



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
Proper 19 | Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 and 10:30 am • September 14, 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

Trumpet Tune

Jon Roberts

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

423. Immortal, invisible, God only wise

St. Denio

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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

Exodus 32:7-14

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 51: 1-11

Miserere mei, Deus

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

10:30 *Chanted*



Choir:

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | lov • ing- | kindness; *
in your great compassion | blot • out | my • of | fenses.

2 Wash me through and | through • from my | wickedness *
and | cleanse • me | from • my | sin.

Choir & Congregation:

3 For I | know my • trans | gressions, *
and my | sin • is | ever • be | fore me.

4 Against you | only • have I | sinned *
and done what is | e • vil | in • your | sight.

5 And so you are justified | when • you | speak *
and | up • right | in • your | judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been | wicked • from my | birth, *
a | sinner • from my | moth • er's | womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth | deep • with | in me, *
and will make me under | stand | wis • dom | secretly.

8 Purge me from my sin, and | I shall • be | pure; *
wash me, and | I shall • be | clean • in | deed.

9 Make me hear of | joy • and | gladness, *
that the body you have | bro • ken | may • re | joice.

10 Hide your | face • from my | sins *
and blot | out • all | my • in | iquities.

11 Create in me a clean | heart, • O | God, *
and re | new a • right | spirit • with | in me.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full

acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN:

470. There's a wideness in God's mercy

Beecher

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15: 1-10

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

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Ryan Parker

THE NICENE CREED

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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, Bear, Betty, Bill, Brian, Cathy, Diane, Eva, Jan, Jane, Lori, Margaret, Marion, Maxine, Pam, 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, Lori, Michael, Pat, Peter, 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 Chance and Airl. And for those recently married especially Tom and Gwynnie, son of Mary-Benton and John Gordon, and grandson of Diana Hudgens.

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 Mark Armstrong.

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

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SOLO:

Oh, Peter, Go Ring Dem Bells

Setting by Howard Helvey

Julia Cavalier

Oh, Peter, go ring dem bells, Peter, go ring dem bells, Peter, go ring dem bells, I heard from heaven today. Oh, Peter, go ring dem bells, Peter, go ring dem bells, Peter, go ring dem bells, I heard from heaven today. I heard from heaven today, I heard from heaven today, I thank God, and I thank you, too. I heard from heaven today.

I wonder where my mother is gone, I wonder where my mother is gone, I wonder where my mother is gone, I heard from heaven today. I wonder where brother Daniel is gone. De's gone where Elijah has gone, I heard from heaven today. I heard from heaven today, I heard from heaven today, I thank God, and I thank you, too. I heard from heaven today.

Oh, Peter, go ring dem bells, Peter, go ring dem bells, Peter, go ring dem bells, I heard from heaven today. Oh, Peter, go ring dem bells, Peter, go ring dem bells, Peter, go ring dem bells, I heard from heaven today. I heard from heaven today, oh I heard from heaven, I thank God, and I thank you, too. I heard from heaven today. I heard from heaven today, I heard from heaven today, I thank God, and I thank you, too. I heard from heaven today.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN:

708. Savior, like a shepherd

Sicilian Mariners

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

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

THE COMMUNION HYMN:

LEVAS 154. Taste & See

I will bless the Lord at all times

(Soloists sing verses, choir and congregation sing response)

Robin Rhaney and Kyle West

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and

see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. **Fine**

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 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:

410. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Lauda anima

THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

Majestic Postlude

James Denton

WELCOME TO THE SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our siblings in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. The season starts September 1, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian communions. Throughout the month-long celebration, the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for our common home.



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2025

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

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We thank the following people for their service today:

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Ryan Parker
PREACHER	The Rev. Ryan Parker
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Christian Schoen, Julia Cavalier, Robin Rhaney, Kyle West
LECTORS (8:30)	Viola Baldwin
(10:30)	Marcia Perry, Becky Christian, Kyle West
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (8:30)	Helen Armstrong
(10:30)	Rick Burts, Alicia Lester-Bodford
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Alicia Lester-Bodford
Torches (10:30)	Harper Belk, Hannah Parker
GREETERS (10:30)	The Parker Family
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Rick Burts
ALTAR GUILD	Susan Jordan, Paula Valeri, Brian Fentress
ALTAR FLOWERS	Ailsa Tessier
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