



## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Third Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 6

8:30 and 10:30 am • June 14, 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

A Mighty Fortress Variations

Janet Linker

*Please stand, as you are able.*

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

688. A Mighty Fortress

Ein Feste Burg

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355 | GC 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 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.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Please, be seated.*

## THE CHILDREN'S HOMILY (10:30)

*After the homily, the children are invited to return to sit with their families and follow along in the "Child's Guide to the Holy Eucharist," copies of which are in each pew.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18:1-15, 21: 1-7

Later, the Lord again appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre. At that time Abraham was sitting at the door of his tent. It was during the hottest part of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When Abraham saw them, he ran from his tent to meet them. He bowed facedown on the ground before them. Abraham said, "Sir, if you think well of me, please stay awhile with me, your servant. I will bring some water so all of you can wash your feet. You may rest under the tree. I will get some bread for you, so you can regain your strength. Then you may continue your journey."

The three men said, "That is fine. Do as you said."

Abraham hurried to the tent where Sarah was. He said to her, "Hurry, prepare 20 quarts of fine flour. Make it into loaves of bread." Then Abraham ran to his cattle. He took one of his best calves and gave it to a servant. The servant hurried to kill the calf and to prepare it for food. Abraham gave the three men the calf that had been cooked. He also gave them milk curds and milk. While the three men ate, he stood under the tree near them.

The men asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?"

"There, in the tent," said Abraham.

Then the Lord said, “I will certainly return to you about this time a year from now. At that time your wife Sarah will have a son.”

Sarah was listening at the entrance of the tent which was behind him. Abraham and Sarah were very old. Sarah was past the age when women normally have children. So she laughed to herself, “My husband and I are too old to have a baby.”

Then the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she say, ‘I am too old to have a baby’? Is anything too hard for the Lord? No! I will return to you at the right time a year from now. And Sarah will have a son.”

Sarah was afraid. So she lied and said, “I didn’t laugh.”

But the Lord said, “No. You did laugh.”

The Lord cared for Sarah as he had said. He did for her what he had promised. Sarah became pregnant. And she gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age. Everything happened at the time God had said it would. Abraham named his son Isaac. Sarah gave birth to this son of Abraham. Abraham circumcised Isaac when he was eight days old as God had commanded.

Abraham was 100 years old when his son Isaac was born. And Sarah said, “God has made me laugh. Everyone who hears about this will laugh with me. No one thought that I would be able to have Abraham’s child. But I have given Abraham a son while he is old.”

*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 116:1, 10-17

*Dilexi, quoniam*

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

<sup>1</sup>I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, in  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

<sup>10</sup>How shall I repay the Lord  
for all the good things he has done for me?

<sup>11</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

<sup>12</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.

<sup>13</sup>Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his servants.

<sup>14</sup>O Lord, I am your servant;  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.

<sup>15</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

<sup>16</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people,

<sup>17</sup>In the courts of the Lord'S house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

#### THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 5: 1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

LEVAS 120. Sweet Sweet Spirit

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place*

*(Sing vs. 1 and 2 before the reading of the gospel.*

*Sing vs. 3 after the gospel.)*



1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place,
2. There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive
3. If you say He saved you from your sin,



And I know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord.  
Till you know Him in His full - ness, and be - lieve.  
Now you're weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in,



There are sweet ex - pres - sions on each face,  
You're the one to pro - fit when you say,  
you can make it right if you will yield;



And I know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.  
"I am going to walk with Je - sus all the way."  
You'll en - joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel.



*Refrain*

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,



Stay right here with us, fill - ing us with your love.



And for these bless - ings we lift our hearts in praise; With - out a



doubt we'll know that we have been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

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

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

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

*Please, be seated.*

THE SERMON

The Rev. George Ardrey-Black

*Please stand, as you are able.*

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358 | CG 9

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Jennifer our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Trinity, Mount Airy, St. Cyprian's, Oxford, and St. Stephen's, Oxford.

