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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
September 11, 2016
10:30 a.m.
Welcome to Saint John’s

We are very pleased to have you with us. If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable, and stay for coffee following the service. We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to learn more about the church, please sign our guest book or fill out a card, and we will be in touch. It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you should need to participate in the service is found, here, in this bulletin and in the blue hymnal in the pew rack. Hearing assist devices are available as is nursery care. Please ask the ushers for assistance with these or with any other request. Again, welcome.

The Season after Pentecost – Ordinary Time

The photograph of the flowers, both stone-carved and real, that graces our front cover was taken by parishioner Ginny Kemp. This lovely image from our Cloister Garden reflects both our rock solid faith and our blossoming hope in Jesus Christ’s promise of new and eternal life.

The Episcopal Church follows a liturgical calendar that helps us keep holy time and brings order to our lives through Scripture readings and prayers. The calendar includes various feasts and seasons such as Advent, Christmas, Epiphany and Easter. In the fall we observe the liturgical season of “Ordinary Time.” The term “ordinary” does not mean mundane or common. Quite the contrary. The word is from the Latin word for “order.” We count in ordinal numbers the number of Sundays and weeks in this season, until late November when we begin all over again with the season of Advent, the beginning of a new church year.

No matter the season we know that God is with us, always and without end. For that we continue to give thanks. We do that best as we gather together each Sunday to offer God our praises, prayers and thanksgivings in this beautiful sacred space of St. John’s. Again, welcome. We are glad you are here.

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY  Praeludium in G Major  Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)

Bruhns is one of the tragic figures of the organ world. He died aged just 31, and there are only four surviving authenticated organ works. Praeludium in G is one of the finest examples of the mature 17th century North German High Baroque organ school — having the feeling of a mini opera, with its sudden changes of mood and character. Bruhns was a young master of the north German stylus phantasticus, having studied with Buxtehude in Lübeck. A highly talented performer, he was known to play violin while accompanying himself with the organ pedals. (notes courtesy Andrew Benson-Wilson)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 410  Praise, my soul, the King of heaven  LAUDA ANIMA

All stand and sing.

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.
THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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

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

3. 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;

4. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

5. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

6. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant    The Lord be with you.
People       And also with you.
Celebrant    Let us pray. O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People       Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

All sit.

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse--a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. “For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.” I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Reader    The Word of the Lord.
People    Thanks be to God.
THE PSALTER

The people say the text in bold and sing the antiphon as indicated.

Psalm 14

1. The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.”
   All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

2. The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all,
   to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

3. Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad;
   there is none who does good; no, not one.

4. Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers
   who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?
   Antiphon

5. See how they tremble with fear,
   because God is in the company of the righteous.

6. Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted,
   but the Lord is their refuge.

7. Oh, that Israel’s deliverance would come out of Zion!
   when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
   Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.
   Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader  The Word of the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.
All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has
found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ‘Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON
The Reverend Walter McKenney
The children are invited forward for a brief message by the preacher before the sermon. They will then be led to the education wing for the Word Alive program and will return at the Peace.

THE NICENE CREED
All stand.

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. 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 OF THE PEOPLE
A Prayer for the Anniversary of 9/11 adapted from a prayer by the Rev’d Jeremy Pridgeon

O God, our hope and refuge, in our distress we come to you. As the shock and horror of that tragic day fade in our memory, they are replaced with a longing for an innocence lost. As the foundations we once thought secure have been shaken, we come in hope, not in ourselves, but in you.

We remember those who lost their lives in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania. We commit their souls to your eternal care.

We remember the sacrifice of public servants who gave their lives for those they did not know. We give thanks for their selflessness in the midst of peril and their willingness to serve the common good.

We give you thanks for your presence in our every time of need, our never-failing guide and our guardian. Amen.

