
The Fourth Sunday after the Pentecost ~ July 6, 2025

9:00 A.M. MORNING PRAYER ~ RITE 2

Opening Hymn: #717 "My country 'tis of thee"

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house
of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

The Confession

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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.

The Absolution

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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 forever. Amen.

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

Venite (Psalm 95:1-7)

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: Psalm 66:1-8

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; *

sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *

because of your great strength

your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, *

sings to you, sings out your Name."

4 Come now and see the works of God, *

how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land,

so that they went through the water on foot, *

and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever;

his eyes keep watch over the nations; *

let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *

make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *

and will not allow our feet to slip.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

The First Lesson: Isaiah 66:10-14

Thus says the Lord: "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her--that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies."

Reader: Hear ends the Lesson.

The Third Song of Isaiah

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**Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.**

**The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.**

**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: Galatians 6:7-16

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised-- only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Reader: Here ends the Lesson

Canticle 11: 19 The Song of the Redeemed

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**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.**

**Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.**

**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.**

**All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**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.**

Sequence Music

The Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Reader: Here ends the Lesson

Sermon

Marge Roccoberton

The Apostles' Creed (*The Officiant leads the people*) **BCP p. 96**

**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.*)

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 (A)

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- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 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 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.**

Prayers of the People [In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud].

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who celebrate their birthdays this week: Joseph Mangiafico 7/6, Tara Taglieri 7/6, Gianni Wursthorn 7/10, Anna Carey 7/12

Silence

I ask your prayers for, for all our parish family and especially those who have requested our prayers: Sarah, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, Erica, Kris, Linda Snarski, Mario, Maria, Stephanie and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed remembering especially Sean Starkey. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Announcements

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: #719: “O beautiful for spacious skies”

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

The General Thanksgiving (*all standing*)

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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:

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.***

The Blessing:

Officiant: Let us Bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: #718: “God of our Fathers”

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The Prayers and Thanksgivings for July 6, 2025

*The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Alberta
Pomprowicz in loving memory of Sean Starkey
on the 6th anniversary of his passing.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Peter's, Oxford; Christ Church, Oxford; St. John's, Pine Meadow Summer chapels in New London, Norfolk & Fenwick; summer & outdoor worship services; Vacation Bible Schools & parish- based summer camp programs The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma), Retired Clergy Chaplains; *The Church of Ireland*.

We pray for our clergy: Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for our priest Fr. Ron; for our seminarian Doug, for our deacons Marge & Donna; and for all bishops, priests and deacons;

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week: Joseph Mangiafico 7/6, Tara Taglieri 7/6, Gianni Wursthorn 7/10, Anna Carey 7/12, and those celebrating anniversaries.

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family and especially: Sarah, Erica, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, Linda Snarski, Mario, Maria, Stephanie, and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

We pray for the deceased.

Continuing Prayer List

John Lumsden, Stephanie, Rosemarie, Fran, Len and Kim Begin, Nancy Kirkham, Sheila, Peter and Barbara Farren, Andrew, Peggy Cobb and family, Adrian Mandeville, Neal, Loretta, Judy, Robin, Brenda, Richard Taylor, Jim, David Rigby, Judy Knox, June Beauvais; Star, Norm, Aimee Goodrich, Justin, Derek Anderson, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, Ryan, Marlin Corbean; Brian; Kathryn & Olivia; Caroline, Ron Lamp, Lou and Heidi Schluntz, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family, Ella & Nicole, Jeannette Farren & Family; Noel, Daryl.

Up & Coming

The next Community Dinner will be our fabulous Chicken BBQ on July 19th 4-6 or until sold out.

Menu: 1/2 Barbequed Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Pasta Salad, Cole Slaw, Dinner Roll, plus your choice of Desserts, all for \$17 per person!

This is a take-out only dinner, with no preorders. Waiters will come to your vehicle, take your money and dessert choice, and return to your vehicle, and place your meal in your back seat or trunk. You won't even need to get out of your car.

We are looking and hoping for new gardeners to join our group that takes care of our lovely Memorial Garden and our other flower beds.

The St. Peter's Garden Committee (aka 'the Weekly Weeders') meets every Monday afternoon from 4 to 5 o'clock April through November. We keep the Memorial Garden and all of the flower beds around the church blooming and healthy. Please join us!



It's surprising how much a small group can accomplish in just an hour and you don't need to be an expert to join. We can teach you what you need to know. If you're interested in helping out, contact Kathy Kniep (860-234-4364).

