
THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ AUGUST 10, 2025

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

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Opening Hymn: #7 "Christ, whose glory fills the skies"

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 (*Psalm 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.*)

Psalm 33:12-22

**12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
13 The Lord looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.
14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.
15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.
16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.**

**18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,
19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.
20 Our soul waits for the Lord; *
he is our help and our shield.
21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.**

The First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Reader: Hear endeth the Lesson

A Song of Praise

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**Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; *
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: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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The Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Reader: Hear endeth the Lesson

Sermon

Marge Roccoberton

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.*

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 St. Alban's, Simsbury; St. Peter's, South Windsor; Liturgical assistants serving in parishes: lectors, lay readers, Eucharistic ministers, Eucharistic visitors, lay evangelists & vergers; *the Anglican Church of Rwanda.*

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 (Samantha Sullivan 8/13, Gayle Kataja 8/13) 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: 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: #383 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

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: #366 “Holy God, we praise thy name”

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 10, 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 St. Alban's, Simsbury; St. Peter's, South Windsor; Liturgical assistants serving in parishes: lectors, lay readers, Eucharistic ministers, Eucharistic visitors, lay evangelists & vergers; *the Anglican Church of Rwanda*.

We pray for those whose lives closely touch our own. We pray for those celebrating their birthdays this week, Samantha Sullivan 8/13, Gayle Kataja 8/13, 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: 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.

Our next Community Dinner will be the ever-popular Pulled Pork Dinner on August 16. Help from parishioners is always needed so if you can pitch in, your help will be welcomed. Purchasing the food for the recipes, help in the kitchen preparing the food, packing up the meals for distribution, and car-hopping are all tasks needing parish participation. Signup sheets will be in the church. Thanks in advance.

