



**The Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost  
9:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2  
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church  
Hebron, Connecticut  
The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector**

**15th Sunday of Pentecost ~ Sept. 1, 2024 ~ 9:00 a.m.~ Rite 2**

**Opening Hymn: #436 "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates"**

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever**

**The Gloria**

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**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.***

**Old Testament: Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has

come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.      *People:* Thanks be to God.

### **The Psalm: Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10**

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;  
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; \*  
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.**
- 2 You are the fairest of men; \*  
grace flows from your lips,  
because God has blessed you for ever.**
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, \*  
a scepter of righteousness  
is the scepter of your kingdom;  
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.**
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you \*  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.**
- 9 All your garments are fragrant  
with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, \*  
and the music of strings from ivory palaces  
makes you glad.**
- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; \*  
on your right hand is the queen,  
adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

## **The Second Lesson: James 1:17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord. ***People:* Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn: #556 "Rejoice, ye pure in heart"**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

***People: Glory be to thee, O Lord***

**The Holy Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, All of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord ***People: Praise be to thee, Lord Christ***

**The Prayers of the People**

*Leader:* Holy God, source of life and fire of love, we ask you to hear our prayer as we open our hearts to you. We pray for those whose lives closely touch our own. May they be in our hearts and have joy and happiness in their lives. We pray for those celebrating their birthdays this week: Ronald Parkyn (9/1), Alberta Pomrowicz (9/1), Lucille Allen (9/3), Marianne Moore (9/6); and for those celebrating anniversaries. We give thanks for the birth of a granddaughter, named Alice Cassandra, to Lianie Gorcenski Unterzuber's daughter Jeni. A rose is on the altar to celebrate the occasion.

*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 for Bob, Gloria, Cathy Gerke, Nancy Kirkham, Sue Atkinson, Jeni, and for those who are listed in our Continuing Prayers list.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church; for our retiring Presiding Bishop, Michael and our newly elected Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe; for our bishops, Jeff and Laura, 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.**

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Kent School; South Kent School, Pomfret School, Salisbury School, Wooster School, Rectory School; St. Thomas Day School, New Haven, Trinity Academy, Hartford; the Episcopal Church at UCONN, Storrs; Berkeley Divinity School; New Haven, Trinity College, Hartford; *The Anglican churches of Mozambique and Angola*

*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.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for your wonderful creation, the Earth, and its streams, trees, mountains, and plants and for the animals of the Earth.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially Marge Dill. We pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends, and neighbors that they may be comforted by those who love them.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who do not understand or have not found  
Your love, that they may seek a deeper knowledge of You. May  
Your love find those who need You most.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love  
**Hear our prayer.**

For what else shall we pray this day?

**Confession of Sin** (*said in unison*)

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**The Peace**

**Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you**

*People: And with thy spirit*

**Announcements**

**The Holy Communion**

**Offertory**

**Offertory Hymn: #423 "Immortal, invisible"**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

***Eucharistic Prayer A***

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

***People We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

***People It is right to give him thanks and praise***

**Sanctus (*Holy, holy, holy Lord*):**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**The Lord's Prayer (*said in unison*)**

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**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Alleluia.* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

**Post-Communion Prayer (*said in unison*)**

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**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn: #344 "Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing"**

**The Dismissal**

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**Prayers and Thanksgivings for the 15th Sunday after Pentecost, Sept. 1, 2024**

*We give thanks for the birth of a granddaughter, named Alice Cassandra, to Lianie Gorcenski Unterzuber's daughter, Jeni.*

**We pray for our clergy:** Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, the former Presiding Bishop and Sean, the Presiding Bishop-elect; for Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for our priest Ron; for our deacons Marge & Donna; and for all bishops, priests and deacons; **In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for Kent School; South Kent School, Pomfret School, Salisbury School, Wooster School, Rectory School; St. Thomas Day School, New Haven, Trinity Academy, Hartford; the Episcopal Church at UCONN, Storrs; Berkeley Divinity School; New Haven, Trinity College, Hartford; *The Anglican churches of Mozambique and Angola.*

**In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for all our parish family and especially Bob, Gloria, Cathy Gerke, Nancy Kirkham, Sue Atkinson, and for those who are on our Continuing Prayer list, that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

**We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week**, Ronald Parkyn (9/1), Alberta Pomrowicz (9/1), Lucille Allen (9/3), Marianne Moore (9/6); and for those celebrating anniversaries.

