



**THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**  
Proper 28 | Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost  
8:30 and 10:30 am • November 16, 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

Adagio

Tomaso Albinoni

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

550. Jesus calls us

*Restoration*

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 S277

David Hurd

**THE WORD OF GOD**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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

Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 98

*Cantate Domino*

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

10:30 *Cantor sings antiphon*

*Cantor & congregation sing antiphon*

*Cantor sings verses*

*Cantor & congregation sing antiphon after verses 2, 5, 8 and 10.*



Sing to the Lord a new song.



Sing to the Lord a new song.

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

## THE SECOND LESSON

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN:

50. This is the day the Lord hath made

*London New*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21: 5-19

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

*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.

#### A LITANY OF GOD'S MISSION FOR THE CHURCH

Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being, **Have mercy on us.**

Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father, **Have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God, **Have mercy on us.**

Holy Trinity, one God, **Have mercy on us.**

From blind hearts and petty spirits that refuse to see our need for your love, **Savior, deliver us.**

From pride, self-sufficiency, and the unwillingness to admit our own need of your compassion, **Savior, deliver us.**

From discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and from lack of persistence and thoroughness, **Savior, deliver us.**

From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading the Gospel, **Savior, deliver us.**

O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom in this time and place. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Open our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Open our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Open our lips, that we may tell in every tongue the wonderful works of God. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Open our hearts, that we may discern the work to which you call us. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Send us with your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities, and all parts of the world. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Strengthen us, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Sustain and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous, and unresponsive places. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place. **Hear us, O Christ.**

## THE PEACE

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies, For the love which from our birth, Over and around us lies, Over and around us lies. Lord of all, to thee we raise, This our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of the hour, Of the day and of the night, Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light, Sun and moon and stars of light. Lord of all, to thee we raise, This our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild, For all gentle thoughts and mild. Lord of all, to thee we raise, This our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of thine, To our race so freely given, Graces human and divine, Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n, Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n. Lord of all, to thee we raise, This our joyful hymn, our joyful hymn of praise, This our joyful hymn of praise.*

## THE OFFERTORY HYMN:

597. O day of peace

Jerusalem

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367 | CG 29

*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 S129 (Sanctus)

Robert Powell

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:

Here I am, Lord

*Here I am, Lord*



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry. All who well in deep-est sin  
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain. I have wept for love of them,  
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them,



My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their  
 They turn a - way. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for  
 My hand will save. Fin-est bread I will pro-vide 'Till their hearts are



dark-ness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?\_\_\_\_  
 love a - lone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?\_\_\_\_  
 sat - is - fied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*



Here I am, Lord.\_\_\_\_ Is it I, Lord?\_\_ I have heard you call-ing in the night.\_\_\_\_



\_ I will go, Lord,\_\_\_\_ if you lead me,\_\_\_\_ I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.\_\_\_\_

**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:

377. All people that on earth do dwell

*Old 100th*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

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

## THE POSTLUDE

Carillon

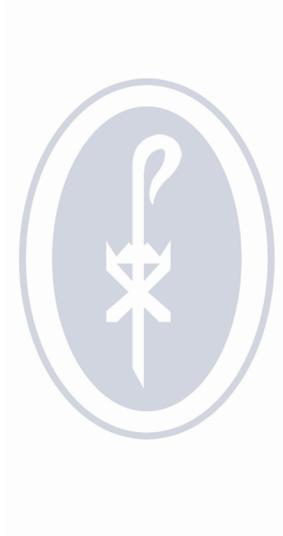
Gordon Young

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of his wife Carol,  
by Randy Smith.*

We ask you to remember to also pray for those on our parish prayer list, including Alice, Betty, Bill, Carl, Cathy, Diane, Eva, Gail, Jan, Jane, Liz, Lorrie, Margaret, Marion, Maxine, Nancy, Remmy, and Scarlett. 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.

And for all those living through dark times. We pray especially for Bill, Bob, Caline, Charlie, Danielle, Denise, Evonne, Gemma, Ginger, Allen, Caden, Crew, Hannah, Heather, James, Joe, Joelle, John, Kate, Keili, Kevin, Laura-Benton, Lois, Lori, Michael, Moira, Nadia, Rae, Renee, Rosalie, Roy, Roy, Barrett, Sam, Sandy, Sandy, Sara, Sarah, Shannon, Shannon, Stephanie, Thom, Denise, and Todd & Cally.

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 Sam Whisenhunt, Edward Tynes, Doug Sturdivant, Arden Ruttenberg and all your saints in your eternal kingdom.





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	The Rev. Grey Maggiano
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Christian Schoen and the Nativity Choir
LECTORS (8:30)	David Tyeryar, Jeremy Clos
	(10:30) Marica Perry, Viola Baldwin, Scott Beaver
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (8:30)	Dee Wallis
	(10:30) Alicia Lester-Bodford, Marcia Perry
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Alicia Lester-Bodford
TORCHES (10:30)	Beatrice Tarry, Raylan Neece
Fellowship (10:30)	Mary Snyder
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Alfred Christensen
ALTAR GUILD	Robin Rhaney, Julia Cavalier, Mary Hillmer
ALTAR FLOWERS	Gail Till
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Dave McKinnon

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## CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. Grey Maggiano	Rector
The Rev. George Black	Curate
The Rev. Ryan Parker	Priest Associate
Jeremy Clos	Lay Associate for Christian Formation
Christian Schoen	Organist and Choirmaster
Josh Anderson	Lay Associate for Communications and Administration
Kate Mohan	Diaconate Discernment Intern
Monique Holmes	Business Manager
Eva Warren	Nursery Attendant
Robert Krahel	Sexton