



## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II / EOW

First Sunday in Lent

8:30 and 10:30 am • February 22, 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 | **EOW** Enriching our Worship

### THE VOLUNTARY:

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich

Jürgen Schröder

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

150. Forty days and forty nights

*Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*

### THE INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF A HOLY LENT

BCP 264

### THE GREAT LITANY

8:30 BCP 148

10:30 *S67. The Great Litany will be chanted by the choir. Responses sung by congregation.*

## 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 God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30)

*After the Children's Moment, 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

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 32

*Beati quorum*

*We will recite the psalm antiphonally by whole verse, beginning with the Narthex side.*

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

#### THE SEQUENCE HYMN:

655. O Jesus I have promised

*Nyland*

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*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

THE PEACE

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

Take Up Your Cross

Edward Broughton

"Take up your cross," the Savior said, "If you would my disciple be; deny yourself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me." Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm; His strength shall bear your spirit up, and brace your heart and nerve your arm. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame; nor let your foolish pride rebel; your Lord for you the cross endured, to save your soul from death and hell. Take up your cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious, wear the glorious crown, the glorious, the glorious crown!

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

711. Seek ye first

*Seek Ye First*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

SANCTUS

8:30 BCP 362

10:30 S 114

Healey Willan

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Traditional Version

BCP 364 | CG 45

FRACTION ANTHEM:

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

THE COMMUNION HYMN:

The Altar Rail

*Waechter*

1. We kneel at the al - tar rail                      Fold - ing our hands in prayer;  
 2. The world is a toub - led place—                      Wars, hate, sick - nese and strife.  
 3. You ask us to spread your word                      In - to this world of sin.  
 4. We know when we're in your grace;                      We're flush with joy of heav'n.

Pray - ing you'll send down your spir - it on us      And wrap us in your lov - ing care.  
 We can - not face it a - lone ev - 'ry day.      We need you in our hearts to stay.  
 Bringing your peo - ple a message of love      To lead them to your heav'n a - bove.  
 We raise our voic - es on high in your praise,      We'll stay there in your love al - ways!

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 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 SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE FINAL HYMN:

142. Lord, who throughout these forty days

*St. Flavian*

THE DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God.**

THE VOLUNTARY:

Lenten Postlude

Sarah Fitzgerald



## THE GREAT LITANY

On this first Sunday of Lent, we continue Nativity's longstanding tradition of praying the Great Litany, joining our voices with generations of Christians who have recited these solemn petitions of repentance and intercession. The Great Litany is ancient. Its pattern of short petitions and repeated responses reaches back to similar forms of prayer in the early church, when Christians often prayed litanies like this in procession. Medieval Christians knew these responses by heart, even when they did not understand the Latin in which they were sung.

In 1544, Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Cranmer adapted the Latin form of the Litany into English, producing a work he called *Exhortation and Litany*, the first officially authorized liturgical resource in English for the Church of England. This English form of the Litany was later incorporated into the very first *Book of Common Prayer* in 1549 and has remained a part of the Anglican tradition ever since. Earlier Anglicans prayed it more often than we do. In fact, the 1559 Prayer Book directed that it be prayer at Eucharist every Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday, and at other times that the Bishop might choose.

In the Great Litany, we bring before God nearly every concern of the Church and the world. In it we ask for deliverance from sin and evil. We pray for the entire church and its leaders, for those who are in positions of authority and governance, for people in trouble or danger, and for peace and justice in the whole world. Its repeated plea of "Good Lord, deliver us" reminds us of the world's dependence on God. In praying it today, we join that long line of Christians who have turned to these same petitions, lifting them to God with the Church's ancient plea: "We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord."





## QUICK LINKS

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and more.

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

CELEBRANT	The Rev. George Black
PREACHER	The Rev. Grey Maggiano
Musicians (10:30)	Christian Schoen and the Nativity Choir
Lectors (8:30)	Annette Hughes, Viola Baldwin
(10:30)	Robin Rhaney, Becky Christian
Eucharistic Ministers (8:30)	Cindy Schreiner
(10:30)	Helen Armstrong, Yvette Smith
Crucifer (10:30)	Reese Baker
Torches (10:30)	Parker Walls, Raylan Neece
Banner (10:30)	Morgan Smith
Livestream Technician (10:30)	Alfred Christensen
Altar Guild	Mary Hillmer, Catherine Maddox
Altar Flowers	Emily Phillips
Vestry Representative	Jim Ingram

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### CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. Grey Maggiano	Rector
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