



**THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**  
Proper 25 | Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
8:30 and 10:30 am • October 26, 2025

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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

Elegy in Green

Frasier Robinson

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

688. A Mighty Fortress is Our God

*Ein feste Burg*

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 Gloria from Mass of Wisdom (*see music in pew*)

Steven Janco

**THE WORD OF GOD**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! Thus says the Lord concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 84: 1-6

*Quam dilecta!*

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 How dear to me is your dwelling, O | LORD ● of | hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh re | joice ● in the | liv ● ing | God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may | lay ● her | young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my | King | and ● my | God.

## *Choir and Congregation*

- 3 Happy are they who | dwell in ● your | house! \*  
they will | always ● be | prais ● ing | you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose | strength is ● in | you! \*  
whose hearts are | set ● on the | pil ● grims' | way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a | place ● of | springs, \*  
for the early rains have | covered it ● with | pools ● of | water.
- 6 They will climb from | height ● to | height, \*  
and the God of gods will re | veal ● him | self ● in | Zion.

## THE SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN:

382. King of glory, king of peace

*General Seminary*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

THE SERMON

Jeremy Clos, FSJ

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. My help comes from the Lord,

**The maker of heaven and earth.**

Guide the people of this land, our political, cultural and religious leaders, and all of us in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. My help comes from the Lord,

**The maker of heaven and earth.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. My help comes from the Lord,

**The maker of heaven and earth.**

Bless our neighbors as they go about their lives, foreigner and outcast among us, and all those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and help us to see the face of your son Jesus in the face of friend and stranger alike. We also pray for those on our parish prayer list, including Alice, Betty, Bill, Carl, Cathy, Dave, Diane, Eva, Jan, Jane, Liz, Margaret, Marion, Maxine, Nancy, Remmy, Scarlett, and Shari. For those expecting a child, especially Kristen and Bailey, and Robert and Brianna. For those preparing for marriage, especially George and Lindsey, and for those recently married including Susan and Gregory, Noah and Isabelle, son of Becky and Jon Showalter, and Laura and Josh, daughter of Jennifer and Tom Mulrooney. My help comes from the Lord,

**The maker of heaven and earth.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; provide succor for victims of violence; strength for those who are fearful of violence as they go to school, to worship, or simply gather; and a source of light and life for all those living through dark times. We pray especially for Bill, Bob, Caline, Danielle, Denise, Diane, Edward, Evonne, Fitzroy, Gemma, Ginger, Allen, Caden, Crew, Gregory, Hannah, Heather, John, Kate, Keili, Laura-Benton, Lori, Michael, Moira, Renee, Rosalie, Roy, Sandy, Sandy, Sara, Sarah, Shannon, Stephanie, Thom, Denise, Todd, Cally, Kit, and Lucas. My help comes from the Lord,

**The maker of heaven and earth.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with The Rev. Janet C. Watrous, Pat Goodale, Rosalyn Holland, Katie Kreck and all your saints in your eternal kingdom. My help comes from the Lord,

**The maker of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant:* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **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 ANTHEM:

Offertory

John Ness Beck

*With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, Shall I come before Him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justly and to love kindness, and to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God?*

THE OFFERTORY HYMN:

Let There Be Peace on Earth

*Sy Miller*

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be,  
With God as creator, brothers and sisters are we,  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now.  
With ev'ry breath I take let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

*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 S124 (Sanctus)

David Hurd

## 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:

475. God himself is with us

*Tysk*

## 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:

516. Come down, O love divine

*Down Ampney*

THE DISMISSAL

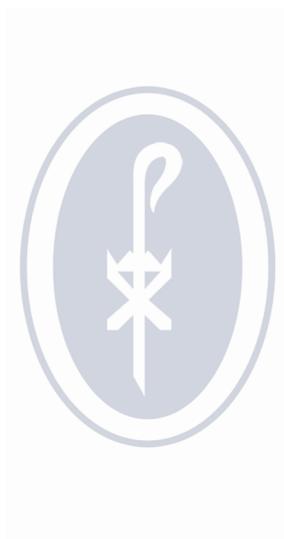
*The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond:*

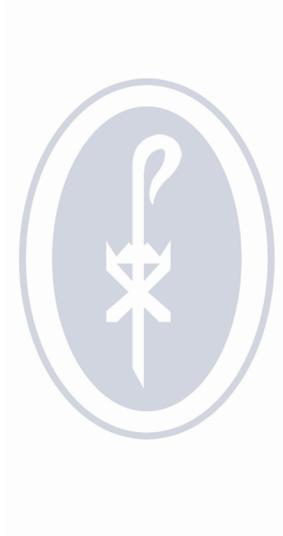
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

THE POSTLUDE

Majestic Postlude

Mark Hayes







CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2025

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

*Members* David Dykes, Hannah Harris, Emily Jividen, Robert Joines, Susan Kelley, Yvette Smith, Lillis Ward, Sam Wesonga

*Officers* Matt Dutton (Treasurer), Bill Sena (Assistant Treasurer) and Hannah Harris (Registrar)





## QUICK LINKS

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*We thank the following people for their service today:*

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Grey Maggiano
PREACHER	Jeremy Clos, FSJ
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Christian Schoen
LECTORS (8:30)	Mary-Benton Gordon, Ed Hughes
(10:30)	George Douglas, Kyle West, Josh Booth
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (8:30)	Kent Clary
(10:30)	Helen Armstrong, Kate Mohan
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Logan Lee
BANNER (10:30)	Alicia Lester-Bodford
TORCHES (10:30)	Raylan Neece, Harper Belk
Fellowship (10:30)	Suzanne Colton
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Jesse Lee
USHERS (10:30)	Emily and Ethan Phillips
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