



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 6

8:30 and 10:30 am • June 16, 2024

THE VOLUNTARY: Helft mir Gotts Güte preisen, BWV 613

J. S. Bach

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 533. How wondrous and great

Lyons

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

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 SONG OF PRAISE

8:30 Glory to God

BCP 356

10:30 S 278 Glory to God (see pew card)

Mathias

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

THE CHILDREN'S HOMILY (10:30)

After the homily, the children aged 3–11 are invited to process out for Christian Formation time in Curry Hall, Room 201. They will return at the Peace.

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 17:22–24

I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 92:1–4, 11–14

We will recite the antiphonally by whole verse, beginning with the Narthex side.

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord *
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;
- 14 That they may show how upright the Lord is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN: 424. For the fruit of all creation

East Acklam

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Gracious God, open our ears to hear your word. Open our hearts to receive it and transform us. Make your Church the fertile ground in which your love can grow. In your mercy, Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Give leaders everywhere a heart for their people and the commitment to the common good. Cultivate in each of us seeds of peace and justice. In your mercy, Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Sam and Jennifer, our Bishops; and for all other lay and ordained ministers. In the Anglican and Diocesan cycles of prayer, we remember Iglesia Anglicana de Chile; Trinity Church, Mount Airy; St. Cyprian's, Oxford; and St. Stephen's, Oxford. We also pray for The Beloved Community at The Trees. In your mercy, Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for healing for those who suffer from any ailment, or isolation, or want. In our church community, we pray for Alice, Alice, Betty, Bill, Carl, Caroline, Diane, Don, Iliia, Jan, Jane, Karen, Marion, Maxine, Nancy, Pam, Sherry, Steve, and those others we name now. (*The People may add their own petitions.*) In your mercy, Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our families, friends, and neighbors: Al, Anna, Anthony, Bev, Bill, Danielle, Destiny, Evonne, Florence, Fran, Gayle, Gemma, Jane, Jean, Jeff, John, John, Kate, Kelvin, Licia, Lucy, Meredyth, Michelle, Nolan, Pam, Rachel, Richard, Roy, Sara, Todd, Trevor, Valeria, Vivian, and those others we name now. (*The People may add their own petitions.*) In your mercy, Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those departed, especially Evelyn Taylor; we pray for a peaceful end for those who will die today; and comfort for those who mourn. In your mercy, Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen your image in our lives that we may reflect your goodness, your righteousness, your kingdom in all that we say or do, wherever we may be. Preserve those who travel, in particular our group of pilgrims visiting the city of Wilmington; surround them with your loving care; protect them from all danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end, people transformed by your love. In your mercy, Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our Rector search: **Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant God who scatters the seed of faith, hear the prayers we offer this day and make everything new; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: 525. The Church's one foundation

Aurelia

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

SANCTUS

8:30 BCP 367

10:30 S 128 (see pew card)

Mathias

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Traditional Version

FRACTION ANTHEM

8:30 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

10:30 S 165 Agnus Dei (see pew card)

Mathias

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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 FINAL HYMN:

598. Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth

Mit Freuden zart

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond:

Thanks be to God.

THE VOLUNTARY: Rigaudon

André Campra

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2024

Wardens George Douglas (Senior) and Dave McKinnon (Junior)

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We thank the following people for their service today:

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Dr. Cathy Deats
PREACHER	The Rev. Ryan Parker
ORGANIST (10:30)	Bradley Burgess
LECTORS	Tom Schuler (8:30) George Douglas, Becky Christian (10:30)
LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Helen Armstrong (8:30) Yvette Smith, Harlan Hagge (10:30)
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Alicia Lester-Bodford
TORCHES (10:30)	Raylan Neece, Morgan Smith
BANNER (10:30)	
ALTAR GUILD	Robin Rhaney, Mary Kingsley, Julia Cavalier
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LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Alfred Christensen
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