



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Proper 20 | Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 and 10:30 am • September 21, 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 & Ayre

Georg Philipp Telemann

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

450. All hail the power of Jesus' name

Coronation

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, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 113

Laudate, pueri

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 Hallelujah! Give praise, you | servants • of the | Lord; *
praise | the • Name | of • the | Lord.

2 Let the Name of the | Lord • be | blessed, *
from this time | forth • for | ev • er | more.

Choir & Congregation:

3 From the rising of the sun to its | go • ing | down *
let the | Name of • the | Lord • be | praised.

4 The Lord is high above | all | nations, *
and his | glory • a | bove • the | heavens.

5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits en | throned • on | high *
but stoops to be | hold • the | heavens • and the | earth?

6 He takes up the weak | out of • the | dust *
and lifts up the | poor | from • the | ashes.

7 He | sets them • with the | princes, *
with the | prin • ces | of • his | people.

8 He makes the woman of a | child • less | house *
to be a | joy • ful | mother • of | children.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN:

597. O day of peace

Jerusalem

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16: 1-13

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned

him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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 Bear, Bill, Lori, Margaret, Marion, Maxine, Pam, and Sally.

For our families, friends, and neighbors, especially Alex, Beth, Bill, Caline, Edward, Fitzroy, Gegory, Hannah, Heather, Katherine, Marg, Michael, Pat, Peter, Randy,

Sandy, Sandy, Sarah, Tanina, 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 ANTHEM:

Arise, my soul, arise

Setting by Dan Forrest

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears; the bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears. Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands; my name is written on his hands, my name is written on his hands.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary; they pour effectual prayers,

they strongly plead for me. "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "nor let that ransomed sinner die, nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; his pard'ning voice I hear. He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear. with confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh, and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry, and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry. Arise, my soul, arise. And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry. Arise, my soul, arise.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN:

513. Like the murmur of a dove's song

Bridegroom

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 1:

Open my eyes, that I may see

Open my eyes that I may see

(See next page for music.)

G D7 G

1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth you have for me;
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth you send so clear;
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery-where;

B7 Em B7 Em A7 D

place in my hands the won - der-ful key that shall un - lock and set me free.
 and while the mes - sage sounds in my ear, ev - ery-thing false will dis - ap-pear.
 o - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with your chil - dren thus to share.

G D7 G

Si - lent - ly now, on bend - ed knee, read - y I wait your will to see;

G7 C D7 G

o - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 o - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 o - pen my heart, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

THE COMMUNION HYMN 2:

348. Lord, we have come at your own invitation

O quanta qualia

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:

537. Christ for the world, we sing!

Moscow

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond:
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

Postlude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

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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| PREACHER | The Rev. Grey Maggiano |
| MUSICIANS (10:30) | Christian Schoen |
| LECTORS (8:30) | Ed Hughes, Annette Hughes |
| (10:30) | Duff McAdams, Waltye Rasulala, Marcia Perry |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (8:30) | Kent Clary |
| (10:30) | Logan Lee, George Douglas |
| CRUCIFER (10:30) | Logan Lee |
| Torches (10:30) | Raylan Neece, Beatrice Tarry |
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