



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Graduation Sunday | Second Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 5
8:30 and 10:30 am • June 7, 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

Andantino

Cesar Franck

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

637. How Firm a Foundation

Lions

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355 | GC 3

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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 S236. Gloria

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers

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, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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 are invited to sit with their families and to follow along in the "Child's Guide to the Holy Eucharist," found in each pew.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 12:1-9

Then the Lord said to Abram, "Leave your country, your relatives and your father's family. Go to the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you. I will make you famous. And you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you. I will place a curse on those who harm you. And all the people on earth will be blessed through you."

So Abram left Haran as the Lord had told him. And Lot went with him. At this time Abram was 75 years old. Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot and everything they owned. They took all the servants they had gotten in Haran. They set out from Haran, planning to go to the land of Canaan. In time they arrived there.

Abram traveled through that land. He went as far as the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. The Canaanites were living in the land at that time. The Lord appeared to Abram. The Lord said, "I will give this land to your descendants." So Abram built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him. Then Abram traveled from Shechem to the mountain east of Bethel. And he set up his tent there. Bethel was to the west, and Ai was to the east. There Abram built another altar to the Lord and worshiped him. After this, he traveled on toward southern Canaan.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The text for the first lesson is drawn from The International Children's Bible.

PSALM 33:1-12

Exultate, justi

We will recite the psalm antiphonally by whole verse, beginning with the North side

1. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;
it is good for the just to sing praises.
2. Praise the Lord with the harp;
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
3. Sing for him a new song;
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
4. For the word of the Lord is right,
and all his works are sure.
5. He loves righteousness and justice;
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.
6. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made,
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
7. He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin
and stores up the depths of the sea.
8. Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
9. For he spoke, and it came to pass;
he commanded, and it stood fast.
10. The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught;
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.
11. But the Lord's will stands fast for ever,
and the designs of his heart from age to age.
12. Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

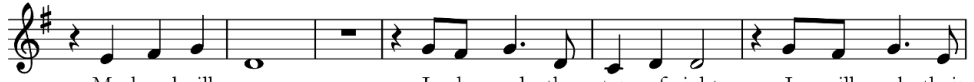
WLP 812. Here I am lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky

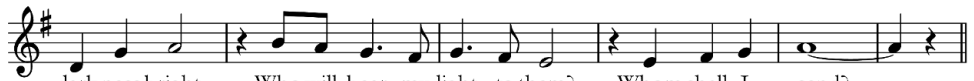
(Sing vs. 1 and 2 before the reading of the gospel. Sing vs. 3 after the gospel.)



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry. All who well in deep-est sin
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain. I have wept for love of them,
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them,



My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their
 They turn a - way. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for
 My hand will save. Fin-est bread I will pro-vide 'Till their hearts are



dark-ness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?____
 love a - lone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?____
 sat - is - fied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?____

Refrain



Here I am, Lord... Is it I, Lord?... I have heard you calling in the night...



... I will go, Lord, ... if you lead me, ... I will hold your peo-ple in my heart...

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering

from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

THE SERMON

8:30

Kate Krouse

10:30

Emmy Dykes and Kate Krouse

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BCP 358 | CG 9

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Prayers of the People were written by graduates Erin and Campbell O'Connor

We ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop, Sean, for our Bishops, Sam and Jennifer; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. We pray for the universal church, and all of its members, in the living body of Christ. We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

We pray for our parents, grandparents, siblings, teachers, and friends, who have encouraged us along the way. Bless them with joy and peace, as they celebrate these milestones and changes ahead. We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

We ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

We ask for your prayers for this community and for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Alice, Barry, Betty, Bill, Carl, Catherine, Chuck, David, Diane, Eva, Jan, Jane, Liz, Maxine, Nancy, Nancy, Remmy, Sandy, and Tom.

