



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
Proper 18 | Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 and 10:30 am • September 7, 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

Trois Beaux Oiseaux

Maurice Laurent

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

686. Come, thou fount

Nettleton

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 S278. Gloria

William 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 us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

Beatus vir qui non abiit

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



Choir:

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.

Choir & Congregation:

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 | judg • ment | comes, *
nor the sinner in the | coun • cil | of • the | righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the | way of • the | righteous, *
but the | way of • the | wicked • is | doomed.

THE SECOND LESSON

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love -- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.

Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has

wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN:

665. O Jesus, I have promised

Nyland

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14: 25-33

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

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

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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

For the beauty of the earth, for the diversity of land and sea, for the resources of the earth. Give us the will to cherish this planet and to use its riches for the good and welfare of all. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the warmth of the sun, the light of the moon, the glory of the stars. We praise you for the formations of clouds, the radiance of dawn and sunset. Open our eyes to behold your beauty, and our lips to praise your name. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Teach us to have an ever growing reverence for your bountiful creation and a sense of responsibility for its preservation. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are feeling the first hand impacts of our changing climate, for climate refugees, and for those victims of hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, and other natural disasters. Let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for refugees and asylum seekers, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

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

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, and Tom and Gwynnie.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We remember especially Richard Smith and Trevor Booth.

Celebrant: Lord God, You gather up the pieces so that nothing is lost Alert us to our carelessness and wastefulness And teach us to share from the abundance in our midst through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY CHORAL ANTHEM

Kyrie Eleison

Dana Mengel

Holy son of man, I kneel here below your cross, broken and sorrowful by what man's sin has done. Kyrie Eleison, I pray.

Precious lamb of God, I bow before you now, so unworthy of Your redeeming grace. Kyrie Eleison, I pray.

Kneeling here below your cross, all my gain for sure seems lost. Kyrie Eleison, I pray.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN:

474. When I survey the wondrous cross (*Vss. 1 and 2*)

Rockingham

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361 | CG 17

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 19

10:30 S128 (Sanctus)

William Mathias

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Traditional Version

BCP 364 | CG 23

THE FRACTION

BCP 364 | CG 23

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

Alleluia.

THE COMMUNION HYMN:

For Everyone Born

A Place at the Table



1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2. For wo - man and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4. For gay and for straight, a place at the ta - ble,
 5. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - ci - ding the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a cov - e - nant shared, a wel - com - ing space,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace di - vi - ding the pow - er
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 a rain - bow of race and gen - der and col - or,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head. And
 for wo - man and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for gay and for straight, the cha - lice of grace,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free.



God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy com - pas - sion and peace: yes



God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus - tice and joy.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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:

690. Guide me, o thou great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

THE DISMISSAL

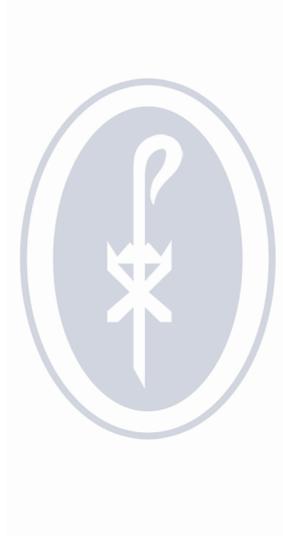
The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

Trumpet Fanfare

James Arcadelt





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We thank the following people for their service today:

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Grey Maggiano
PREACHER	The Rev. Grey Maggiano
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Christian Schoen and Nativity Choir
LECTORS (8:30)	Helen Armstrong, Rene Garces
(10:30)	Josh Booth, Ailsa Tessier, George Douglas
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (8:30)	Cindy Schreiner
(10:30)	Jeremy Clos, Logan Lee
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Marshall Taylor
Torches (10:30)	Vance Dutton, Beatrice Tarry
BANNER (10:30)	Logan Lee
USHERS (10:30)	Emily Phillips, Ethan Phillips
ALTAR GUILD	Emily Jividen, Olivene Virtue
ALTAR FLOWERS	Shari Knox
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Jesse Lee
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