



July 26, 2020  
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m.  
MORNING PRAYER Rite 2  
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church  
Hebron, Connecticut  
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**THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Proper 12*)**  
**9:00 A.M. MORNING PRAYER ~ RITE 2**

*(All stand as the Officiant enters)*

**Opening Music: (Music only, no singing) #388 "O worship the king all glorious above"**

*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 105:1-11, 45b**

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.**
  - 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.**
  - 3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**
  - 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.**
  - 5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,**
  - 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.**
  - 7 He is the LORD our God; \*  
his judgments prevail in all the world.**
  - 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, \*  
the promise he made for a thousand generations:**
  - 9 The covenant he made with Abraham, \*  
the oath that he swore to Isaac,**
  - 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, \*  
an everlasting covenant for Israel,**
  - 11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan \*  
to be your allotted inheritance."**
- 45b Hallelujah!**

### **The First Lesson: Genesis 29:15-28**

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

### **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 8:26-39**

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **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 acclaims 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 13:31-33, 44-52**

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

**Reflection**

**The Rev. 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 yoursalvation.**

*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: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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.*

**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) #488 “Be Thou my Vision”**

**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 "Cousin" Phil and Norm H.; 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. 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: #530 "Spread o spread thou mighty word" (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** especially for all those around the world who have died as a result of Covid-19;

**Continuing Prayer List:** Tim Redden; "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 29; August 5, 12, 19, 26.**

**Fundraising Meeting: Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, Phelps Hall, 7 p.m.**

**Pulled Pork Dinner Saturday, August 15.**

**\*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 two drives: 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.