For our families, friends, and neighbors, especially Andrea, Caline, Charlie, Clarence, Corbin, Danielle, David, Denise, Evonne, Gemma, Hannah, Heather,

Jodi, Joelle, John, Joseph, Kate, Keili, Ken, Leeann, Lois, Lori, Margaret, Moira, Nathan, Patrick, Randy, Renee, Rick, Rosalie, Roy, Sandy, Sara, Shannon, Shannon, Sharon, Stan, Stephanie, The Fish Family, The Martinez Family, The Sneed Family, Tom, and Wayne.

We also ask for your prayers for the communities that our graduates will soon be a part of. May God help them to carry our faith into the world, and fight for love, peace, and justice. We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

We ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

We ask your prayers for the departed, especially The Rev. Al Moore and John Hollis.

We also ask your prayers for all young people who have gone before us to the Communion of Saints before they could celebrate their graduation, that God has welcomed them into His eternal kingdom and consoled their families with love and peace. We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

We ask for your prayers for our graduates, as we get ready to take on a new, possibly scary or uncertain chapter of our lives. We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. We pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

GRADUATION LITANY (10:30)

Celebrant Today is a small hinge upon which a great door swings, closing one chapter of your lives and opening another. As we gather to mark your graduation and commend you to God's care, what do you give thanks for?

Graduates For this place and these people. Here we were rooted in the soil of God's love. Here the seeds of the Gospel were planted, watered, and

nourished. Here our faith was tended, our hearts encouraged, and our lives shaped by the fellowship of Christ's Church.

Celebrant And what have these years taught you?

Graduates That God is present in all the seasons of our lives: in work and study, in friendship and service, in joy and uncertainty; and that when the way before us is hidden from our sight, it is enough to hear Christ say, "Follow me."

Celebrant As you prepare to leave this season and journey onward, what do you ask of God?

Graduates That the Lord who called Abraham from his homeland and Matthew from his table would give us grace to follow where Christ leads, trusting him even when the road before us is not yet clear.

Celebrant What remains true, even as this chapter comes to its end?

Graduates That though we take leave of this season, we do not take leave of Christ's Church. For here we learned that we belong to a household of faith larger than any one place, and are joined together by a love that neither time nor distance can diminish.

Celebrant And for what purpose are you now sent forth?

Graduates To bear witness to Christ in the places to which we are called; to seek truth, pursue justice, love our neighbors, and use the gifts God has given us for the good of the world.

Celebrant Then let us call your names and send you forth with our prayers and affection.

The graduates will be introduced.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **O Christ, who guides your people to safe harbors and along right paths, keep us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and generous in love; and bring to fruition the good seed sown among us in this place. Lead us onward, Lord, and remain with us always. Amen.**

The Celebrant offers a blessing.

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SOLO

Meditation

Edward Cantrell

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

488. Be Thou My Vision

Slane

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361 | CG 17

SANCTUS

8:30

BCP 362 | CG 19

10:30 S128

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Traditional Version

BCP 364 | CG 22

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

BCP 364 | CG 23

THE COMMUNION HYMN

209. We walk by faith

St. Botolph

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

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

Rockingham

THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

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Radka Villas

MEET OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

CONNER ANDREWS

Conner graduated from Ravenscroft School and will attend the Honors College at High Point University, where he plans to major in Neuroscience-Biology. Reflecting on his time in the youth program at Nativity, Conner says: “One thing I know I’ll take with me from my time at Nativity is compassion. It’s something I’ve always valued, but it wasn’t until a service trip to New Orleans two summers ago that I truly understood what it meant to live it out. That experience made me realize that compassion isn’t about feeling sorry for someone — it’s about seeing people for who they really are. Nativity taught me to lead with that mindset, and it’s something I’ll carry with me wherever I go.”

HARPER BELK

Harper is graduating from Sanderson High School and plans to attend the Honors College at East Carolina University. Reflecting on her time in the youth program at Nativity, Harper says, “My favorite memory was during our trip to Maine, when we all went shopping for ingredients and cooked dinner together while enjoying time as a church family.”

