
The 15th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sept. 21, 2025 HE Rite 2

Opening Hymn: #594 "God of Grace and God of Glory"



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour,
 days,
 goal,
 dore,

for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever

Gloria



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day: Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

The Psalm: Psalm 113

1 Hallelujah!

**Give praise, you servants of the Lord; *
praise the Name of the Lord.**

**2 Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.**

**3 From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the Lord be praised.**

- 4 The Lord is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.**
- 5 Who is like the Lord our God,
who sits enthroned on high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**
- 6 He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.**
- 7 He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.**
- 8 He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.**

The Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

Sequence Music

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Holy Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who

will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski

The Nicene Creed

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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People for the Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Leader: Holy God, source of life and fire of love, in this season of Pentecost, we ask you to hear our prayer as we open our hearts to you.

We pray for the church; for our Presiding Bishop, Sean; for our bishops, Jeff and Laura; for Ron, our priest; for Doug our seminarian; for Donna and Marge, our deacons, for all deacons and priests, and for the entire people of God.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. John's, Stamford; Calvary, Stonington; St. Mark's, Storrs; Children & children's ministries. For ministries for children with special needs; *the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer

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 (Victoria Fisk 9/21, Allison Forrest 9/22, Dan Osmond 9/22, Scott Sullivan 9/24, Chuck Eaton 9/26), for Eirik Opgaard who celebrated on 9/19, and for those celebrating anniversaries; remembering especially Stephen and Victoria Fisk who celebrate on September 23.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray with thanks for all those in our community have asked for our prayers. We pray especially for Ann, Carolyn Aubin, Eileen, Annette Cucchi, and for those in our Continuing Prayer list.

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. 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.

For what else shall we pray this day?

Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn: #538 God of Mercy, God of Grace

1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of thy
 2 Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -

Church with light di - vine, and thy sav - ing health ex -
 to their Sa - vior King; let all be, be - low, a -

face. Shine up - on us, Sa - vior, shine, fill thy
 dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry

tend un - to earth's re - mot - est end.
 bove, one in joy, and light, and love.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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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 to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: S-130 "Holy, holy, holy Lord"

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem S-164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The musical score is written for four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." (first system), "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." (second system), "Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:" (third system), and "give us your peace, give us your peace." (fourth system). The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in the bass register.

Communion

Communion Hymn: #583 "O, holy city"



1 O ho - ly ci - ty, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign,
2 O shame to us who rest con - tent while lust and greed for gain
3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the ci - ty that hath stood
4 Al - rea - dy in the mind of God that ci - ty ris - eth fair:



with - in whose four - square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,
in street and shop and ten - e - ment wring gold from hu - man pain,
too long a dream, whose laws are love, whose crown is ser - vant - hood,
lo, how its splen - dor chal - leng - es the souls that great - ly dare—



and where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain!
and bit - ter lips in blind de - spair cry, "Christ hath died in vain!"
and where the sun that shin - eth is God's grace for hu - man good.
yea, bids us seize the whole of life and build its glo - ry there.

Post Communion Prayer

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Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #537 "Christ for the World we sing"



1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to



Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and
 Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward
 Christ we bring with one ac - cord; with us the
 Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born



them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,
 and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,
 work to share, with us re - proach to dare,
 souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,



sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.
 re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
 in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Prayers and Thanksgivings for the 15th Sunday after Pentecost

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.

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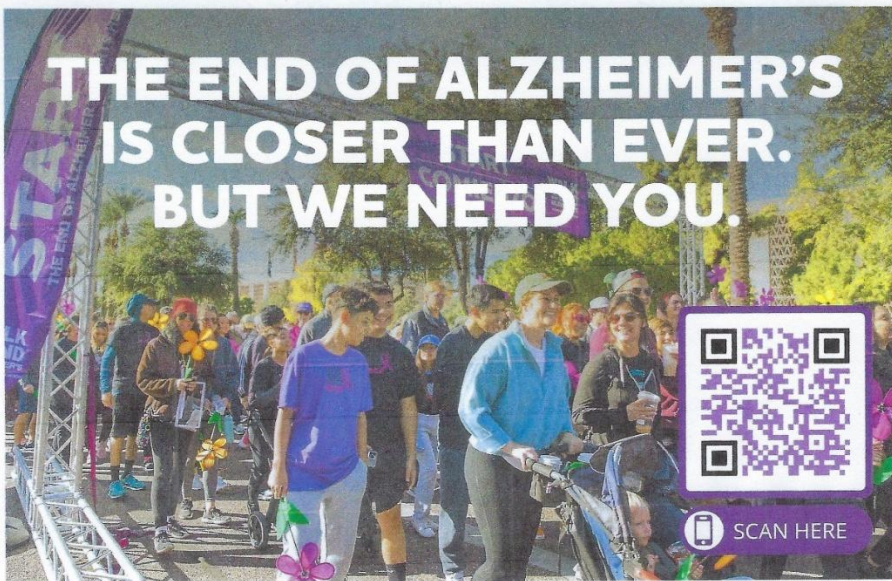
Continuing Prayer List

Lonni, Bonnie R., Renee, Fran, Hannah Janowiak, Sarah, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, Randy, Mario, Maria, John Lumsden, Rosemarie, David Rigby, 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, Judy Knox, Star, Norm, Aimee Goodrich, Justin, Derek Anderson, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, Ryan, Marlin Corbean; Brian; Kathryn & Olivia; Caroline, Ron Lamp, Lou & Heidi Schluntz, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Jeannette Farren, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family,

Book Discussion: Author Verna Dozier in "The Dream of God" explores the ways that humanity and the institutional church have strayed far from Jesus's original message. Dozier encourages us to see Christianity not as creed or institution, but as "the vision of a new possibility for human life rooted in an ancient understanding of God and lived out by a Nazarene carpenter. Meetings will be held from **11:30-1 p.m. every Monday Sept. 8, through Nov.3.** The book is available on Amazon.

ALZ Sunday at St. Peter's, September 28, 2025 8 & 10am

For the second year in a row we will dedicate one Sunday to support the efforts of community members who are participating in the **ALZ Walk on October 19 at Rentschler Field in East Hartford**. Hebron is again sponsoring team HEBRONROCKS ALZ. The following flyer contains a QR code where you can go to donate for our home team. If you have questions about the walk please contact: Tonya Maurer at multitasking@comcast.net. At both services parishioner Pam Atwood and Tonya Maurer will speak about Alzheimer's and related illnesses as well as the walk. One of our parishioners Cindy Matejek will share her daily journey with her beloved husband Len who attend the 10am service. Both services will focus on this disease that continues to affect members of our own congregation and many of our families. You can also sign up to walk or donate using the QR code above. Donations are taken until the end of October.



JOIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENT!

2025 WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S - GREATER HARTFORD