



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

South Windsor, Connecticut

The SIXTEENTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

September 13, 2026 • 10:00 AM

THE LITURGY *of the* WORD

Opening Hymn “Lord, make us servants of your peace”

The Hymnal 1982 593

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
4 ccive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

Opening Rite

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the
right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray

See insert

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Exodus 14:19-31

See insert

Psalm 114 *In exitu Israel*

***See insert* or *The Book of Common Prayer* p. 756**

The Second Lesson

Romans 14:1-12

See insert

Gradual Hymn "Come down, O Love divine"

***The Hymnal 1982* 516**

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

See insert

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Reflection and Sharing

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers

In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers, saying, “Christ, have mercy.”

For peace and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation of all, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For Sarah, Sean, Jeffrey, and Laura, our bishops; for Nigerian bishops John and Markus; for Anne, our rector, and for all the People of God, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For the Church of God in every place, that it may persevere in faith and hope. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for L’Eglise de L’Epiphanie, Stamford; St. Andrew’s, Stamford; Iglesia Betania, Stamford; for Province I: the Dioceses of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Western Massachusetts; for Provincial Synod and all Provincial Networks; for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia; and for St. Peter’s, Birzeit (Beer-ZATE), and St. Andrew’s, Ramallah (Ra-MALL-ah), and Fadi, their rector. Let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For the leaders of our nation, and all in positions of authority, that they may honor the trust placed in them by the people they serve, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For the concerns of our hearts and our community, and those in need of healing and comfort, especially: the Hatala Family, Barbara Hoff, Norma Smith, the Hopkins family, Rick Eaton, Maxine Baily Saeed, Scott Kraft, Fred Wood, Shirley, Laura Kluberdanz, and Michele; for those being treated for cancer, especially Duncan White, Dawn, Gayle Rose, Anne Kelly, Louie Sandrick, Zanie Devereaux, Paula Stolinias, Russ Hamilton, Sally, and Barbara Wolf; and those committed to our ongoing prayers: Paddy Rooney, Jerry Freeland, Craig, Tom, Gail, Marci, Mary Johnson, Herlinde Muir, Brett Bennett, Jimmy Forno, Lois Piela, Tom Urgo, Jason Ward, Mark Gilje, Johnny Wolf, Jane Perrin, Ken,

Tim Wolf, Rodger, Lynn and Helen Reagan, Matt Dillon, Michelle, John Moran, Mark Moran, Kirk, Travis, Kerrie, Anya Houlroyd and Robbi Lyn Skipper, Barbara. For our Armed Forces serving at home and abroad and their families, especially Richard Nuñez, Jr., Melissa Kell, and Kenneth Fraley, Jr.; for the victims of natural disasters and human violence throughout the world, especially communities threatened and devastated by wildfires in North America and around the globe; for individuals and communities recovering and rebuilding following floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, drought, tornadoes, and outbreaks of preventable disease; for the people of Iran, Palestine, Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Ukraine, and Russia; for victims of gun violence in our nation, their families and communities; for SNAP recipients and those struggling with food insecurity; for the unhoused; for individuals and communities engaged in peaceful protests; for immigrants and immigrant communities being persecuted; for Indigenous, Asian American, and Pacific Islander peoples impacted by racism; for those suffering from centuries of anti-black bias, and for others seeking to undo the harm of racism and hate; for trans people targeted by violence, and members of the LGBTQ+ community facing discrimination and threats against them, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For groups to whom we extend hospitality through the use of our building, especially Covenant Chapel, and for the concerns and organizations supported by St. Peter's through mission, especially: Episcopal Relief and Development, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For all who minister in our midst, especially our Counters; for parish members the Dooley and Eaton families, and Glenn Flanagan; let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For all those whose souls have gone to eternal rest, especially Pat Hatala, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For the blessings of our days, and the gifts of grace we receive, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