Silence and tolling of the bell follow. The people speak the words in bold in the following intercessions.
Almighty and most merciful God, who hears our every prayer and answers, we commend into your care those who are sick in body, mind, and spirit. *Bring them healing and hope.*

Bless our Church School teachers and students and all who study and learn. *Open their minds to the wonders of life and give them grateful hearts.*

Give our choirs and musicians voice to sing your praise and to inspire all who worship here to know you, love you and serve you. *Grant them dedication to your service and joy in their song.*

Uphold and strengthen our country during this election season. Protect those who serve in our armed forces and all whose lives are in harm’s way. *Give us wisdom and confidence that you are with us always.*

Receive all who have died into your loving arms. *Grant them rest eternal.*

For these and all your mercies, we bless your Name. *Amen.*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

_Celebrant_  Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

_All remain standing or kneel._

_All_  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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

_Celebrant_ The peace of the Lord be always with you.

_All_  And also with you.

_We greet one another in the name of Christ._

THE WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY  _Ev’ry time I feel the Spirit_  

_Nicholas Filippides, soloist_

Every time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.  
On the mountain my Lord spoke, out his mouth came fire and smoke.  
Down in the valley, on my knees, asked my Lord have mercy please.  
Jordan River, chilly and cold, chills the body not the soul.  
All around me looked so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine.  
Ain’t but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back.  
St. Peter waitin’ at the gate, said come on sinner, don’t be late.
Every time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray. In addition to being an obvious moment of praise, this beloved spiritual is full of traditional images and code words referencing the Underground Railroad and the escape from slavery. The Jordan River was most often code for the Ohio River, which had to be crossed to get to the free states. Many of the references to water in spirituals also refer to the practice of walking in the rivers and streams at night. That way, the tracking dogs that were used to hunt the escaping slaves would lose the scent. (courtesy Reginald Unterseher)

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

THE SANCTUS

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many 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.
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei
Music: Gerard R. Near (b. 1942) Copyright © 1985 Aureole Editions, Dallas, Texas.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the clergy at the communion rail.
If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. Healing prayers are offered at the font immediately after receiving communion.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Hide not thou thy face from me Richard Farrant (c. 1525-1580)

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure;
For we confess our sins unto thee and hide not our unrighteousness.
For thy mercy's sake, deliver us from all our sins.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 439 What wondrous love is this WONDROUS LOVE

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.
Celebrant Let us pray.
All 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

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 708 Savior, like a shepherd lead us SICILIAN MARINERS

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

The minister dismisses the people and they respond, Thanks be to God.
THE VOLUNTARY  Fugue in G Major  Nicolaus Bruhns

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God’s Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say Amen at the end of the Voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.

Vestry members are on hand today to welcome you to St. John’s.
This morning’s greeter is Eleanor Barnes.
In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.
The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba and Saint Sauveur, Les Cayes, Haiti.
Séminaire de Théologie d’Église Épiscopale d’Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.
Residents of the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford, and the Hughes Convalescent Home.
Our postulant, Stacey Kohl, our aspirant, Michael Corey, and our missioner in Haiti, Dr. Lucinda Mosher.

Those in need of healing:

Stephen Bepler  Paul Hamer  Marion Whittemore  Jay  Nancy
Sydney Clemow  Andrew Lee  Kristen Zeleny  Jim  Seamus
Kim Green  Janet Ray  Chas  Laurie  Susan
Carol Greico  Katherine White  David  Matt  Bill

Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:

Chris Byrd  Carol Fiske-Davis  Daaé Ransom
Phoebe Carlisle  Joy Pond  Cabot Rosen

Those who are celebrating wedding anniversaries this week:

Sam and Trig Cooley
Jon and Louise Mansolf
Paul and Susan Thaxton

The altar flowers are given to the greater Glory of God and in memory of:

Helen P. Cooke

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:
The Church of the Province of Uganda, The Most Rev’d Stanley Ntagali, Archbishop of Uganda & and Bishop of Kampala

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. John’s, Stamford; Calvary, Stonington; St. Mark’s, Storrs
The Province of New England: the Dioceses of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and Western Massachusetts; their bishops, clergy, parish and diocesan staff, and congregations;
Provincial Synod; all Provincial Networks
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Back! Please join us for a Parish-Wide Welcome Back Brunch at 9:30 served by your Vestry Members! Youth Education Registration is today before and after the 10:30 a.m. service.

