

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**  
Rogation Sunday | The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
8:30 and 10:30 am • April 26, 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

Improvisation on St. Kevin

Christian Schoen

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

199. Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

*St. Kevin*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355 | CG 3

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

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

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

*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.



- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:19–25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian 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 cv - cry 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 arc 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. Lord, lift me  
 3. The song of saints on high - er ground.  
 4. "Lord, lead me on the high - er ground."

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.

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. George Black

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358 | CG 9

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters. The water that God called into being is at the heart of all that lives. Mindful of the many ways water affects our lives, let us pray for our waters and for the life of the world around us.

*Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for all people of faith, and for the transformations in their lives that are marked by the sacredness of water: at the Red Sea, in the Jordan River, in ritual baths, in the washing of feet, and in Holy Baptism.

*Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the leaders of nations, corporations, and communities around the world, that they may exercise wise stewardship over the waters of their lands, so that all people may have clean water to drink, and be protected from floods and disasters related to over development and environmental degradation.

*Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the wisdom to shape creative solutions to conflicts over water in the dry places of our planet, and for justice and peace in desert lands.

*Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for all the waters of the earth: for oceans and seas, for rivers and streams, for lakes and ponds, for watersheds, marshes, and swamps, for the waters beneath the ground; and for all creatures that live in the waters of the earth.

*Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for those in our community who are sick including Alice, Alison, Barry, Betty, Bill, Catherine, Chuck, Diane, Eva, Jan, Jane, Liz, Mary, Maxine, Nancy, Nancy, Peggy, Remmy, and Tom. And for our friends and family, especially Andrea, Caline, Carl, Clarence, Danielle, Denise, Dorothy, Edith, Evonne, Gemma, Ginger, Hannah, Heather, Joelle, John, John, Jonathan, Joseph, Kate, Katherine, Keili, Leeann, Lois, Lori, Margaret, Moira, Nathan, Nicole, Nik, Peter, Renee, Richard, Rosalie, Roy, Sandy, Sandy, Sara, Shannon, Shannon, Sharon, Stephanie, The Griffin Family, and Will.

*Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for all afflicted by the floods from Hurricane Helene, and all those around the world whose homes, lives and livelihood are unstable because of climate change and its impacts. We pray especially for the Diocese of Western North Carolina, its communities and churches.

*Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for all who have died, including Bob McMillan, Colby Seals, Phyllis Stohler, and Clarence Williams, and for all who mourn, that their tears of grief may be turned to wellsprings of joy.

*Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

Calm Me, Lord

Margaret Rizza

Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm; still me, Lord, keep me from harm. Let all the tumult within me cease; enfold me, Lord, in your peace.

## HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

Doxology with Alleluias

Thomas Ken

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures

here be - low. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and

Ho - ly Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369 | CG 41

SANCTUS

10:30 S130

BCP 371 | CG 43

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

Refrain

Al - le - lu - - ia! Al - le - - lu - - ia!

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Al - le - lu - - ia! Al - le - - lu - - ia!

**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

664. My Shepherd Will Supply My Needs

*Resignation*

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.**

**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 DISMISSAL

*The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond*  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN:

535. Ye Servants of God

*Paderborn*

THE POSTLUDE

Fugue in Bb Major

Georg Sorge

*The recessional will continue outside to the big oak tree for the rogation day procession.*







CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2026

*Wardens* Hannah Harris (Senior), Randy R. Smith (Junior)

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## QUICK LINKS

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

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano
PREACHER	The Rev. George Black
MUSICIAN (10:30)	Christian Schoen
LECTORS (8:30)	Cindy Schreiner, Rene Garces
(10:30)	Ailsa Tessier, Duff McAdams, George Douglas
CHILDREN'S HOMILY (10:30)	Jeremy Clos
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (8:30)	Steve Dearth
(10:30)	Helen Armstrong, Yvette Smith
TORCHES (10:30)	Raylan Neece, Peyton Sanders
BANNER (10:30)	Morgan Smith
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Parker Walls
ALTAR GUILD	Mary Hillmer, Catherine Maddox
ALTAR FLOWERS	Ailsa Tessier
CHILDREN'S FORMATION (10:30)	Joe and Lillis Ward
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Keith Heikkinen
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Emily Jividen
FELLOWSHIP (10:30)	Mary Snyder

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### CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano	Rector
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