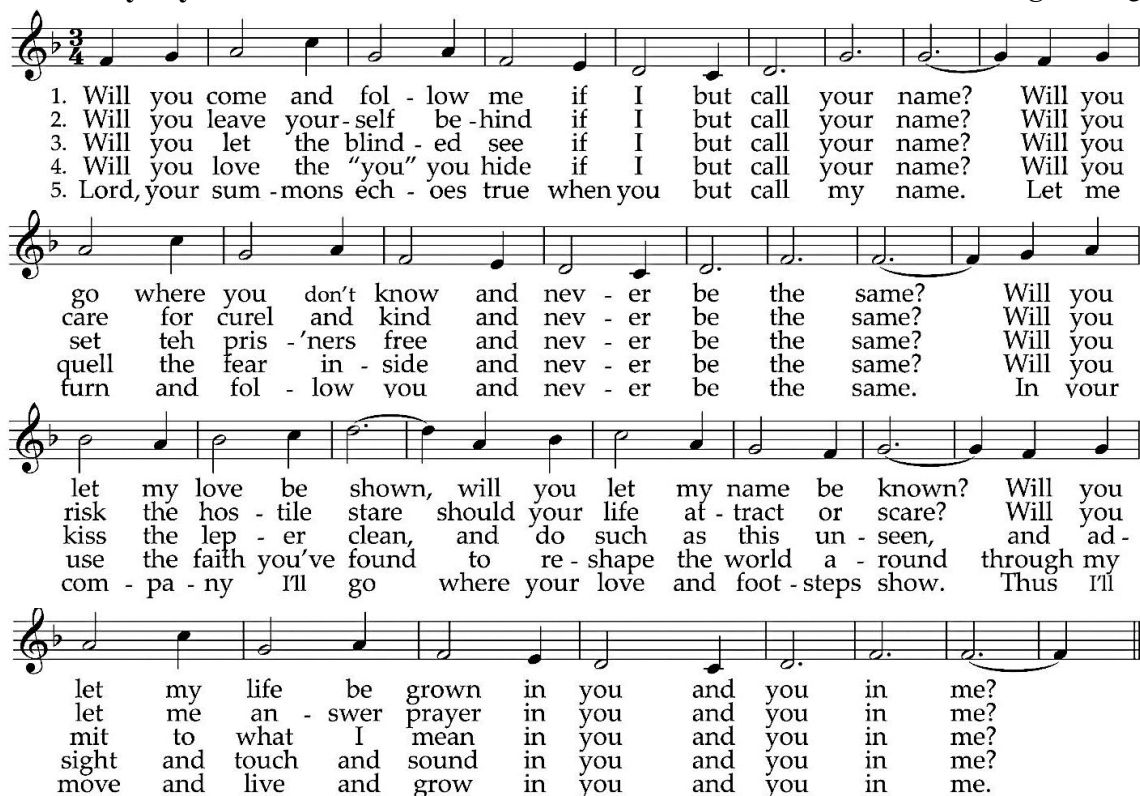
Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE LITURGY of the TABLE

Offertory Hymn "The Summons"

St. Peter's Song Book 30



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name? Will you
 2. Will you leave your-self be - hind if I but call your name? Will you
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name? Will you
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name. Let me

go where you don't know and nev - er be the same? Will you
 care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same? Will you
 set teh pris - 'ners free and nev - er be the same? Will you
 quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same? Will you
 turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same. In your

let my love be shown, will you let my name be known? Will you
 risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare? Will you
 kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen, and ad -
 use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round through my
 com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll

let my life be grown in you and you in me?
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
 move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I

Enriching Our Worship I, 57

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is truly right, good, and joyful to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through

your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit

and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Peter and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

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

Celebrant and People

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 Fraction

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Distribution of Communion

Post-Communion Hymn "In Christ alone"

St. Peter's Song Book 39



In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my
In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less
There is the ground his bo - dy lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in



song; This Co - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the
babe! This gift of love and right-eous - ness, scorned by the
slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the
me; from life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com -



fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
 ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Je - sus
 grave He rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to -
 mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of

10



peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease. My Com - fort -
 died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry
 ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am
 man, can ev - er pluck me from his hand; till he re -

13



er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I
 sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I
 his and he is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of
 turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll

16 Instrumental



stand.
 live.
 Christ.
 stand!

Post-communion Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Announcements

The Blessing

Closing Hymn “O bless the Lord, my soul”

The Hymnal 1982 411



1. O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro-claim! And
2. O bless the Lord, my soul! His cer - cies bear in - mind! For-
3. He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa-tience wait; his
4. He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath; he
5. He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth; and
6. Then bless his ho - ly Name, whose grace hath made thee whole, whose

1. all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
2. get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
3. wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
4. heal-eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
5. like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.
6. lov - ing-kind-ness crowns thy days: O bless the Lord, my soul!

