

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Proper 21 | Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 and 10:30 am • September 28, 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

Meditation on Wondrous Love

Christian Schoen

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

594. God of grace and God of glory

Cwm Rhondda

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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 6:1a, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146

Lauda, anima mea

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! Praise the Lord, | O ● my | soul! *

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my | God ● while I | have ● my | being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any | child ● of | earth, *

for | there is ● no | help ● in | them.

Choir & Congregation:

- 3 When they breathe their last, they re | turn ● to | earth, *
and in that | day ● their | thoughts | perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of | Jacob ● for their | help! *
whose | hope is ● in the | Lord ● their | God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and | all that ● is | in them; *
who | keeps ● his | promise ● for | ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to | those who ● are op | pressed, *
and | food ● to | those ● who | hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the | eyes of ● the | blind; *
the Lord lifts up | those ● who are | bowed | down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord | cares for ● the | stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but | frustrates ● the | way of ● the | wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall | reign ● for | ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all gener | a ● tions. | Hal ● le | lujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the

future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN:

558. Faith of our Fathers!

St. Catherine

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16: 19-31

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

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

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. George Black

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, Carl, Cathy, Diana, Eva, Jan, Jane, Liz, Margaret, Marion, Maxine, Nancy, Remmy, Sally, and Shari.

For our families, friends, and neighbors, especially Bob, Caline, Danielle, Edward, Evonne, Fitzroy, Gemma, Hannah, Heather, Jim, John, Kate, Katherine, Keili, Lori, Michael, Pat, Roy, Sandy, Sandy, Sara, Shannon, Stephanie, Tanina, and Tim.

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

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

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 Megan Kingsley, Mark Armstrong, and Blake Haddon.

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

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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.

BLESSING AND COMMISSIONING OF PILGRIMS

Celebrant: Beloved in Christ, today we bless and commission these pilgrims as they prepare to embark on a sacred journey to the United Kingdom and the ancient land of Northumbria. Pilgrimage is a holy practice, a journey of both remembrance and encounter. It is remembering the saints who first carried the gospel into

English speaking lands, and it is meeting Christ in those who live and worship there today. It is listening to ancient stories of faith, and honoring the living witness of God's people in the present.

Will you journey with open hearts, ready to remember the holy past, to honor the lives of those who came before, and to receive with gratitude the gifts of the communities you will meet along the way?

Pilgrims: We will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you be attentive to God's Spirit in all things, seeking wisdom in sacred places, openness in conversation, and compassion in encounter?

Pilgrims: We will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you walk together in fellowship, supporting one another with patience and grace, and remembering always that you go not alone, but in communion with Christ, with the saints, and with the people of God who welcome you?

Pilgrims: We will, with God's help.

Celebrant: And will you, this congregation, uphold these pilgrims in prayer as they travel? Will you entrust them to God's care, and welcome them home with open hearts, eager to share in the stories they bring back?

Congregation: **We will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, Ancient of Days, you call your people to remember and to hope, to seek you in the past and to find you in the present. As these pilgrims journey to Northumbria, bless them with the gift of holy memory of such saints as Aidan, Hilda, Cuthbert, and Bede, whose faith shaped the life of your Church. And bless them with the gift of holy encounter in the faces and voices of those who live and worship in these lands today.

May their eyes be opened to your beauty in land and sea, their ears to your wisdom in stories old and new, and their hearts to your compassion in friend and stranger alike. Go before them as guide, behind them as guard, and beside them as a companion on the way. Bring them safely home to us, that their remembering and their encounters may renew our faith and deepen our fellowship in Christ. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of the One who journeys with us always, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

Shall We Gather At the River

Setting by Hal Hopson

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod; with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

[Refrain]

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. *[Refrain]*

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. *[Refrain]*

THE OFFERTORY HYMN:

439. What wondrous love is this

Wondrous Love

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:

416. For the beauty of the earth

Lucerna Lauduniae

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, And it
2. Con - se - crate me now to thy ser - vice, Lord, By the
3. Oh, the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour That be -
4. There are depths of love that I can - not know Till I

1. told thy love to me; But I long to rise in the
2. pow'r of grace di - vine; Let my soul look up with a
3. fore thy throne I spend, When I kneel in prayer, and with
4. cross the nar - row sea; There are heights of joy that I

1. arms of faith, And be clos - er drawn to thee.
2. stead - fast hope, And my will be lost in thine.
3. thee, my God, I com - mune as friend with friend!
4. may not reach Till I rest in peace with thee.

Draw me near - er, near - er, bless - ed Lord, To the
near - er, near - er,

THE COMMUNION HYMN 2:

LEVAS II 129. I am thine, O Lord

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice

cross where thou has died, Draw me near - er, near - er,
near - er bless - ed Lord, To thy pre - cious, bleed - ing side.

Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915). Music: William H. Doane (1832-1915).

(The music continues on the next page)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366 | CG 27

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:

438. Tell out, my soul

Woodlands

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE POSTLUDE

Festival Postlude on Woodlands

Lani Smith

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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Morghan Bosch and Hannah Harris (Co-registrars)





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We thank the following people for their service today:

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Grey Maggiano
PREACHER	The Rev. George Black
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Christian Schoen
LECTORS (8:30)	Viola Baldwin, Vicky Clay
	(10:30) Anne Ramirez, Arrin Dutton, Ailsa Tessier
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (8:30)	Rene Garces
	(10:30) Helen Armstrong, Jeremy Clos
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Helen Armstrong
TORCHES(10:30)	Vance Dutton, Morgan Smith
Ushers (10:30)	Eric Knapp, Daniel Knapp, Scott Beaver
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Alfred Christensen
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ALTAR GUILD	Mary Hillmer, Catherine Maddox
ALTAR FLOWERS	Emily Philips
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