
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ AUGUST 3, 2025

9:00 A.M. MORNING PRAYER: RITE I

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Opening Hymn: #302 "Father, we thank you who has planted"

Opening Sentence

Officiant: The Lord is in his holy temple.

Let all the earth keep silence before him.

Confession of Sin

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Officiant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All kneel. Silence is kept.

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen*

The Absolution

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Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

All Stand.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: ***And our mouth shall show forth thy 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: The earth is the Lord's for he made it:

O come, let us adore him.

The Venite: Psalm 95 (*The Officiant leads the people*) BCP p. 44

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, *

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *

and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his and he made it, *

and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God, *

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

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *

let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *

and with righteousness to judge the world

and the peoples with his truth.

Jubilate (*Psalms 100*)

**Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; *
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise; *
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting; *
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.**

The Readings and Canticles (*All are seated as the Reader leads
the people in the psalm, readings and canticles.*)

Psalms 49:1-11

**1 Hear this, all you peoples;
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
3 I will incline my ear to a proverb *
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods*
and boast of their great riches?
6 We can never ransom ourselves, *
or deliver to God the price of our life;**

- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, *
that we should never have enough to pay it,**
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, *
and never see the grave.**
- 9 For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish *
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after their own names.**
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.**

The First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a

great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Reader: Hear endeth the Lesson

A Song of Praise

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praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
and dwellest between the Cherubim; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

The Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication,

impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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The Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Reader: Hear endeth the Lesson

Sermon

Doug Bowman

The Apostles' Creed (*all standing*)

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Prayers (*People may stand or kneel.*)

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer (*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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Intercessor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People *And grant us thy salvation.*

Intercessor Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

People *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

Intercessor Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People *For only in thee can we live in safety.*

Intercessor Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

People *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

Intercessor Let thy way be known upon earth;

People *Thy 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 thy Holy Spirit.***

The Collect of the Day

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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

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O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

A Collect for Peace

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O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

A Collect for Grace

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O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by

thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Guidance

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O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being:
We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit,
that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget
thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to
make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men:
Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty,
beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the
spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do
confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and
live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers
especially our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our bishops Jeff and Laura, our
priest Ron, our seminarian Doug, our deacons Marge & Donna and all
priests and deacons, that they may, both by their life and doctrine,
set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer
thy holy Sacraments.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Good Shepherd/
Immanuel/St. James, Shelton; St. Paul's, Shelton; Christ Church
Cathedral's ministry in Hartford, the Cathedral Chapter & the honorary
canons of our Cathedral; *The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.*

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present and to those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, and to those celebrating anniversaries, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially the President of the United States, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, remembering especially: Lonni, Peter Leibert, Randy, Bonnie R., Renee, Fran, Janet, Annette Cucchi, Sarah, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, and for those in our Continuing Prayer list. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith, and fear beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Intercessor concludes by leading the following collect

A Collect for Mission

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Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Peace:

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And with thy spirit.***

Announcements

After the announcements, the Officiant introduces the offertory

Officiant: Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave Himself to us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

Offertory

Offertory Hymn: #529 “In Christ there is no East or West”

Prayer of General Thanksgiving (*in unison*)

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***All:* Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Officiant concludes the service with the following prayer:

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. ***Amen.***

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Closing Hymn: LEVAS #175 “Nobody knows the trouble I’ve seen”

The candles are extinguished; the Officiant offers the dismissal.

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, And the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. ***Amen.***

Prayers and Thanksgivings for August 3, 2025

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

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Good Shepherd/Immanuel/St. James, Shelton; St. Paul's, Shelton; Christ Church Cathedral's ministry in Hartford, the Cathedral Chapter & the honorary canons of our Cathedral; *The Episcopal Church in the Philippines*

We pray for those whose lives closely touch our own. We pray for those celebrating their birthdays this week, and for those celebrating anniversaries.

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family and those who have requested our prayers: Lonni, Peter Leibert, Randy, Bonnie R., Renee, Fran, Janet, Annette Cucchi, Sarah, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, and for those in our Continuing Prayer list.

We pray for the deceased.

Continuing Prayer List

Mario, Maria, Stephanie John Lumsden, Rosemarie, Roberto Rodegher, Linda Snarski, Len & Kim Begin, Nancy Kirkham, Sheila, Peter & Barbara Farren, Andrew, Peggy Cobb & 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, Jeannette Farren, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family, Ella & Nicole, Noel, Daryl.

On Going Activities

- Balance Class: Mondays 10:30 a.m. \$5 per session.
- Cub Scouts: 1st Mondays 5:30-7 p.m. (summer hiatus)
- Hebron Greater Together Community Fund: 3rd Tuesdays 6-8 pm
- Buildings & Grounds: first Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- Boy Scouts: Wednesdays, 7 p.m. (summer hiatus)
- Vestry: Third Thursdays, 6 p.m.

Our next Community Dinner will be the ever-popular Pulled Pork Dinner on August 16.

We welcome any help offered, from financial help (purchasing the food we need to cook), help preparing the dinner, packing the meals, or acting as carhop on the day. There will be signup sheets.

