



July 19, 2020  
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m.  
MORNING PRAYER Rite 2  
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church  
Hebron, Connecticut  
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**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Proper 11*)  
9:00 A.M. MORNING PRAYER ~ RITE 2**

*(All stand as the Officiant enters)*

**Opening Music: (Music only, no singing) #541 "Come Labor on"**

*Officiant:* Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer (*Psalms 19:14*).

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.**

*Officiant:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *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.**

*Officiant* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

**Jubilate (Psalm 100)** *The Officiant leads the people in saying Psalm 95 in unison.*

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \***

**serve the Lord with gladness**

**and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; \***

**he himself has made us, and we are his;**

**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \***

**give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \***

**and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**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 139: 1-11, 22-23**

**1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \***

**you know my sitting down and my rising up;**

**you discern my thoughts from afar.**

**2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \***

**and are acquainted with all my ways.**

**3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \***

**but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

**4 You press upon me behind and before \***

**and lay your hand upon me.**

**5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \***

**it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

**6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \***

**where can I flee from your presence?**

**7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \***

**if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

**8 If I take the wings of the morning \***

**and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

**9 Even there your hand will lead me \***

**and your right hand hold me fast.**

**10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \***

**and the light around me turn to night,"**

**11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; \***

**darkness and light to you are both alike.**

**22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; \***

**try me and know my restless thoughts.**

**23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me \***

**and lead me in the way that is everlasting.**

## **The First Lesson: Genesis 28:10-19a**

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

## **The Second Song of Isaiah (*Isaiah 55:6-11*)**

**Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
call upon him when he draws near.  
Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
and the evil ones their thoughts;  
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
and return not again, but water the earth,  
Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
seed for sowing and bread for eating,  
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
it will not return to me empty;  
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
and prosper in that for which I sent it.  
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 8:12-25**

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

## **Canticle 21 You are God**

**You are God: we praise you; You are the Lord; we acclaim you; You are the eternal Father: All creation worships you.**

**To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**The glorious company of apostles praise you.**

**The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.**

**The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.**

**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you; Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

**You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.**

**When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Virgin's womb.**

**You overcame the sting of death**

**and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You are seated at God's right hand in glory.**

**We believe that you will come and be our judge.**

**Come then, Lord, and help your people,**

**bought with the price of your own blood,**

**and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.**

### **The Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

### **Reflection**

**The Ronald Kolanowski**

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

**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.**

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

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.***

**Collect of the Day: Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.**

### **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 Mission** O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Offertory Music: (music only, no singing) #302 “Father we thank thee who hast planted”**

#### **Prayers of the People**

We pray for those whose lives closely touch our own that they may always be in our hearts and have joy and happiness in their lives, for those celebrating birthdays, or anniversaries at this time of isolation.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray with thanks for all those in our community who support the well-being of others. We pray especially those who have requested our prayers: including Cole, Alyssa and Kayden, Amy Stone, Natalie Ware, Karen Thom, Cathie Litwin, Mary.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for our bishops, Ian and Laura, for our deacon Donna and for all deacons and priests. We pray for all who proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth and for all who seek the Truth.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all the leaders of the world that they may make wise choices for everyone and that they may lead us to honor one another and serve the common good, especially at this time of the terrible pandemic.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those on the front lines of serving our communities, the health care professionals, the law enforcement and first responders, those in our stores and shops, those who deliver things to us and provide transportation to others who put themselves in danger for the common good.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for your wonderful creation, the Earth, and its streams, trees, mountains and plants. We pray that the animals of the Earth may freely enjoy these resources.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died remembering especially Joe Litwin. We pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends, and neighbors, especially those who died of the virus and those dying alone in hospitals and nursing homes, that they may be comforted by those who love them. Let them discover Your love, through the care and support of others.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**Hear our prayer.**

**The General Thanksgiving (all standing)**

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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 ourselves 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.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### *Announcements*

**Closing music: #621 "Light's abode, celestial Salem" (music only no singing)**

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

#### **St. Peter's Prayer List**

**We pray for all those who have died** remembering especially Joe Litwin; we pray also for all those around the world who have died as a result of Covid-19;

**Continuing Prayer List:** "Cousin" Phil and Norm H.; Cole, Stephen and Victoria, Alyssa and Kayden, Cathie Litwin, Mary; Loretta Ickes, Joyce leombruno, Cheryl and Bruce, Val and Stephen, Mark and Tina, John and Dottie, Gloria, Maryellyn, Gary, J and J, Arlene, Judy P., Bill, John M., George A., Mark P., Liz, Nancy, Katy, Chris; Sarah McCracken, Ginny Hellstrom, Jacob Mika; Alice & Bob; John; Cailin and son Connor Campbell; Richard; Flora; Alice Wentz; Donna Gray; Daryl Cook; Kyle Buttice, Ethan; Megan Sulzinski, Janet Kay; Lorraine Nelson; Ella; Liz for healing; Bill S. for healing; Patty Sullivan; Marcia Brown; Bobbie Marston; Joan Conley; Alex Trebek; Jeanette Wade; Ambrosio Vidal and family; Susan Hicks and family; Jeannette Farren and family; Grace Jensen; Becky, June; Ella & Nelson; James; Rina Bettancourt; Joyce L.; John & Family.

### **Calendar**

**Zoom Meetings: Coffee Hours – Wednesdays at 10 a.m. - July 22, 29; August 5, 12, 19, 26.**

#### **\*Census: Making Your Voice Count**

A simple yet important way you can effect change in these uncertain times is through having yourself counted in the census. If you have not yet done so we encourage you to do it by the end of July. Counting every resident in the nation allows for appropriate allocation of resources in your state and local community. An under-count means your voice is not included and thereby denying necessary resources. To make it easy simply, log on now at **2020census.gov** or call **844-330-2020**.

#### **\*Clothing Drive at Hebron Historical Society**

During this time of COVID many regular outlets have suspended clothing drives. However, the Historical Society at the Old Towne Hall will be holding three: July 18; August 9 and September 19. All types of clothing and fabrics including shoes are welcome. Even if they are in bad condition. Items unsuited to be passed on will be sold in bulk for scrap cloth.