



## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II / EOW

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany  
8:30 and 10:30 am • February 16, 2025

ABBREVIATIONS: **BCP** Book of Common Prayer | **CG** A Child's Guide to the Holy Eucharist | **LEVAS II** Lift Every Voice and Sing II | **WLP** Wonder, Love and Praise | **EOW** Enriching our Worship

THE VOLUNTARY: Wer nur den lieben, BWV 647

J. S. Bach

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

635. If thou but trust in God to guide thee

*Wer nur den lieben*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

CG 3

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glorify to God for ever and ever.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

THE SONG OF PRAISE: Gloria in excelsis

CG 5

8:30 BCP 356

10:30 S 280

## THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30)

*After the Children's Moment, 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

Jeremiah 17:5–10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 1. *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

8:30 *We will recite the psalm antiphonally by whole verse, beginning with the Narthex side*

10:30 *We will sing the psalm in unison. S-415*



- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the / wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the / scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the / Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and / night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not / wither; \*  
everything they do shall / prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the / wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows a- / way.

- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment / comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the / righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the / righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is / doomed.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:12–20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN: 656. Blest are the pure in heart

*Franconia*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:17–26

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

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are

rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Grey Maggiano

THE NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader* God of light and life our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith. We pray for your church, for our diocese, bishops, clergy and all people.

Flame of abundant love, **be our Joy.**

We pray for all who are coming to faith, all who wonder about faith, and all who are struggling with faith this season.

Light of all creation, **guide us.**

We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch, especially those in our community for whom our prayers are desired: Alice, Bear, Betty, Bill, Carl, Eva, Ilia, Jack, Jan, Jane, Jill, Karen, Liz, Margaret, Marion, Maxine, Nancy, and Shari.

Comforter of the suffering, **warm our hearts.**

We pray for the world, especially where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby.

We also remember our families, friends, and neighbors, especially: Anthony, Charlie, Danielle, Edward, Emma, Evonne, Florence, Gemma, GERALYN, Jeff, Jer, John, Kate, Keili, Lori, Mary Kay, Michael, Rosalie, Roy, Sandy, Sara, Shannon, and Tim.

Ember of steadfast care, **fuel our ministry.**

We pray for the land on which we stand, the peoples, creatures, plant life and waters around us.

Star blaze of glory, **lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home.**

We pray for those who are expecting a child, especially: Hannah and David, Juliana and Jonathan, Laura and Michael, Corey and Michael, Catie and Steve, Erika and Adam, Brad and Shelby.

We pray for those who have died, especially: Georgia Mustafa, Bob Jacobs, Joshua Adcox, Terry Schedeler, Ramon Emilio Rodriguez, and Joe John.

*Celebrant* God of radiant light, your love illumines our hopes before we know them, And our needs before we ask. Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**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.**

#### THE PEACE

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

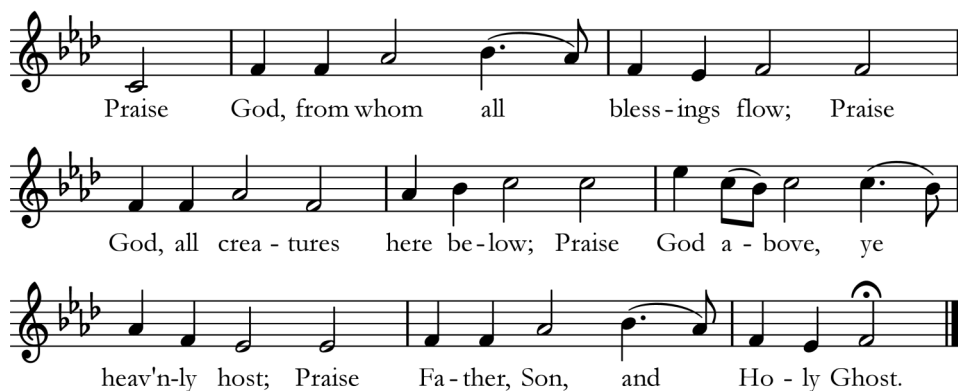
THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: The Beatitudes

Richard Shepherd

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

*Bourbon*



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise  
 God, all crea - tures here be-low; Praise God a - bove, ye  
 heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EOW Eucharistic Prayer 2

*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 our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

SANCTUS

8:30 **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

10:30 S 129, Robert Powell

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

**AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Traditional Version

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FRACTION ANTHEM:

8:30 We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

10:30 S 163, Robert Powell

THE COMMUNION HYMN: 654. Day by day

*Summer*

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

CG 27

**Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE FINAL HYMN: WLP 782. Gracious Spirit, give your servants  
(*see facing page*)

*Abbot's Leigh*

THE DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God.**

THE VOLUNTARY: Wer nur den lieben, BWV 642

J. S. Bach





1. Gra-cious Spir - it, give your ser-vants joy to set sin's cap - tives  
 2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our great high  
 3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing - ness of  
 4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Bei - ng, nev - er end - ing, un - be -



free, hope to heal the bro - ken-heart-ed, peace to share love's  
 priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture to re - deem the  
 space, kind - ling life where all was emp - ty, turn - ing cha - os  
 gun, bound-less grace and per - fect jus-tice, right-eous and for -



li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of glad-ness  
 last and least: let your cour - age and com - pas-sion  
 in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and fruit-less,  
 giv - ing One: so en - fold us in your mer - cy



to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and  
 shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior  
 dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -  
 that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the



show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.  
 and our Shep-herd, lead us to the truth that frees.  
 a - gin - a - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.  
 world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2025

*Wardens* Sarah O'Connor (Senior) and Dave McKinnon (Junior)

*Members* Morghan Bosch, David Dykes, Hannah Harris, Robert Joines, Susan Kelley, Charles Malone, Yvette Smith, Lillis Ward, Sam Wesonga

*Officers* Matt Dutton (Treasurer)







## QUICK LINKS

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*We thank the following people for their service today:*

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Ryan Parker
PREACHER	The Rev. Grey Maggiano
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Bradley Burgess, Organist and Choirmaster The Nativity Choir
LECTORS	Viola Baldwin (8:30) Marcia Perry and Becky Christian (10:30)
LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Steve Dearth (8:30) George Douglas and Harlan Hagge (10:30)
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Helen Armstrong
TORCHES (10:30)	Vance Dutton and Reese Maker
ALTAR GUILD	Robin Rhaney, Julia Cavalier, Mary Hillmer
ALTAR FLOWERS	Emily Philips
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN	Alfred Christensen
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Hannah Harris
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