Church of the Nativity

# The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Second Sunday of Easter
8:30 and 10:30 am • April 12, 2026

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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

Festival Trumpet Tune — David Lasky

## The Processional Hymn:

481. Rejoice, the Lord is King — *Hymn tune 625: Darwall's 148th*

## The Opening Acclamation — BCP 355 | CG 3

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is Risen.
*People* **The Lord is Risen Indeed. Alleluia.**

## The Collect for Purity

## The Song of Praise:

*8:30* Glory to God — BCP 356 | CG 5
*10:30* S280 — *Glory to God in the highest*

# 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, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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 — Acts 2:14a. 22–32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

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

## Psalm 16 — *Conserva me, Domine*

*We will recite the psalm antiphonally by whole verse by side of the church. Those on side of the narthex will begin, those on the side of the choir will respond.*

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

## The Second Lesson — 1 Peter 1:3–9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

## The Sequence Hymn:
## LEVAS 165. Higher Ground

*I'm pressing on the upward way*

1. I'm press - ing on the up - ward way, New heights I'm
2. My heart has no de - sire to stay Where doubts a -
3. I want to live a - bove the world, Though sa - tan's
4. I want to scale the ut - most height, And catch a

1. gain - ing ev - ery day; Still pray - ing as I on - ward bound,
2. rise and fears dis - may; Though some may dwell where these a - bound,
3. darts at me are hurled; For faith has caught a joy - ful sound,
4. gleam of glo - ry bright; But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,

1. "Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground."
2. My prayer, my aim is high - er ground.
3. The song of saints on high - er ground.
4. "Lord, lead me on the high - er ground."

Lord, lift me up, and let me stand By faith, on heav - en's ta - ble - land; A high - er plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground.

## The Holy Gospel — John 20:19-31

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

## The Sermon — The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano

## The Nicene Creed — BCP 358 | CG 9

## The Prayers of the People

We give thanks for resurrection in all things, for new birth in our gardens and forests, for new possibilities in our life and work, and for new people coming to Christ and making Christ known in this season.
This is the Lord's doing, **and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

We give thanks for empty tombs, for victory over death, and for all those finding healing and hope in this world.
This is the Lord's doing, **and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

We pray for our youth preparing for confirmation, and for all young people in our midst, seeking to navigate an ever changing and confusing world.
We give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; **his mercy endures for ever.**

We pray for all those who are healing, hurt, and lost this season, for those who find themselves alone and scared, for prisoners and captives, and for those on our parish prayer list, including Andrea, Caline, Carl, Clarence, Clarence, Danielle, Denise, Ernstein, Evonne, Frances, Gemma, Ginger, Hannah, Heather, Jim, Joelle, John, John, Jonathan, Joseph, Kate, Keili, Leeann, Lois, Lori, Margaret, Mel, Moira, Nik, Peter, Renee, Rev. Al, Rosalie, Roy, Sandy, Sandy, Sara, Shannon, Shannon, Sharon, Stephanie, The Griffin Family, Tim, and Will.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; **his mercy endures for ever.**

We pray for safety for soldiers and civilians in harm's way, for faith communities that cannot worship in this holy season, for safety for those living in fear from violence, and for the Prince of Peace to reign in our hearts this Easter season.
I will give thanks to you, for you answered me **and have become my salvation.**

As the women gathered at the tomb, so we gather in prayer for those who have died, especially Barb Ulery, Marbe McNeill, Ann Lucas, and Phyllis Stohler; may you grant them a place in your eternal kingdom.
I will give thanks to you, for you answered me **and have become my salvation.**