In the Anglican Communion Cycle of prayer we pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Including Alice, Barry, Betty, Bill, Carl, Catherine, Chuck, David, Diane, Eva, Jan, Jane, Liz, Maxine, Nancy, Nancy, Remmy, Sandy, and Tom. And 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, Sharon, Stan, Stephanie, The Fish Family, The Martinez Family, The Sneed Family, Tom, and Wayne.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, especially Adair Howard Cox and Frances Griffin, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen..**

#### THE ABSOLUTION

*Please, be seated.*

#### BLESSING AND SENDING OF YOUTH PILGRIMS (10:30)

*Celebrant* Today we bless and commission these young people and their adult leaders as they prepare to embark on a pilgrimage to Virginia. Pilgrimage is a sacred practice, a journey not only of discovery, reflection, and spiritual deepening, but also of presence, witness, and encounter. As they go, they go as representatives of this congregation and they do not go alone. They carry with them the prayers of this community. We send them forth to seek God in the story of His

church, in community, in strangers and friends, and in the quiet places of the heart.

Will you journey with open hearts, ready to encounter God in the people you meet, the communities you visit, and the places you dwell along the way, carrying with you the love of Christ as ambassadors of this congregation?

*Youth* We will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you take time to care for your own spirit, seeking silence when you need rest, prayer when you seek clarity, and grace when you feel lost?

*Youth* We will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you honor one another in community, support one another with patience and grace, and grow together in trust and friendship?

*Youth* We will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* And will you, who have offered yourselves as companions and guides on this pilgrimage, commit to walk with these young people in faith and humility, to provide care and encouragement, to model patience and grace, and to help them listen for the voice of God?

*Chaperones* We will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you uphold these pilgrims and their leaders in prayer as they travel? Will you entrust them to God's care, and welcome them home with open hearts, ready to listen to the stories they bring back?

*All* **We will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Gracious and loving God, you have called your people to seek you in stillness and in movement, in the familiar and the unknown, in solitude and in community. As these young pilgrims go forth, go before them as guide, behind them as protector, and beside them as a constant companion. Give them courage to be fully present to each moment, to honor the dignity of those they meet, and to carry your light in all they do. Bless those who lead and those who follow. Let their eyes be opened

to beauty, their ears to wisdom, their hearts to compassion, and their lives to transformation. And, in your time, return them to us rejoicing. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of the One who journeys with us always— Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be upon you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY SOLO

O Peter, Go Ring Dem Bells

*Howard Helvey*

Julia Cavalier, Soloist

Oh, Peter, go ring them bells, Peter, go ring them bells, Peter, go ring them bells, I heard from heaven today. Oh, Peter, go ring them bells, Peter, go ring them bells, Peter, go ring them bells, I heard from heaven today. I heard from heaven today, I heard from heaven today, I thank God, and I thank you, too. I heard from heaven today. I wonder where my mother is gone, I wonder where my mother is gone, I wonder where my mother is gone, I heard from heaven today. I wonder where brother Daniel is gone. De's gone where Elijah has gone, I heard from heaven today. I heard from heaven today, I heard from heaven today, I thank God, and I thank you, too. I heard from heaven today. Oh, Peter, go ring them bells, Peter, go ring them bells, Peter, go ring them bells, I heard from heaven today. Oh, Peter, go ring them bells, Peter, go ring them bells, Peter, go ring them bells, I heard from heaven today. I heard from heaven today, oh I heard from heaven, I thank God, and I thank you, too. I heard from heaven today. I heard from heaven today, I heard from heaven today, I thank God, and I thank you, too. I heard from heaven today.

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## THE DOXOLOGY

380. Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (vs. 3)

*Old 100th*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361 | CG 17

SANCTUS

8:30

10:30 S128

BCP 362 | CG 19

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts*

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Traditional Version

BCP 364 | CG 22

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

BCP 364 | CG 23

*At God's table all are welcome. Please join us at the altar to receive the sacrament. You are invited to receive just bread or both bread and wine. If you require gluten free communion let us know.*

THE COMMUNION SOLO

Surely the Presence

*Traditional*

David Waechter, Soloist

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings. I see glory on each face; Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. In the midst of His children, the Lord said He would be. It doesn't take very many, it can be just two or three. And I feel the same sweet Spirit that I've felt often times before. Oh, surely I can say I have been with the Lord. There's a holy hush around us as God's glory fills this place. I've touched the hem of his garment and I can almost see His face. And my heart is overflowing with the fullness of His joy. I know without a doubt that I have been with the Lord.

