



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Proper 17 | Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 and 10:30 am • August 31, 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

THE PRELUDE

Allegro non troppo

Susan Cantrell

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

518. Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355 | CG 3

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

People **And blessed be God's 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 | CG 5

10:30 S236. Gloria

John Rutter

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 return to their seats

THE FIRST LESSON

Sirach 10:12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 112

Beatus vir

8:30 *The psalm will be read antiphonally by whole verse by side of the church, beginning with the Narthex side.*

10:30 *Cantor sings antiphon*

Cantor & congregation sing antiphon

Cantor sings verses

Cantor & congregation sing antiphon after verses 3, 6, and 10.

Hap - py are they who have
 gi - ven, giv - en to the poor.

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord *
 and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
 the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
 and their righteousness will last for ever. (*antiphon*)

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
 the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
 and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *
 the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance. (*antiphon*)

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
 their heart is right;
 they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
 until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
 and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
 they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
 they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
 the desires of the wicked will perish. (*antiphon*)

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN:

304. I come with joy to meet the Lord

Land of Rest

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot

repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Grey Maggiano

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358 | CG 9

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Jennifer our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and all those fleeing persecution.

For students and teachers returning back to school,

For those seeking new employment, new opportunities, or new relationships,

For those on our parish prayer list, especially Alice, Betty, Bill, Carl, Cathy, Diane, Eva, Jan, Jane, Lori, Margaret, Marion, Maxine, Nancy, Pam, Peggy, Remmy, Sally, Sherry, and Steve.

For our families, friends, and neighbors, especially Bob, Caline, Danielle, Evonne, Fitzroy, Gemma, Hannah, Jeanette, Jim, John, Kate, Katherine, Keili, Ken, Lori, Marg, Mark, Michael, Pat, Peter, Renee, Roy, Sandy, Sandy, Sara, Stephanie, and Tim.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord;

For all the blessings of this life.

For those seeking to bring light to the world,

For volunteers in our community and here in Raleigh that seek and serve others,

For Peace builders around the world, especially in Israel and Palestine, Ukraine, and anywhere where violence needs interrupting,

For all those expecting a child especially Kristen and Bailey. And for those recently born.

For all those preparing for marriage, especially George and Lindsey, Susan and Gregory, Noah and Isabelle, Tom and Gwynnie, and Chance and Airl.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died;

That they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

We remember especially James Bishop and Trevor Booth.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The People may add their own petitions.

Deacon We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360 | CG 13

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SOLO:

Trio Sonata

Johann Ludwig Krebs

THE OFFERTORY HYMN:

609. Where cross the crowded ways of life

Gardiner

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367 | CG 29

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 God thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS

8:30

BCP 362 | CG 29

10:30 S130 (Sanctus)

Franz Peter Schubert

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Traditional Version

BCP 364 | CG 33

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast.**
Alleluia.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 1:

LEVAS 118. Oh, let the Son of God enfold

Spirit Song

♩ = 80 Cmaj7 Dm Em F G Em Am

1. O let the Son of God en-fold you with his Spir-it and his love Let Him
 2. sing the song of glad-ness as your hearts are filled with joy Lift your

6 Dm G C/C7 Cmaj7 Dm Em F

fill your heart and sa-tis-fy your soul O let Him have the things that
 hands in sweet sur-ren-der to His name O give Him all your tears of

11 G Em Em Dm G C

hold you and his Spir-it like a dove will de-send up on your life and make you whole
 sad-ness give Him all you years of pain And you'll en-ter in to life in Je-sus name

17 C7 F G Em Am Dm G C C7

Je-sus O Je-sus come and fill your lambs

26 F G Em Am Dm G C Cmaj7 C

Je-sus O Je-sus come and fill your lambs O come and lambs

THE COMMUNION HYMN 2:

309. O food to the pilgrims given

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365 | CG 25

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 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 BLESSING

THE FINAL HYMN:

671. Amazing Grace

New Britain

THE DISMISSAL

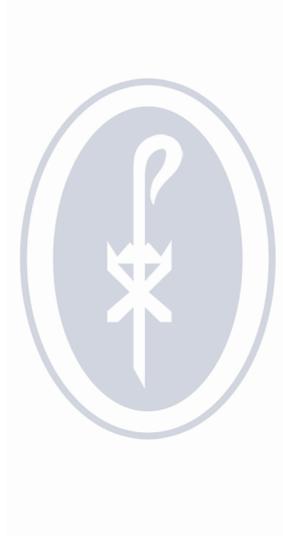
The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

Litanies à la Vierge

Florian Munteanu





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We thank the following people for their service today:

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Grey Maggiano
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(10:30)	Scott Beaver, Lloyd Childers, Jeremy Clos
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(10:30)	Helen Armstrong, Kate Krouse
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