Women’s Fellowship Group meets tomorrow night, Monday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. discussing the work of acclaimed shame and empathy researcher and Episcopalian, Brene Brown, Ph.D., LMSW and renowned author. In “Vulnerability: Birthplace of Love, Belonging and Creativity” Brown explains how vulnerability is not a weakness, as is commonly viewed, but necessary to be our authentic selves and find our purpose in life. Women’s Fellowship has an exciting and engaging program planned for this church year, including some new events! We are open to all women of the church who value a respectful and confidential discussion about issues that touch our lives as women living in Christ. Friends are welcome, too!

Community Service meets, Monday, September 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the Reception Room – Come learn what outreach programs St. John’s is involved in and see how you can be of service as well!

Save the Date! St. John’s 175th Anniversary Block Party, Sunday, September 18th 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. featuring live music by The Nields at 1:00 p.m. There will be food trucks, bounce house and give aways. All are welcome!

Save the Date! Choral Evensong, featuring the St. James’s Choir, Sunday, September 25 at 5:00 p.m. Experience the beautiful, ancient custom of closing the day with graceful readings, prayer and music.

Keep up with St. John’s online! Join our email list to receive our weekly e-blast which will alert you of events, where you can help, pictures and more! Check out our website – www.SJParish.net, connect with us on Facebook – www.facebook.com/StJohnsWestHartford and follow us on Instagram at www.instagram.com/st.johnswhtfd/

Sacred Circle is a small group of women who meet once a month to explore our relationship to the sacred and to honor the divine in everyday life. Our first meeting this fall will be on September 20 at 7:00 pm in the St. John’s Room. The topic will be “Marys and Marthas” using Luke 10:38-42 and John 11:1-44. Mary and Martha had different expressions of faith and love. What do these stories mean to us in our lives today? Please come. All women are welcome!

SignUp to provide a coffee Hour this fall. Opportunities are being taken quickly, so hasten to Hubbard Hall and find the sign-up sheet.

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK  
SEPTEMBER 11 – SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:00 A.M.  Spoken Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M.  Youth Choir Rehearsal
9:15 A.M.  Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:30 A.M.  Welcome Back Parish Brunch and Youth Education Registration
10:30 A.M. Choral Holy Eucharist
3:00 P.M.  Violin, Piano and Organ Concert
5:30 P.M.  Holy Eucharist

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
5:30 P.M.  Evening Prayer, Chancel
6:00 P.M.  Community Service Committee Meeting, Reception Room
7:00 P.M.  Women’s Fellowship Group Meeting, Reception Room

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
8:00 A.M.  Breakfast Club Networking Group, Hubbard Hall
10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting, St. John’s Room
3:00 P.M.  Roberts Foundation

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
9:30 A.M.  Mad Singers
5:00 P.M.  Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:30 P.M.  Evening Prayer, Chancel
6:00 P.M.  Choir Dinner
6:30 P.M.  Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 P.M.  AA, Hubbard Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
6:30 A.M.  Men’s Bible Study, Reception Room
7:00 A.M.  AA, Hubbard Hall

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
5:30 P.M.  Evening Prayer, Chancel
6:30 P.M.  Refuge to Recovery, Reception Room
6:30 P.M.  AA, Hubbard Hall

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
9:00 A.M.  Hartford Family Institute
11:00 A.M. Helen “Henny” Bennett Interment
6:30 P.M.  Big Book Step Study Group, Hubbard Hall

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, SEPTEMBER 18
8:00 A.M.  Spoken Holy Eucharist
9:15 A.M.  Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:30 A.M.  Youth Education Classes Begin
9:30 A.M.  Faith Forum: This Sunday’s Gospel
10:30 A.M. Choral Holy Eucharist
12:00 P.M.  175th Anniversary Block Party, featuring The Nields concert
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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning
5:00 p.m. Evensong on selected last Sundays of the month
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Christian Education at 9:30 a.m. September – May

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2015-17: Courtney Bass, Jan Hickcox, Heather Simson, Wes Winterbottom
2016 -18: Mike Corey, Tim Goetz, Ginny Kemp, Will Smith

**SAINT PAUL’S DEAF CONGREGATION**
Sundays, 10:30 a.m., in the church