EMMY DYKES

Emmy is graduating from Wakefield High School and will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she plans to study Exercise and Sports Science on a pre-Physical Therapy track. Reflecting on her time in the youth program at Nativity, Emmy says, “One thing I’ll take with me from my time at Nativity is learning that God isn’t just found in church. I’ve learned that you can see God in nature, through friends, and in everyday moments. Whether it’s watching a sunset or spending time with people I care about, I can feel God’s presence all around me. Nativity taught me that faith is something you carry with you everywhere, and is not limited to Sunday service.”

KATE KROUSE

Kate graduated from Ravenscroft School and will attend Clemson University, where she plans to major in Nursing. Reflecting on her time in the youth program at Nativity, Kate says, “My time at Nativity has taught me the importance of a genuine community, somewhere where you feel like you have a place you can always come back to, that supports you through every step of your life, and accepts not only you, but everyone for who they are. I am so incredibly grateful for Jeremy and all of the youth at Nativity who have made my time at Nativity so special and shaped me into the young woman I am today!”

CAMPBELL O'CONNER

Campbell is graduating from Millbrook High School and will attend North Carolina State University, where she plans to major in Social Work. Reflecting on her time in the youth program at Nativity, Campbell says, "I will always remember the love and kindness that poured out of the children we served on our pilgrimage in New Orleans."

ERIN O'CONNER

Erin is graduating from Millbrook High School and will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she plans to study Information Science and Public Policy. Reflecting on her time in the youth program at Nativity, Erin says, "Many unforgettable memories!!"

JACK SENA

Jack is graduating from St. David's School and is currently enrolled at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill while awaiting a decision from Georgetown University. Regardless of where he attends, he plans to major in International Relations with a minor in Linguistics. Reflecting on his time in the youth program at Nativity, Jack says, "The joy and humor that is always present with this congregation whether during a service or not."

ELEANORE TARRY

Eleanore is graduating from Leesville Road High School and will attend North Carolina State University in the Exploratory Studies program. Reflecting on her time in the youth program at Nativity, Eleanore says, "I will take the memories I made on the pilgrimage trips and what I learned while visiting the different locations."

MEET OUR RISING 9TH GRADER

RAYLAN NEECE

Raylan recently completed his time at Leesville Road Middle School and will attend Leesville Road High School this fall. Looking ahead to his high school years, Raylan says he is most excited about "not being in Middle School!" We wish Raylan all the best as he begins this exciting new chapter.

We also celebrate the accomplishments of all the other rising 9th graders for whom information was not available.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE REV. DR. GREY MAGGIANO

We are delighted to recognize The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano on the completion of his Doctor of Ministry degree. His doctoral work, *The Fast We Choose: Does Engaging in Reparations Resonate in the Communities Around Us?*, is grounded in Isaiah's call to be 'repairers of the breach' and reflects a deep commitment to racial justice, reconciliation, and faithful engagement with the wider community. Grounded in his prior work in reparations, his research speaks to the transformative possibilities of this ministry in congregations everywhere. We give thanks for The Rev. Dr. Maggiano's scholarship, leadership, and dedication to living out the Gospel's call to justice and love.





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We thank the following people for their service today

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano
PREACHERS	Emmy Dykes, Kate Krouse
MUSICIAN (10:30)	Christian Schoen
LECTORS (8:30)	Josh Booth, Viola Baldwin
(10:30)	Harper Belk, Jack Sena, Eleanore Tarry, Erin O'Connor, Campbell O'Connor
CHILDREN'S HOMILY (10:30)	Jeremy Clos
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (8:30)	Kent Clary
(10:30)	Jeremy Clos, Kate Krouse
TORCHES (10:30)	Peyton Sanders, Maya Kiefer
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Parker Walls
ALTAR GUILD	Emily Jividen, Olivene Virtue
ALTAR FLOWERS	Ailsa Tessier
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Duff McAdams
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Susan Kelley
FELLOWSHIP (10:30)	Suzanne Colton

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