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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
July 9, 2017
9:00 a.m.
A Message on “Ordinary Time” from the Rector

After the season of Pentecost, we enter into what we call Ordinary Time on the church calendar. The word “ordinary” does not mean common or mundane. Instead, it is from the word “ordinal” which means “counted.” We count the Sundays after Pentecost because it is a long stretch of time that spans several months, beginning after Easter on Trinity Sunday, and concluding with the Feast of Christ the King in the late fall, just before Advent. You will notice that our liturgical colors are green, as evident in the beautiful altar hangings as well as the vestments worn by the clergy. Green represents the new beginnings of the church after Pentecost and also the promise of new life in the Resurrection. In following our readings for each Sunday in Ordinary Time, you will discover that it is anything but ordinary! During this liturgical season, we learn about Jesus’ life and ministry through the synoptic (meaning the “same”) Gospel stories. This year we focus on the Gospel of Matthew as the story of the early church unfolds, and we are invited to be part of this story as we enter into God’s mission in the world.

If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable. We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to learn more about the church, please fill out a card (hanging in each pew), put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or member of the clergy, 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. While we do not have a staffed nursery or children’s Christian education in the summer months, the nursery room in the Education Wing is open and available should parents wish to take their children there during the service for feeding, changing or other needs. Please ask the ushers for assistance with these or any other requests. Again, welcome.

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Praeludium in C J. P. Sweelinck (1562-1621)

OPENING HYMN 657 Love divine, all loves excelling HYFRYDOL

All stand and sing.

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

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

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.

People Amen.
THE KYRIE

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.
People Christ, have mercy.
Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray. 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.
People Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

All sit.

The servant said to Laban, “I am Abraham’s servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’ I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, ‘Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,’” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also” —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.’ Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.” And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the
servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

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

THE RESPONSE

The people read the words in bold.

The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.
Look, there he stands behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:
“Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;
for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.”

THE EPISTLE

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 693   Just as I am, without one plea (vv. 1 & 2)
All stand and sing.
THE GOSPEL

Minister  
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

All  
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Minister  
The Gospel of the Lord.

All  
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

All sit.

The Rev. Hope Eakins

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. 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 OF THE PEOPLE

The people say the words in **bold**.

A period of silence is kept.

We offer our prayers for the Church and the world. We give thanks for all who answer the call to ministry, lay and ordained. Grant us the strength and courage to use our gifts to build up the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth. Good Lord, **hear us**.
Help us to remember those who are persecuted or enslaved. We offer prayers for the victims of violence and oppression and for all refugees around the world. We give thanks for the well-being of the Kattoub family and for all the volunteers who are helping them make a new life in West Hartford. Good Lord, 
**guide us.**

We pray for our nation and all those in positions of power and authority. Inspire them to be generous in spirit and compassionate in caring for friend and stranger alike, just as Jesus taught us. We pray for all those in harm’s way. Good Lord, **deliver us.**

Instill in us a desire to be good stewards of God’s sacred Creation. We give thanks for the bounty of this earth, our island home. Good Lord, **inspire us.**

Help us to become part of the dream of God, reaching out to each other in love as children of God. Support us as we pray for those who are suffering in mind, body or spirit. Today, we lift up all who are in need of prayers for healing and wholeness. Good Lord, **uphold us.**

We pray for all who have died. We commend them into God’s eternal care. Good Lord, **comfort us.**

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**Celebrant** Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things that we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People** Amen.

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**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.

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**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.

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**THE WELCOME**
THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC   Adagio from Organ Sonata 1, op. 65    Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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.

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

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All remain standing or kneel.

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.

Celebrant  Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People    Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
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.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John’s.
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.
If you would like to receive Healing Prayers, go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave after receiving Communion.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant  Let us pray.

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.