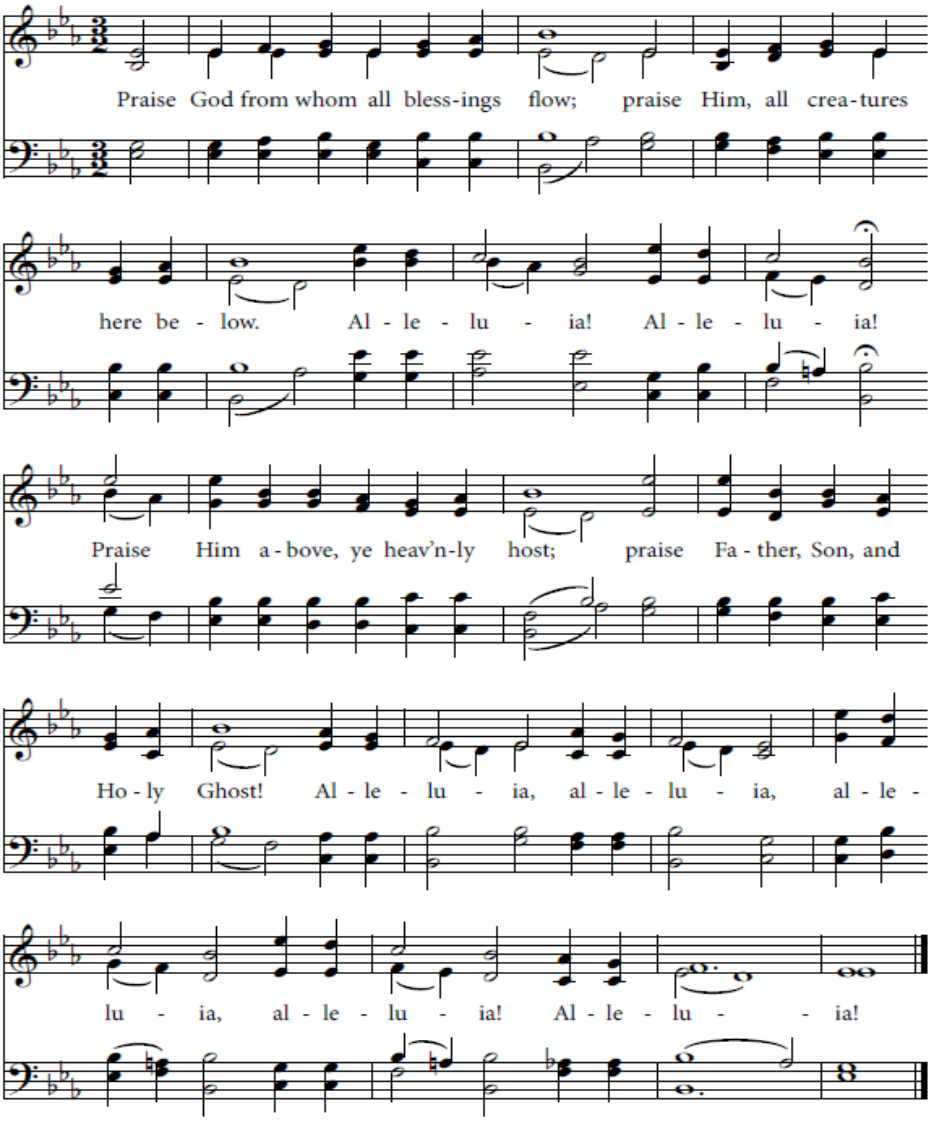
*Celebrant:* Rejoicing in the risen presence of our Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and ourselves to Christ, to whom we give laud and praise now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Peace

# The Holy Communion

The Offertory Solo:
Air on the G String, BWV 1068 2. Staz — Johann Sebastian Bach

Hymn at the Presentation of the Gifts:
Doxology with Alleluias — Thomas Ken




The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C — BCP 369 | CG 41

## Sanctus — BCP 371 | CG 43

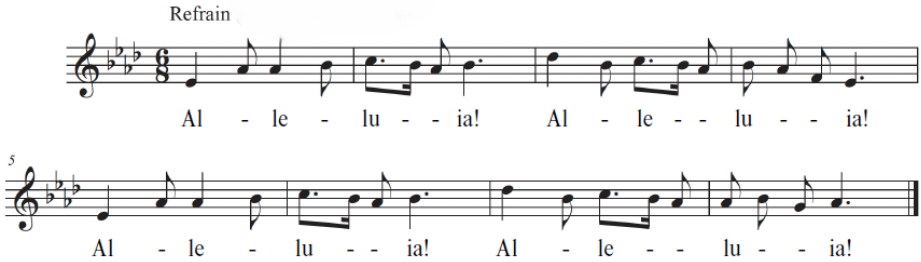
*10:30* S130 — Franz Schubert

## The Lord's Prayer: Traditional Version — BCP 364 | CG 45

## The Fraction Anthem — BCP 364 | CG 47

*8:30* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*10:30* Celtic Alleluia — O'Carrol/Walker

