



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 16
8:30 and 10:30 am • August 25, 2024

THE VOLUNTARY

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 680. O God, our help in ages past *St. Anne*

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 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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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

Joshua 24:1–2a,14–18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:

“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:15–22

We will recite the psalm antiphonally by whole verse.

15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, *
and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 6:10–20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN: 440. Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Liebster Jesu

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:56–69

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

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

Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Cathy Deats

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant As we proclaim the gospel of faith, let us pray in the Spirit for the desperate needs of all peoples.

Intercessor For this holy gathering, for our Presiding Bishop, for our bishops, for our parish clergy, and for the people of God in every place. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

In the Anglican and Diocesan cycles of prayer: for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico; Emmanuel Parish, Southern Pines; and Chapel of the Transfiguration, Southern Pines. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all nations, peoples, and families. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For mercy, justice, and peace throughout the world. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For farmers and a good harvest, for travelers and those on vacation, and for safety from violent storms. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those desiring healing and for all who are in danger and need; for those who are sick, and those who are dying; for all who are poor and those oppressed; for prisoners and captives, and for their families. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

In our church community: for Alice, Alice, Betty, Bill, Carl, Diane, Gene, Harrison, Ilia, Israel, Jan, Jane, Karen, Louise, Maggie, Margaret, Marion, Marshall,

Maxine, Nancy, Norris, Steve, and Waltye. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our families, friends, and neighbors: Anne, Catherine, Danielle, Diane, Erin, Evonne, Florence, Gemma, Jane, Jean, Jeff, John, Karen, Kate, Kerry, Licia, Lucy, Michael, Michelle, Nancy, Pam, Penny, Peter, Randy, Richard, Roy, Sara, Valeria, and those others we name now. (*The People may add their own petitions.*) **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who rest in Christ, especially Anna Goode. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all victims of hatred and violence. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those expecting a child, especially Catherine and Patrick. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For ourselves, our families and companions, and those we love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, God of Israel, whose words are spirit and life. Hear the prayers we offer this day and feed us with bread of heaven; 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 COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which they are called.

Are these persons you are to present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and the wellbeing of his Church?

Sponsor I believe they are.

Celebrant You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Candidates I will.

Celebrant Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Candidates I will.

Sponsor I present to you these persons who have been chosen and licensed to administer the sacrament in this congregation.

People **The cup of blessing which we bless is a sharing in the Blood of Christ. The bread which we break is a sharing in the Body of Christ.**

Celebrant As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup:

People **You proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant, Almighty God, that those who minister the Bread of Life and cup of blessing may live in love and holiness according to your commandment, and at the last come to the joy of your heavenly feast with all your saints in light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you to administer the sacrament in this Parish.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: When Christ Broke Bread

Carol Muehlig

When Christ broke bread and raised the cup our souls' deep hungers were relieved. Fed by the food Christ lifted up how can we taste and not believe? The comfort of a loved one's voice in kind words given and received; in these Christ's music is rejoiced. How can we hear and not believe? When hands are joined and we embrace our love for Christ more love conceives. God gives this sacrament of grace. How can we touch and not believe? If faith is blind we see no loss; the image always we perceive is love resplendent on a cross. How can we see and not believe? Christ ends the end we cannot bear. The scent of flowers as we grieve is winter dying in spring air. How can we live and not believe?

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

(see pew card)

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 COMMUNION HYMN:

301. Bread of the world, in mercy broken

Rendez a Dieu

THE SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body,
because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants of your word and sacraments. We thank you especially for the work of Stephanie and Cathy among us. Grant that both they and we may serve you in the days ahead, and always rejoice in your glory, and come at length into your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE FINAL HYMN: 460. Alleluia! sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

THE VOLUNTARY

*We delighted to welcome guest organist, Lyn Francisco again,
and thank her for providing music for our service today.*

*We also would like to thank The Rev. Stephanie Yancy and The Rev. Dr. Cathy Deats
for serving as our Co-interim Rectors these past eight months. Thank you for your
faithful service to Nativity during our period of transition. Please join us for a
reception in Corlett Hall immediately following the 10:30 service.*

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2024

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

Members David Dykes, Hannah Harris, Roy Immelman, Charles Malone, Allison Martin, Sarah O'Connor, Yvette Smith, Perry Suk, Sam Wesonga

Officers Matt Dutton (Treasurer), Gail Christensen (Clerk)







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We thank the following people for their service today:

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Stephanie Yancy
PREACHER	The Rev. Dr. Cathy Deats
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Lyn Francisco The Nativity Choir
LECTORS	Tom Schuler (8:30) Viola Baldwin, Kyle West (10:30)
LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Steve Dearth (8:30) Helen Armstrong, Jeremy Clos (10:30)
BANNER (10:30)	CJ Mahoney
TORCHES (10:30)	Beatrice Tarry, Vance Dutton
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Logan Lee
ALTAR GUILD	Mary Hillmer, Ashley Clos
ALTAR FLOWERS	Ailsa Tessier
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Jesse Lee
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Charles Malone
FELLOWSHIP (10:30)	Becky Showalter and Sheila Knapp

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CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. Stephanie Yancy	Co-interim Rector
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Bradley Burgess	Lay Associate for Music, Communications, and Administration
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