



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II WITH CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:30 and 10:30 am • May 10, 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

Improvisation on Lobe den Herren

Christian Schoen

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

390. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355 | CG 3

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding; Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 17:22–31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66: 7-18

Jubilate Deo

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

10:30 *Chanted*



Choir:

- 7 Bless our | God, ● you | peoples; *
make the | voice of ● his | praise ● to be | heard;
- 8 Who holds our | souls ● in | life, *
and will not al | low ● our | feet ● to | slip.

Choir & Congregation:

- 9 For you, O | God, ● have | proved us; *
you have tried us | just ● as | silver ● is | tried.
- 10 You brought us | into ● the | snare; *
you laid heavy | burdens ● up | on ● our | backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through | fire ● and | water; *
but you brought us out | into ● a | place of ● re | freshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will | pay you ● my | vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my | mouth ● when I | was ● in | trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the | smoke ● of | rams; *
I will | give ● you | oxen ● and | goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all | you ● who fear | God, *
and I will | tell ● you | what he ● has | done for me.
- 15 I called out to | him with ● my | mouth, *
and his | praise ● was | on ● my | tongue.
- 16 If I had found | evil ● in my | heart, *
the | Lord ● would | not ● have | heard me;
- 17 But in truth | God ● has | heard me; *
he has attended to the | voice | of ● my | prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not re | jected ● my | prayer, *
nor with | held ● his | love ● from | me.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 14:15–21

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear,

so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN:

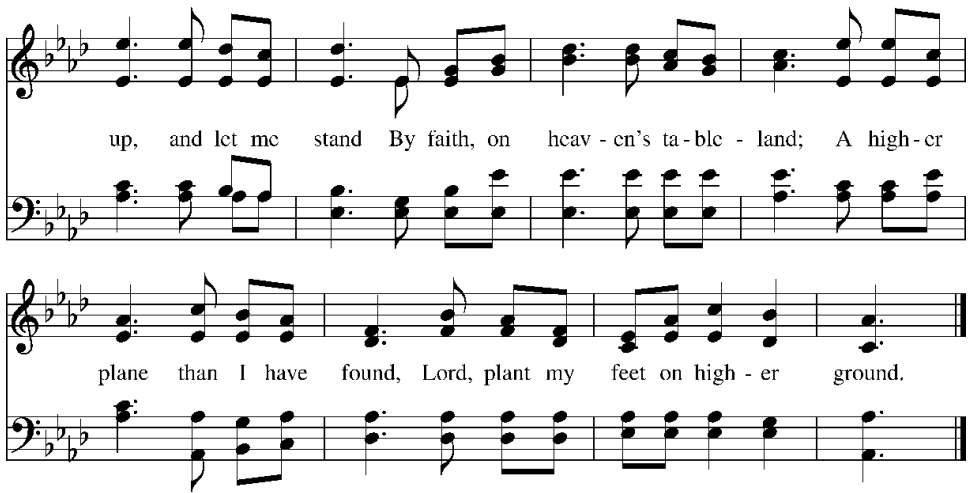
LEVAS 165. Higher Ground

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 - cr
plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

THE SERMON

8:30

The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano

10:30

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES (10:30) BCP 415

Deborah Lane, John Lane, Natalie Kasab, Isabella Maggiano, Raylan Neece, Laurie Nielson, Hannah Parker, Ethan Phillips, Abigail Shea, and Riley Skipper.

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.
Presenters I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Bishop then says:

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION

The Bishop lays hands upon each of the confirmands and says:

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit; empower them for your service; and sustain them all the days of their life. **Amen.**

The Bishop lays hands upon each of those being received and says:

We recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

Then the Bishop says:

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

Doxology with Alleluias

Thomas Ken

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Him, all crea-tures
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!

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 ANTHEM WITH CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lead Us to Your Light

Carol Browning

Congregation to join choir singing refrains.

Lead us to your light, lead us out of dark-ness.

Lead us to your light. Come, Je - sus, come.

Refrain

1. We give you ourselves, knowing we are broken. Heal us, we long to be whole.

Refrain

2. Free us, O Lord, from hardness of heart. Teach us the way of compassion.

Refrain

3. We are your own, the people you have chosen. Cleanse us and clothe us in Christ.

Refrain

4. Onward we go, each step along our journey. Help us, Lord, to listen to your call.

Refrain

5. Lost and alone, we struggle on our way. Grant us the peace of your kingdom.

Refrain

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:

690. Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

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 POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Cwm Rhondda

Christian Schoen





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We thank the following people for their service today:

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| CELEBRANT (8:30) | The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano |
| (10:30) | The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson |
| PREACHER (8:30) | The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano |
| (10:30) | The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, Bishop's Chaplain, The Rev. Kelly Ryan |
| MUSICIANS (10:30) | Christian Schoen and The Nativity Choir |
| LECTORS (8:30) | Viola Baldwin, Mary-Benton Gordon |
| (10:30) | Becky Christian, Ailsa Tessier, Logan Lee |
| CHILDREN'S HOMILY (10:30) | The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (8:30) | Helen Armstrong |
| (10:30) | Jeremy Clos, Alicia Lester-Bodford |
| TORCHES (10:30) | Maya Kiefer, Raylan Neece |
| BANNER (10:30) | Peyton Sanders |
| CRUCIFER (10:30) | Parker Walls |
| STREAMERS (10:30) | Morgan Smith |
| ALTAR GUILD | Susan Jordan, Paula Valeri, Brian Fentress |
| ALTAR FLOWERS | Emily Phillips |
| CHILDREN'S FORMATION (10:30) | Gail Till, Perry Suk |
| LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30) | Duff McAdams |
| VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE | Lillis Ward |
| FELLOWSHIP (10:30) | Robin Rhaney |

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