**Announcements:**

Pledges/contributions can be mailed to the church at 87 West Main Street, Norwalk, 44857 OR donated online at https://dohio.org/designate-a-gift-to-your-parish

Also consider a contribution to the Norwalk Area Food Bank, mailed to 99 Whittlesey Ave, Norwalk, 44857.

Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10-noon and 1-3.

Wednesday check-in and reflection: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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**An Order for Morning Prayer in the Season of Pentecost**

*Opening Scripture:* Jesus said, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” Matthew 5:6

*Confession and Absolution*

**Officiant**

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept. Then all, quietly said 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.

**Priest**

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

Amen.

*Invitatory and Psalter*

**Officiant**

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

**People**

And your glory all the day long.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Officiant    Christ has triumphed over death:  
People    O come let us worship.

Invitatory: Psalm 100  Say quietly with leader  Catharine

1 May all lands be joyful before you, O God; *
   serve you with gladness and come before your presence with a song.

2 For we know that you are God; *
   you yourself have made us, and we are yours;
   we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.

3 We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving;
   go into your courts with praise; *
   give thanks to you and call upon your Name.

4 For the you are good; your mercy is everlasting; *
   and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

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People    O come let us worship.

Psalm of the Day: 116:1,10-17  Say boldly verses quietly with leader  Jeremy odd number verses; Cathy even

1 I love you, O God, because you have heard the voice of my supplication, *
   because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I called upon you.

10 How shall I repay God*  
   for all the good things done for me?
11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *  
   and call upon the Name of God.

12 I will fulfill my vows to God *  
   in the presence of all people.
13 Precious in your sight, O God *  
   is the death of your servants.

14 O God, I am your servant; *  
   I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
   you have freed me from my bonds.
15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *  
   and call upon the your holy Name.

16 I will fulfill my vows to you *  
   in the presence of all your people,
17 In the courts of God’s house, *  
   in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

After the psalm, all respond:

   Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
   as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Readings
First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a  Kaylyn

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People  Thanks be to God.

Canticle: A Song of Ezekiel  Ezekiel 36:24-28  Say quietly with leader  Jeremy

I will take you from among all nations*; 
and gather you from all lands to bring you home.
I will sprinkle clean water upon you*; 
and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.
A new heart I will give you* 
and a new spirit put within you.
I will take the stone heart from your chest * 
and give you a heart of flesh.
I will help you walk in my laws * 
and cherish my commandments and do them.
You shall be my people*, 
and I will be your God.

Second Reading  Romans 5:1-8  Kaylyn

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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People  Thanks be to God.
Canticle: A Song of Pilgrimage  Ecclesiasticus 51:13-16, 20b-22  Say quietly with leader Cathy

Before I ventured forth, even while I was very young,*
   I sought wisdom openly in my prayer.
In the forecourts of the temple I asked for her,*
   and I will seek her to the end.
From first blossom to early fruit,*
   she has been the delight of my heart.
My foot has kept firmly to the true path,*
   diligently from my youth have I pursued her.
I inclined my ear a little and received her;*
   I found for myself much wisdom and became adept in her.
To the one who gives me wisdom will I give glory,*
   for I have resolved to live according to her way.
From the beginning I gained courage from her,*
   therefore I will not be forsaken.
In my inmost being I have been stirred to seek her,*
   therefore have I gained a good possession.
As my reward the Almighty has given me the gift of language,*
   and with it will I offer praise to God.

Third Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:14  Catharine

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People  Thanks be to God.
**The Apostles’ Creed**    *Say quietly with leader*

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.

**The Prayers**

*Officiant*    Hear our cry, O God.  
*People*    And listen to our prayer.  
*Officiant*    Let us pray.

*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 For Use in Morning Prayer**    *Say bold verses quietly with leader*    *Cathy verse; Jeremy response*

V. Save your people, O God, and bless your inheritance;  
R. govern and uphold us now and always.  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. we praise your name forever.  
V. O God, keep us without sin today;  
R. have mercy on us, O God, have mercy.  
V. Show us your love and mercy;  
R. for we put our trust in you.  
V. In you, O God, is our hope;  
R. and we shall never hope in vain.

**Collects appropriate for the Day**

*Collect of the Day*

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion;
for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For the Oppressed (BCP p. 826)

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For those Who Influence Public Opinion (BCP p. 827)

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

A General Thanksgiving - Pray along quietly

Jeremy Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

Cathy And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Sending Say quietly with leader Catharine

Open unto me — light for my darkness.
Open unto me — courage for my fear.
Open unto me — hope for my despair.
Open unto me — peace for my turmoil.
Open unto me — joy for my sorrow.
Open unto me — strength for my weakness.
Open unto me — wisdom for my confusion.
Open unto me — forgiveness for my sins.
Open unto me — love for my hates.
Open unto me — thy Self for my self.
Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen. - Howard Thurman

**Blessing**
Go forth into the world in peace.
Be of good courage.
Hold fast that which is good.
Render to no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the fainthearted.
Support the weak.
Help the afflicted.
Show love to everyone.
Love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

*Officiant* Let us bless our God.
*People* To God be thanks forever.