



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

8:30 and 10:30 am • February 8, 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

Impromptu on Coronation Tune

Tempest Martinson

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 Gloria from Mass of Wisdom (*see pew card*)

Steven R. 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.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of

water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 112:1-9

Beatus vir

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 3, 6 and 9



Hap - py are they; hap - py are
they who fear the Lord.

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever. (*antiphon*)

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance. (*antiphon*)

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor. (*antiphon*)

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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: 13-20

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

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

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in

heaven. “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Grey Maggiano

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:

Lord, I will lean on you

Michael Barrett

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms. Leaning, leaning on Jesus. Leaning on the everlasting arms. I will lean on Jesus, leaning on my Jesus, leaning, I'm giving Him my praise. You are a mighty tower and a fortress standing in the dark of night. You are the rock of ages and the shepherd of my life. I will lean on Jesus, leaning on my Jesus, leaning, I'm giving Him my praise. Lord, when I start to fear, you wipe away each tear. You are my hope. Lord, when I feel afraid, you sing my fears away, you are my song. Lord, when I fall, you take me by the hand. You lift me up and help me stand. I'm leaning, leaning, leaning on my Jesus. I'm gonna lean on the rock, the rock of ages. I'm leaning on the everlasting arms. I will lean on Jesus, leaning on my Jesus, leaning, I'm giving Him my praise. Leaning on the everlasting arms.

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

BCP 362 | CG 19

10:30 S130 (Sanctus)

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,

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!

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

Festival Postlude on Cwm Rhondda

Christian Schoen

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.



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We lift up all who are suffering and in need, especially Alice, Betty, Bill, Charly, Chuck, Diane, Eva, Jan, Jane, Liz, Lorrie, Maxine, Nancy, Nancy, Remmy, Marie, Jim, Brenda, Larry, Rick, Shari, and Barbara. And for our friends and family including Caline, Danielle, Denise, Doug, Evonne, Gemma, Ginger, Allen, Caden, Crew, Hannah, Heather, Joelle, John, Joseph, Kate, Keili, Laura-Benton, Lori, Moira, Pam, Renee, Rosalie, Roy, Sandy, Sandy, Sara, Sarah, Shannon, Shannon, Stephanie, and Thomas.

Shine your light on those who have died; remember especially those we now name. Patricia Hemphill (mother of Allison Martin) and Susanne Brancati (sister of Joe Ward) and bring comfort to all those who mourn.

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life; for those expecting a child including Robert and Brianna; and for all those who have recently married including George and Lindsey and for the other blessings we now name silently or aloud.



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2025

- Wardens* Hannah Harris (Senior), Sam Wesonga (Junior), and
Jim Ingram (Junior)
- Members* Emily Jividen, Yvette Smith, Robert Joines, Lillis Ward,
Scott Beaver, Randy R. Smith
- Officers* Bill Sena (Treasurer), Susan Kelley (Registrar)





QUICK LINKS

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We thank the following people for their service today:

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Ryan Parker
PREACHER	The Rev. Grey Maggiano
Musicians (10:30)	Christian Schoen and the Nativity Choir
Lectors (8:30)	Jeremy Clos, Cindy Schreiner
(10:30)	Anne Ramirez, Emily Jividen, Becky Christian
Eucharistic Ministers (8:30)	Helen Armstrong
(10:30)	Logan Lee, Harlan Hagge
Crucifer (10:30)	Logan Lee
Torches (10:30)	Hannah Parker, Maya Kiefer
Banner (10:30)	Beatrice Tarry
Ushers (10:30)	Emily and Ethan Phillips
Livestream Technician (10:30)	Jesse Lee
Altar Guild	Susan Jordan, Paula Valeri, Brian Fentress
Altar Flowers	Ailsa Tessier
Vestry Representative	Hannah Harris

Church of the Nativity

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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
Monique Holmes	Business Manager
Eva Warren	Nursery Attendant
Robert Krahel	Sexton