THE BLESSING

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

THE CLOSING HYMN 693  Just as I am, without one plea (vv. 4-6)  WOODWORTH

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE VOLUNTARY  Praeludium et Fuga ex D  Johann Krieger (1651-1735)

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.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Helen Moore
Preacher: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton
Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney
Layreader: Jeff Verney
Guest Organist: Douglas Johnson
Usher: Sarah Kieffer
Healing Prayers: Wes Winterbottom
Altar Guild: Carol Sonne

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center
Layreader: Jeff Verney
Musician: Joyce Burke

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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 School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Sénaire de Théologie d’Église Épiscopale d’Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey, and our missioner in Haiti, Dr. Lucinda Mosher.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

**Those in need of healing:**

| Jim Evans | Jim Tracy | Andrew Lee |
| Kim Green | Cheryl Trahan | Chas |
| Carol Greico | Grayson Moore | Jay |
| Janet Ray | Ann Weberg Linton |

**Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:**

| Miriam Lockhart | Barry Simson |
| Charlotte Plank | Emma Kosinski |
| Andrew Hicks | Bert Keating |
| Mike Corey |

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**


**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. James’, Poquetanuck; St. Philip’s, Putnam; Christ Church, Redding; and for ECCT and parish-based committees and networks for investments, stewardship, finance, planned giving, insurance, and personnel policies.

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!**

- Midweek Bible study — Every Wednesday at noon, with the rector
- Men’s Bible study — Every Thursday at 6:30 a.m.
- Women Together book study — Every Tuesday at 3 p.m.
- Summer service schedule (9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sundays) — June 18 through September 3
- Summer office schedule (9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekdays) — June 19 through September 1
- Jazz Mass at Christ Church Cathedral — July 16 at 10:30 a.m.
- SAVE THE DATE: Neighborhood Block Party — September 17, noon to 3 p.m.
- SAVE THE DATE: Fall Ministry Fair — September 24
- SAVE THE DATE: Women’s Retreat with author Jennifer Grant — October 21, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- SAVE THE DATE: Bishop visitation and confirmations — April 15, 2018
The West End Food Pantry could use our help keeping their shelves stocked over the summer, when needs are high and donations are low. Please be generous in bringing non-perishable groceries with you to church any Sunday and place them in the wagon at the back of the church.

The Kattoubs (the family from Syria whom we cosponsor with St. James’s) are in need of a few things. Can you help? Arabia is expecting their fourth child and could use gift cards to purchase new maternity clothes from Old Navy, Target, Kohls or JC Penney. (Note: Gift cards only please, no donated clothes.) Aboud (6-year-old boy) needs new or gently used summer clothes. They also need paper towels and Dove Sensitive Skin body wash (this brand and type only please). You may drop off donations at the parish office during the week or on Sundays (ask a staff member to secure them in the office). Contact Sarah Kieffer with questions and for size information for Aboud — kieffer2468@gmail.com or 860-874-8076.

The need is ongoing for $5 or $10 gift cards to Walgreens, CVS, ShopRite, Dunkin Donuts, or Subway, which we give to people in need who come to the church looking for help. We also give away toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and deodorant), non-perishable snacks (cracker packs, granola bars, etc.), and bus passes (which we purchase in bulk at a discount). Please drop these items at the office during the week or give them to any staff member on Sunday. If you are approached by someone asking for money when you are at St. John’s, please refer them to the rector or suggest that they come to the office during regular office hours. Besides having the above types of non-cash assistance available, we can refer people to other resources.

The 5 p.m. service on summer Sundays in the Cloister Garden ends with an informal coffee hour-style reception, with lemonade or iced tea instead of coffee. We’re signing up volunteers to bring snacks and drinks each week. Plan for 15-20 people. Contact Ellen in the church office to sign up, or look for the sign-up sheet after the 5 p.m. service on Sunday. Come to this informal service and bring a friend!

We’re looking for volunteers to stop by regularly to water our Cloister Garden and other areas (such as an area of new grass seed) over the summer. We have a hose set up. If you can volunteer one time or on a regular basis, please contact the sexton, Dwight Latif, or the church office.

We’re looking for one or more part-time paid child care providers for Sunday mornings, 9 a.m. to noon, September through June. Care providers will staff the Good Shepherd room for children age 0 to 5 on Sunday mornings and assist at other times and events as needed. Applicants must be caring, reliable, and age 18 or older; they will need to attend Safe Church training through the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, as well as CPR/defibrillator training (which will take place here at St. John’s in the early fall). We’re open to splitting the schedule among two or more people. Interested applicants, please contact our director of religious education, Janet Babbitt, at janet@sjparish.net.

All are invited to a JAZZ MASS with potluck lunch to follow
Sunday, July 16
10:30 a.m.
Christ Church Cathedral
45 Church Street, Hartford

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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

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
June 18 – September 3, 2017
9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning in the church
5:00 p.m. each Sunday afternoon in the Cloister Garden
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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