**We pray for the deceased** remembering especially Marge Dill

**Continuing Prayer List**

Art A., Donna K., Lillian Borsotti, Wally and Sky Barton, Neal Harris, Nancy Duncan, Judy P., Tom and Mercedes Welles, Tracie and Jay Tim O'Shea, Carol Baldwin, Leila Lou Baldwin, Bill Baldwin, Judy, Robin, Brenda, Richard Taylor, Jim, Jeff Baez, Lydia, David

Rigby, Judy Knox, Deanne Bowen, June Beauvais; Star, Norm, Laura Beaudoin, Bill Houle, Aimee Goodrich, Cara Begin, Derek Anderson, Justin, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, Ryan, Roberto Rodegher, Marlin Corbean; Nelson & Marianne Moore; Brian, Joan Hamilton, Kathryn & Olivia; Caroline, Ron Lamp, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Jeannette Farren & Family; Noel, Daryl, Scott Goodrich, Ella & Nicole, Patricia Angelou, Lou and Heidi Schluntz.

### **On Going Activities**

- Balance Class: Mondays 10:00 a.m. \$5 per session.
- Cub Scouts: 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays 5:30-7 p.m. suspended for the summer
- Buildings & Grounds: first Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- Boy Scouts: Wednesdays, 7 p.m., suspended for the summer
- Vestry: Third Thursdays, 5 p.m.
- BNI (Business Networking International): Fridays, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

**Our Preacher this Sunday (9/1) at the 9:00a.m. service will be our new Seminary Intern, Doug Bowman.** Hearing the call to the priesthood at a later stage in life, Doug began his first semester of General Theological Seminary this week. We expect that Doug will be with us helping us in various capacities for at least a year, most likely two.

**Fall Book Study Group: “The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World.”** Our Deacon Donna Gray led a very successful book group during Lent and the participants expressed interest in doing another book in the fall. The book selected for this fall is “The Book of Joy,” written by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. It is a book that draws heavily on the personal relationship between these two world spiritual leaders. They rely heavily on humor to express how relationships grow and deepen in the spiritual realm.

The study will begin on Monday, September 9 running from 11:30-1:00 p.m., and will conclude November 25. You are encouraged to bring lunch if you would like to share fellowship afterward. We will supply beverages. If you need help in getting the book let us know.

**St. Peter’s Garden Committee** meets every Monday evening, from 4 to 5 o’clock, May through October. We care for the plants and the flowers that make the Memorial Garden and the grounds of St. Peter’s so beautiful. We need your help! Please join us and enjoy new friendships and the beauty and peace of the garden. See Kathy Kniep for more information. (860-234-4364); [kathyk06447@comcast.net](mailto:kathyk06447@comcast.net).



**Community Dinner** - This month we will have our especially delicious Turkey Dinner on September 21. More info to follow.

### **Sign-up sheet for assistive devices in the parish:**

We are collecting a list of assistive devices that people in the parish might have in their homes and might be willing to lend or to give to another parishioner who may be in need of helping devices like walkers, wheelchairs, portable commodes, shower seats, canes, or hospital beds. To that end Francine has put out a sign-up list in the church.

### **Mark Your Calendars: September 8, 2024, Parish-wide Meeting**

Following our one worship service at 9:00am on September 8, the Journey Committee, which is charged with leading the projects of improvements in the church in preparation for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church building on October 18, 2026, will share an update on the progress made. We will have a potluck luncheon while we listen to the presentation and we ask you to help by preparing a dish.

**Joshua Ziemski's final Sunday as organist and Choir Director** is September 15, 9:00a.m. Service.

Following the farewell service will have a special coffee hour in his honor and tributes during the service sermon time.