andrew Campbell (9/23);

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for Christ Church, Stratford; Trinity, Tariffville; St. Peter's/Trinity, Thomaston; Trinity, Torrington; Children and Children's ministries; Rhythms of Grace, Grace2Go, and other ministries for children with special needs.

## Parish Prayer List

**Prayers added the week of September 17:** Sue; the family of Chelsea Reading; the family of Barbara Rose; the family of Richard Nelson; the family of Sara Grady; Linda H., Bob, Larry and all hurricane victims; Jessica Starkey; Wendy; Linda, Margie; June & Bill;

**Prayers added the week of Sept 10:** Joan, Melissa; Barbara Potterton; Henry Jones; Natalie Perry; Sam & Grace Downey; The Conrad families, Cathy Palazzi, Deanne & John Bowen; Danielle, Chantelle and Kayleigh; Jim Vicevich, Bob & Bev Winter, Brian & Connie Rich, Scott Richard, Florence Coulombe, and Mike Duval; Lianie; Kyle;

**Prayers added the week of September 3:** V.F., R. Bettancourt, S.F., C. Farren, T. Jeter, E. Caron, N. Vidal, H. Jones, S. Hicks;

**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**

**Women’s Group** ~ The next meeting of the St. Peter's Women's Club will be held at 7:00 this coming Monday, September 18th, at Cindy Brinkman's home, 136 North Main St., in Marlborough. **Cindy has invited the men of St. Peter's to join us as we enjoy the lovely September weather at the lake, sitting around the fire pit.** If you've been to Cindy's before, you know that it may get cool as the evening progresses and the walk down to the fire pit is uneven, so be prepared. Please join us! For more information, call Cindy at 860-295-1193.

**Community Walk for Unity**

With so much unrest in the world, the Gilead Congregational Church invites the community to come together for a Walk for Unity. Take a stand for peace, unity, love and inclusiveness on Sept. 21, the 2017 United Nations International Day of Peace. The theme of this year’s International Day of Peace is “Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All.” Let’s spread the message that Love Lives Here.

We will gather at 5:45 p.m. at Veteran’s Park (on Wall Street, across from RHAM High School) in Hebron to walk as a group to the Gazebo near Town Hall (on Route 85). Walkers are invited to bring signs to carry which have a positive message (e.g. “We Love Our Neighbors”, “Love Lives Here”). At 7:00 pm speakers will address the themes of unity and inclusion in a 30-minute ceremony at the Gazebo. Join in one or both events, depending on your schedule; the important thing is that we all come together and show that our strength lies in our unity.

We invite all youth and adults to attend if they can!

**The Pumpkin Fest** will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. Concurrent with the pumpkin sale and events, there will be a **Fall Tag Sale, with Hallowe’en overtones.** If you have any gently used fall decorations or Hallowe’en costumes we hope you will donate them to this event. Speak with the Eatons for any questions. **There will also be a Silent Auction. Gifts are needed. Please speak with Sue Ostrout.**

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## **The Readings for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 19)**

### **The Collect**

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The First Lesson: Old Testament: Genesis 50:15-21**

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

### **The Response: Psalm 103: 8-13**

- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

### **The Epistle: Romans 14:1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

### **The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

## SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
September 17 <b>PENTECOST 15</b> Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 Church School 10 a.m.	September 18 Women's Club 7p.m. (Men invited)	September 19	September 20	September 21 "Walk for Unity" 5:45 Veteran's Park	September 22	September 23
September 24 <b>PENTECOST 16</b> Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 Church School 10 a.m	September 25 Weekly Weeders 6:30- 7:20 pm	September 26 Boy Scouts 7 pm	September 27 Liturgy Comm. 11:30 am Prayer Ministry 12:30	September 28	September 29	September 30 Pumpkin Fest
October 1 <b>PENTECOST 17</b> Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 Church School 10 a.m Youth Grp 1 p.m.  Pumpkin Fest	October 2	October 3	October 4 Buildings and Grounds 7 p.m	October 5	October 6	October 7
October 8 <b>PENTECOST 18</b> Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 Church School 10 a.m	October 9	October 10	October 11	October 12	October 13	October 14
October 15 <b>PENTECOST 19</b> Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 Church School 10 a.m.  "Blessing of the Animals" 2 p.m.	October 16 Women's Club 7 p.m.	October 17	October 18	October 19 Vestry Meeting 7 p.m.	October 20	October 21 Community Dinner "Octoberfest"
October 22 <b>PENTECOST 20</b> Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 Church School 10 a.m  Reception to honor Fr. Jim	October 23	October 24 Parish Kitchen Update 7 p.m.	October 25	October 26	October 27 Youth Grp "Lantern Fest"	October 28 Parish Hallowe'en Party & Service