



Christ Episcopal Church

Roxbury, Connecticut

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

7 July 2024, 9:00 AM

Ringing of the Bells

At ten minutes before the hour, the altar candles are lit, inviting all into a time of preparation for our worship.

Please silence electronic devices.

Prelude The *Ave Maria* of Johann Sebastian Bach (continuo) and Charles François Gounod (melody)

Welcome: Jim Stanton, Worship Leader

Hymn *My Country 'Tis of Thee*

Hymn 717

Officiant: God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth.

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

Silence may be kept. Please kneel if possible.

Officiant and People together,
God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Officiant:

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

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit* as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Officiant: God is the Rock of our salvation: O come let us worship.

Jubilate (*Psalm 100*) **In Unison**

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Psalm 123 In Unison

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

A Reading from Ezekiel 2:1-5

Read by Jean Blanchard

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle M A Song of Faith (1 Peter 1:3-4,18-21) In Unison

Led by Jean Blanchard

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, *
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.
The ransom that was paid to free us *
was not paid in silver or gold,
But in the precious blood of Christ, *
the Lamb without spot or stain.
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory *
so that we might have faith and hope in God.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

A Reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians (12:2-10)

Read by Jean Blanchard

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Hymn *Ye Servants of God*

Hymn 535

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark (6:1-13)

Read by Jim Stanton

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Apostles' Creed

Led by Jim Stanton

In Unison, Please stand if able

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. *Amen.***

Officiant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Please greet each other warmly. **Announcements**

The Offertory

Officiant: *Dona Murphy, Worship Leader*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn *Amazing Grace!*

Hymn 671

The ushers will collect your gifts and bring them before God's Holy Table.

Doxology

Tune: *Old Hundredth*

Hymn 380, v. 3

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

The congregation may stand or kneel.

Officiant 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.**

Suffrages

V. Help us, O God our Savior;
R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
V. Look upon your congregation;
R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.
V. Declare your glory among the nations;
R. And your wonders among all peoples.
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
R. Never forget the lives of your poor.
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collects

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 Grace In Unison

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we many not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

A Collect for the Nation

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

A Prayer for Mission In Unison

O God, you have made on one blood all the peoples of the Earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those Who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you ; bring the Nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; And hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People (Based on Form VI)
Please stand or kneel as able.

Led by Dona Murphy

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our presiding bishop, Sean our presiding bishop-elect, Jeff and Laura our bishops, the ministers of Christ Church Roxbury, and all who proclaim the Gospel in word and deed.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

Gracious God, we pray for those for whom prayers have been requested: Alba, Astrid, Barbara, Carl, Caroline, Christine, Deke, Diane, Drew, Emily, Esther, Gail, Hiram, James and Robert, Jane, Jean, Jeff, Jeffrey, Jennifer, Jenny, Judy & Mike, Linda, Mary, Mayo,

Meg, Mike, Millie, Nonie, Ronda, Ryan, Sarah, Stephen, Stephen and Lisbet, Tim, Thomas, Tom, and those we name before you aloud and in our hearts.

Silence

Hear us Lord;

For we put our trust in you.

We pray for an end to war and all acts of violence of one group of people against another.

We pray for peace in the Holy Land.

We pray for an end to the violence and polarization that plague our communities.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

Please add your own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Please add your own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Officiant says

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.**

A Prayer for People Critically Ill or Facing Great Uncertainty *In Unison*

God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom *In Unison*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Please Stand

Closing Hymn *America*

Hymn 719

Dismissal

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.* *Ephesians 3:20,21*

Postlude *The Star Spangled Banner*

Lyrics by Francis Scott Key set to the tune of *Anacreon in Heaven* Voicing by Whitney Houston

Ringling of the Bells

*Front page art: He Sent them out Two by Two
James Tissot 1836-1902*

Permission to podcast the music in this service obtained from One License, License #A-733800, and Gregory J. Cava

Announcements

Please join us for coffee hour in the parish hall.

Healing prayer is always offered on the Sundays with Eucharist in the back of the church during Communion or speak with Pastor Stephen or one of our healing ministers.

Bible Study will resume July 14. Please share your suggestions and questions for our next Bible Study and Sunday formation time with Pastor Stephen.

Summer is here! Help beautify our sanctuary and honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with flowers. Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or call Millie Snowden at 203-266-7404 for information.

Join the "Green Thumb Brigade"! Would you like to help keep our grounds weed free and blooming? There are always weeds to pick! Please speak to Ken Murphy to join in.

Is your yard heart a little worse for wear? Not to worry! We still have a supply. Ask a Vestry member if you would like one. Spread the love!

Thank you to our ministers today.

Music Minister: Mr. Gregory J. Cava

Welcoming: Ken Murphy

Lector: Jean Blanchard

Worship Leaders: Jim Stanton and Dona Murphy

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