

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 22, 2024

Prelude: Variation on "Holy, holy, holy"

Opening Hymn: # 3 6 2 "Holy, holy, holy"

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

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

Glory to God #S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heav - en - ly  
King, al - mighty 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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

*People: And also with you*

**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 Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31**

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes.

Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: “Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.” Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

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

### **The Psalm: Psalm 1**

**1 Happy are they who have not walked  
in the counsel of the wicked, \***

**nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

**2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

**3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.**

**4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

**5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright  
judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**

**6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

## **The Second Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts.

You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

**Sequence Anthem: "Lead me Lord"**

***Samuel Wesley***

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

***People: Glory to you, Lord Christ***

## **The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski**

**The Nicene Creed**

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### **Prayers of the People for the 18th Sunday after Pentecost**

*Leader:* Holy God, source of life and fire of love, in this season of Pentecost when we reflect again on what it means to be a community of faith and preach the gospel through our lives, 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: remembering especially Allison Forrest (9/22), Dan Osmond (9/22), Scott Sullivan (9/24), Chuck Eaton (9/26), Stephen Bezrucik (9/28), Katie Dagon (9/28); and for those celebrating anniversaries, remembering especially Victoria and Stephen Fisk.

*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 Gloria, Judy, Cathy Gerke, Nancy Kirkham, Sue Atkinson, Donna K.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church; for our retiring Presiding Bishop, Michael and our Presiding Bishop-elect 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 St. John's, Stamford; Calvary, Stonington; St. Mark's, Storrs; Children and Children's ministries; and ministries for children with special needs; *The Church of North India (United)*

*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.**

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 (*in unison*)**

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## 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: #304 "I come with joy to meet my Lord"**

### The Great Thanksgiving

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#### Eucharistic Prayer A

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

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues: Holy and Gracious Father...

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**



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

## 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-169

*Cantor or Choir*

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -  
deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my  
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My  
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

## Post Communion Prayer

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## The Blessing

## Recessional Hymn: #397 "Now thank we all our God"

## Dismissal

*People: Thanks be to God*

## Prayers and Thanksgivings for the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**We pray for our clergy:** Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for our retiring Presiding Bishop, Michael and our Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe; 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 St. John's, Stamford; Calvary, Stonington; St. Mark's, Storrs; Children and Children's ministries; and ministries for children with special needs;

*The Church of North India (United)*

**In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for all our parish family and those who have requested our prayers. We pray especially for Gloria, Judy, Donna K., Nancy Kirkham, Sue Atkinson and for those who are listed in our Continuing Prayers list that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. 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.

**We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week, including** Allison Forrest (9/22), Dan Osmond (9/22), Scott Sullivan (9/24), Chuck Eaton (9/26), Stephen Bezrucik (9/28), Katie Dagon (9/28); and for those celebrating anniversaries, remembering especially Victoria and Stephen Fisk.

## **On Going Activities**

- Balance Class: Mondays 10:00 a.m. \$5 per session.
- Book study Group: Mondays, 11:30 -1:00 p.m.
- Cub Scouts: 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays 5:30-7 p.m.
- Buildings & Grounds: first Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- Boy Scouts: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
- Vestry: Third Thursdays, 5 p.m.
- BNI (Business Networking International): Fridays, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

**Fall Book Study Group: “The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World”** The book study continues on Mondays from 11:30-1:00 p.m., concluding Nov. 25. You are encouraged to bring lunch if you would like to share fellowship afterward. We will supply beverages.

**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.

**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 Hall.

Lucy & Betty

Jeni

June

Nancy

Pam (recent death)