

# THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Proper 11)



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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I  
8:00 AM

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*THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, P. 323*

## THE WORD OF GOD

Voluntary

The Opening Acclamation

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

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

The Collect for Purity *The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323*

The Song of Praise: Glory be to God on high *p. 324*

The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, mercifully give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land;

for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place-- and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23 *(Said by all)*

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me;\*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places\*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,\*  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before\*  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;\*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit?\*  
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there;\*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning\*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me\*  
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,\*  
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day;\*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart;\*  
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me\*  
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,\*  
and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,\*  
world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The congregation stands for the reading of the Gospel.*

The Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evil-doers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

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Lord Jesus Christ, Most Merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,	
help us this day and everyday to see Thee more clearly,	
to follow Thee more nearly, to love Thee more dearly,	
for Thy Name's sake. Amen.	
The Blessing & Dismissal	
Closing Voluntary	

## — PARISH NOTICES —

- ◆ Food Pantry Needs This Week: Peanut Butter and Jelly
- ◆ Memorial Brick Campaign: We're ready for people to sign up to purchase a brick for a memorial or thanksgiving remembrance. A \$100 donation will secure your 4x8 brick, or \$200 for an 8x8 brick. Order forms are in the narthex, or you may go online to <https://www.bricksrus.com/order/speters/>

## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY 7/20/14

We pray for those seeking healing: Barry, Bill, Bob, Bruce, Bryan, Chris, Daniel, David, Debbie, Don, Donna, Dotty, Ellen, Gil, Gino, Heidi, Jack, LaJune, Leo, Linda, Louie, Louise, Patrick, Samantha;

We pray for those in military service, and especially for Eileen, John, Kyle, and Robert;

We pray for those with special needs: the unemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who have AIDS and those who care for them;

We pray for our companion dioceses of Torit & Ecuador-Central;

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Iglesia de la Santa Cruz, Brooklyn; St. John's, Southampton; Church Musicians; All Souls' Church, Stony Brook; St. Mark's, Westhampton Beach; St. Andrew's, Yaphank; All Saints', Brooklyn;

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines; these Dioceses in Nigeria: Egbu; Eha—Amufu; Ekiti; Ekiti Kwara; Ekite Oke; Ekiti West; and The Most Revd Dr. Mouneer Hanna Anis, President Bishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Bishop in Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa

### Parish Calendar 7/20-27

SU: 7/13	8am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)
	9am	Sandwich Program (Kitchen)
	10:15am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)
MO: 7/14	9am	Morning Prayer (Lady Chapel)
	7pm	AA meeting (Lounge)
WE: 7/16	9am	Morning Prayer (Lady Chapel)
FRI: 7/18	8pm	AA Meeting (Parish Hall)
	10am	Thrift Store
SA: 7/19	10am	Thrift Store

## A Letter to the Parish from the Long Range Planning Committee

The long range planning committee was created by the vestry in order to address the critical financial situation now being faced by St. Peter's. As noted at our annual meeting, we have consistently run deficits in excess of \$100,000 over the past ten plus years and we have seen our endowment shrink to around \$750,000 (should this trend continue our endowment funds will be depleted within three-five years). We have also seen the number of pledging families drop from over two hundred to just over eighty. There are many reasons why this has occurred and it is not the purview of the committee to delve into the past but look to the future to figure out a way to steady the ship financially and move forward so we can concentrate on the real reasons we come together on Sunday.

The committee consists of wardens Sal Basile and Brian Clark, vestry members Chris Elton, Carl Siciliano and Joe Goncalves, Music Director Mark Engelhardt, our Treasurer Marc Johnston and parishioners Bob Birch, Lon King, Stewart McLaughlin, Don Metznik and Bruce Rauch. We have met four times immediately following the finance committee meetings on the second Tuesday of each month.

Due to the gravity of our situation the one rule that we quickly established was that everything was on the table and that we would discuss anything and everything as we attempt to address the issue of the continuing deficit as well as the reality that for the foreseeable future we will be a community of eighty to one hundred.

We have approximately seven acres of land at St. Peter's. One of the options we have discussed is the possible sale of the four rear acres to a developer. If you walk around our Church you will notice how vast our facilities are and quickly realize that this may be too much Church for a community our size. Our building and grounds expense and our insurance expense alone run around \$145,000. When you have a projected pledge income of \$140,000, well you do the math. As such, one of the items we have discussed is the possibility



of selling the Church to a developer and building a smaller Church in the back. We have also applied for a grant from the Niles Foundation for capital improvements and hope to hear in mid July as to whether our application has been accepted. We have also discussed various fund raisers. Our wardens have been actively trying to rent out classroom space and have been successful in at least renting out one of the classrooms.

Our pre-K program is doing very well and it looks as if it will generate a profit going forward. We are looking for ways to increase attendance at our Sunday services. We have arguably the finest Choir on Long Island--how do we best utilize our magnificent music program?

We are making progress. We will keep you informed of our activities. We encourage you to attend our meetings. Also, if you have any ideas please talk to any one of the committee members.

I truly thank the members of the committee for their hard work and effort. We will not only survive but we will flourish. God will see us through---but he can only work through you.

Joe Goncalves  
Chairperson

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## THE FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE

On July 22, the Episcopal Church celebrates the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, a leader among the women who followed Jesus. Mary Magdalene, also called Mary of Magdala and the Magdalene, began following Jesus in Galilee after he healed her, and she remained with him throughout his ministry until his crucifixion, then was one of the first witnesses to his resurrection.

“After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he



Mary Magdalene in detail of stained glass from St. Kilian's Church, Sülzbach, Germany (Photo by Peter Schmetzle)

has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me'" (Matthew 28:1-10, NRSV).

"Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, '*Rabbouni!*' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her'" (John 20:11-18, NRSV).

### **Collect for St. Mary Magdalene**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and of mind, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection: Mercifully grant that by your grace we may be healed from all our infirmities and know you in the power of his unending life; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen (Book of Common Prayer, p. 242).

— **St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church** —

*A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island*

The Most Reverend Katherine Jefferts Schori, DD	<i>Presiding Bishop</i>
The Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano, DD	<i>Diocesan Bishop</i>
The Right Reverend Johncy Itty, DD	<i>Sunday Celebrant</i>
The Reverend Clare Nesmith	<i>Pastoral Associate</i>
Mark Engelhardt	<i>Organist and Choirmaster</i>
Sara Merrigan	<i>Preschool Director</i>

*The Wardens and Vestry of the Parish*

Salvatore Basile, Senior Warden  
Brian Clark, Junior Warden  
Kathleen Malloy, Clerk of the Vestry  
Roger Burmeister  
Debbie Crawford  
Chris Elton  
Joseph Goncalves  
George Justice  
Edward Perry  
Julia Fienga Schneider  
Carl M. Siciliano



*Praising God, Serving Neighbor*

*We seek to worship the Lord as one loving family  
by serving our parish and community  
through prayer, music, education, and outreach*