The Dismissal

Announcements

- **The September “Pick A Date” Fundraiser** is here! Choose a calendar date from the basket in the Narthex and donate that amount to the church. Make your donation while you’re here or use the online donation form on our website under “giving.” Thank you for your continued support!
- **Who is the Holy Spirit?** Discover the answers to this question at our **small group Bible study**, hosted & led by Dora-Lee Ober. Using a 12-lesson study guide (\$7-8), we will learn from scripture about the Spirit of Wisdom, the Spirit of Adoption, and more. We will also grow and laugh and support each other in the process. You are welcome to join us on **Thursdays at 1:00pm starting September 24 at the home of Dora-Lee Ober, 156 Carriage Drive**. Please let Dora-Lee know soon if you would like to attend so enough study guides can be purchased.
- **A Ministry Opportunity to Consider:** A few of our members faithfully support St. Peter’s Eucharistic worship each week by preparing the altar, caring for our communion vessels, and tending to the details of the service. We would love to welcome more people into this ministry. Could you give one weekend a month, or help occasionally as needed? Please let us know!

• **If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Visitor** (someone who takes communion to individuals at home, or at a medical facility), ECCT is offering training for this ministry on **Saturday, September 19 from 10 AM - 12 noon St. Mark's, Mystic and Saturday September 26 from 10 AM - 12 noon at The Commons** in Meriden. If this ministry interests you, please speak to Rev. Anne before registering for the training. If you are unable to attend either of the training sessions Rev. Anne will walk you through the necessary requirements.

• **Fall Book Study: Barbara Brown Taylor's *Learning to Walk in the Dark*.** Taylor invites readers to lean into the spaces without light, to sit and be quiet, and to experience the presence of God. What might the darkness have to teach us? "The way out is the way in," Taylor advises us. The only way to discover what we might learn from walking in the dark is to head deeper into the cave and sit. **Study begins October 4 following coffee hour.**

• While you're out grocery shopping, please remember our ongoing need to **keep the little free pantry and the food box in the Narthex well-stocked.** The South Windsor Food Bank suggests items such as canned or boxed pasta, canned chicken or tuna, canned fruit, pasta sauce, granola bars, crackers, cereal, cooking oil, condiments, baking mixes, peanut butter, and jelly. Personal care items are also greatly appreciated, including soap, shampoo, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, and household cleaning supplies. All donations are delivered regularly to the South Windsor Food Bank.

• **The Little Pantry in the front of the Church** is used often and, therefore, frequently empty. Please help by putting items directly in the pantry. Thank you. This week's suggestions: Rice, Flavored Noodle Packets, Soups.

Thanksgiving: for St. Peter's Church and all the blessings shared here, particularly the start of a new program year.

This week we pray for the ministry of our Counters; for parish members the Dooley and Eaton families, and Glenn Flanagan

PRAYER REQUESTS: The Hatala Family, Barbara Hoff, Norma Smith, the Hopkins family, Rick Eaton, Maxine Baily Saeed, Scott Kraft, Fred Wood, Shirley, Laura Kluberdanz, and Michele; for those being treated for cancer, especially Duncan White, Dawn, Gayle Rose, Anne Kelly, Louie Sandrick, Zanie Devereaux, Paula Stolas, Russ Hamilton, Sally, and Barbara Wolf; and those committed to our ongoing prayers: Paddy Rooney, Jerry Freeland, Craig, Tom, Gail, Marci, Mary Johnson, Herlinde Muir, Brett Bennett, Jimmy Forno, Lois Piela, Tom Urgo, Jason Ward, Mark Gilje, Johnny Wolf, Jane Perrin, Ken, Tim Wolf, Rodger, Lynn and Helen Reagan, Matt Dillon, Michelle, John Moran, Mark Moran, Kirk, Travis, Kerrie, Anya Houlroyd and Robbi Lyn Skipper, and Barbara. For our Armed Forces serving at home and abroad and their families, especially Richard Nuñez, Jr., Melissa Kell, and Kenneth Fraley, Jr.

Readings for next Sunday, September 20th • Proper 20^A

Exodus 16:2-15 • Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 • Philippians 1:21-30 • Matthew 20:1-16

Serving	Today 8am	Today 10am	9/20 8am	9/20 10am
Ushers:	L. Eaton	M. Bell	B. Hartley	D. Nanci
Lectors:	B. Hartley	A. Bierkan	M. Houlroyd	T. Fornuto
Intercessors:	B.. Hartley	D. Fornuto	M. Houlroyd	T. Fornuto
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Tech Team:		G. Malone		D. Hubeny
Counters:	L. Pile/M. Bell		D. Nanci/N. Eaton	
Coffee Hour:	<i>Parish Potluck!</i>		A. Bierkan/S. Nanci	

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THE MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH

*Our mission is to meet people where they are on their faith journey
and help them move closer to Christ.*