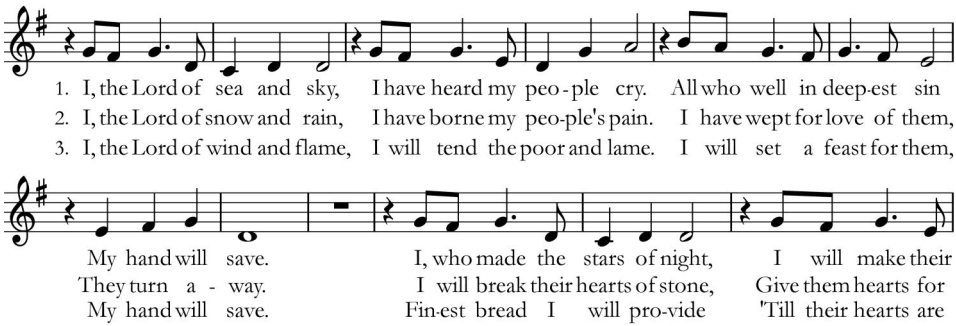



1 **Now he is living, the Christ: Out of the tomb He is ris'n! He has conquered death, opened Heaven to all believers!**

2 **Christ is the first fruits from death, filling the church with His glory! Darkness vanishes in the light of His power.**

## The Communion Hymn

Here I am, Lord — *Here I am, Lord*

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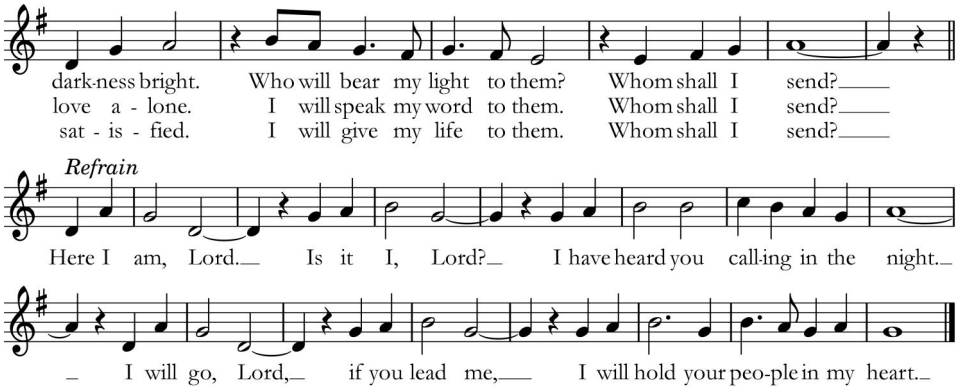


## The Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

*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 365 | CG 25

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

## The Recessional Hymn:

494. Crown Him with Many Crowns *Diademata*

## The Dismissal

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

## The Postlude

Fanfare on Diademata Janet Linker

## Church of the Nativity Vestry 2026

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| *Officers* | Bill Sena (Treasurer), Susan Kelley (Registrar) |

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

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| Celebrant | The Rev. Ryan Parker |
| Preacher | The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano |
| Musician (10:30) | Christian Schoen |
| Lectors (8:30) | Helen Armstrong, Jeremy Clos |
| (10:30) | Anne Ramirez, Becky Christian, Logan Lee |
| Eucharistic Ministers (8:30) | Kent Clary |
| (10:30) | Marion Youngblood, Alicia Lester-Bodford |
| Torches (10:30) | Arjun Pant, Morgan Smith |
| Banner (10:30) | Beatrice Tarry |
| Crucifer (10:30) | Parker Walls |
| Altar Guild | Susan Jordan, Paula Valeri, Brian Fentress |
| Altar Flowers | Gail Till |
| Children's Formation (10:30) | Sandra Booth, Sarah McMillan |
| Livestream Technician (10:30) | Duff McAdams |
| Vestry Representative | Lillis Ward |
| Fellowship (10:30) | Suzanne Colton |

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