



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany | 40th Anniversary
10:30 am • February 1, 2026

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

Thema mi Variationen D-Dur

Felix Mendelssohn

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

665. All my hope on God is founded

Michael

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 S280

Robert Powell

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, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

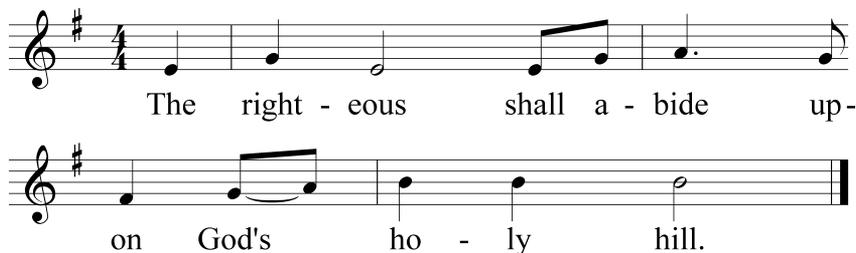
8:30 *The psalm will be read antiphonally by whole verse by side of the church, beginning with the Narthex side.*

10:30 *Cantor sings antiphon*

Cantor & congregation sing antiphon

Cantor sings verses

Cantor & congregation sing antiphon after verses 2, 4 and 7



- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God

made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN:

684. O for a closer walk with God

Caithness

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5: 1-12

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry

A LITANY FOR 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.

(additional prayers are offered)

Celebrant: Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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:

488. Be thou my vision

Slane

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

10:30 S130 (Sanctus)

BCP 362 | CG 19

Franz Peter Schubert

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:

A place at the table

For Everyone Born



1. For ev - ery-one born,	a place at the ta - ble,
2. For wom - an and man,	a place at the ta - ble,
3. For young and for old,	a place at the ta - ble,
4. For gay and for straight,	a place at the ta - ble,
5. For ev - ery-one born,	a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery-one born,	clean wa - ter and bread,
re - vis - ing the roles,	de - cid - ing the share,
a voice to be heard,	a part in the song,
a cov - e - nant shared,	a wel - com - ing space,
to live with - out fear,	and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space,	a safe place for grow - ing,
with wis - dom and grace,	di - vid - ing the pow - er,
the hands of a child	in hands that are wrin - kled,
a rain - bow of race	and gen - der and col - or,
to work, to speak out,	to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery-one born,	a star o - ver - head,
for wom - an and man,	a sys - tem that's fair,
for young and for old,	the right to be - long,
for gay and for straight,	the chal - ice of grace,
for ev - ery-one born,	the right to be free,

(Music continues on next page)

Refrain

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and
 joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,
 God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,
 jus - tice and joy!

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:

473. Lift high the cross

Crucifer

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F Major, BWV 846 by Johann Sebastian Bach



CELEBRATING 40 YEARS AT CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

In the fall of 1985, a handful of disparate individuals, some from Episcopal churches in town and others from none, decided an Episcopal church was needed in North Raleigh. With the blessing of the Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina but little else than courage and conviction, they established a mission church, which they called Church of the Nativity, and began regular services on January 26, 1986. The church they dreamed into existence is now celebrating 40 years.



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2025

Members Hannah Harris, Emily Jividen, Yvette Smith, Sam
Wesonga, Susan Kelley, Robert Joines, Lillis Ward, Scott
Beaver, Randy R. Smith, Jim Ingram

Officers Bill Sena (Treasurer)







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We thank the following people for their service today:

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Grey Maggiano
PREACHER	The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry
DEACON	The Rev. Jill Staton-Bullard
MUSICIANS	Dave Rivers and the Nativity Choir
LECTORS	Ailsa Tessier, Carl Sigel, Arjun Pant
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Jeremy Clos, Alicia Lester-Bodford
CRUCIFER	Helen Armstrong, Isabella Maggiano
TORCHES	Harper Belk, Hannah Parker
BANNER	Peyton Sanders
STREAMERS	Morgan Smith
Ushers	Eric and Daniel Knapp
Fellowship	Mary Snyder
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN	Keith Heikkinen
ALTAR GUILD	Emily Jividen, Olivene Virtue
ALTAR FLOWERS	Ailsa Tessier
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Susan Kelley

Church of the Nativity

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The Rev. Grey Maggiano	Rector
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