*Please stand, as you are able.*

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 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

539. O Zion, haste

*Tidings*

THE DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Please, be seated for the Postlude.*

THE POSTLUDE

Pipe Call for the Coronation

Christian Schoen

*We want to extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Christian Schoen for serving as our Organist and Choirmaster for the last year.*

*You are invited to be seated for his final postlude with us.*

*We will miss his gifts at the console!*

*Following the service, please join us in the Narthex for Cake and Coffee to celebrate both Christian and Rev. George's time with us, and to celebrate their next adventures.*

## FROM REV. GEORGE ARDREY-BLACK

Two years into leading a Bible study at Whalley Correctional Institute, a prison right down the street from where I lived in New Haven, Connecticut, I was clear that I wanted to be a prison chaplain. Given my experience working with youth, and a life that had placed me in proximity to prisons and to those who have served time inside them, I had discerned that God was forming me into someone equipped to give care to incarcerated men. It wasn't until my first unit of CPE that I realized that to be the kind of chaplain I want to be, I needed to be able to offer absolution, and to offer absolution, I needed to be ordained. In this way, I discerned that my calling was not simply to be a chaplain to incarcerated men, but to bring the sacraments to them, that is, to bring the real presence of Jesus to them.

As a prison chaplain, the prison will be my parish. My vision is to be an Episcopal priest to the residents of that parish the same way I would any other. I know it will be difficult, and I know the difficulty will come not from the residents but from the system they reside in, a system constantly telling them they are unworthy of the kind of care I hope to provide. And you know what? That's okay. When Jesus told us to go and visit those in prison, he never said it would be simple or easy or comfortable.

But he did tell us to go.

I'm excited to begin this work, and, should you have me, I'm excited to discern together how Nativity might serve incarcerated men. Thank you all again for your support and love as I have moved toward this calling. This is the start of a great adventure, and I hope we can dream together about how to take it on as one body.

In Christ,  
George Ardrey-Black+



## ***ROOTS & RENEWAL: YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 2026***

From June 16–21, fourteen youth pilgrims and four adult leaders from Nativity will travel to Richmond and Williamsburg, Virginia, for *Roots & Renewal*, a week-long pilgrimage exploring the history of the Anglican and Episcopal traditions and the questions that continue to shape the Church today.

The journey begins with the arrival of Christianity in the British Isles and the development of the English Church. Pilgrims will explore the meeting of Celtic and Roman Christian traditions while considering an enduring question: *How does the Church remain faithful to the Gospel while adapting to new cultures and communities?*

At Agecroft Hall, pilgrims will step into the world of Tudor England and the English Reformation. Through the stories of Henry VIII, Thomas Cranmer, William Tyndale, and Queen Elizabeth I, they will wrestle with three questions that continue to shape Anglicanism: *Where does authority come from? What is the nature of God's grace? How do Christians remain one Church when faithful people disagree?*

In Colonial Williamsburg and at Bruton Parish Church, pilgrims will explore the American Revolution and the birth of the Episcopal Church, asking: *What happens when long-established institutions are forced to reinvent themselves? What responsibilities come with freedom?*

On Juneteenth, pilgrims will join Richmond's celebrations before visiting St. Paul's Church, once called the "Cathedral of the Confederacy." There they will examine the Episcopal Church's relationship with slavery and reconciliation while considering: *What does faithfulness require when the Church gets something wrong?*

The pilgrimage then turns to the ordination of women and the inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people in the life of the Church, asking: *What does it mean to be truly welcoming, and who gets to participate fully in the life and leadership of the Church?*

The week concludes with worship at historic St. John's Church and service alongside the community of Richmond Hill. Looking back on stories of faith and failure, courage and repentance, pilgrims will consider one final question: *What will the next chapter of the Church's story look like, and how is God calling us to help write it?*

We invite your prayers for these pilgrims as they seek a deeper understanding of the tradition they have inherited and the Church they are called to serve.



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*We thank the following people for their service today*

CELEBRANT & PREACHER	The Rev. George Ardrey-Black
MUSICIAN (10:30)	Christian Schoen
LECTORS (8:30)	Annette Hughes, Ed Hughes
(10:30)	Ailsa Tessier, Julian McKimmon, Arjun Pant
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (8:30)	Helen Armstrong
(10:30)	Rick Burts, Jeremy Clos
TORCHES (10:30)	Hannah Parker, Reese Baker
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Logan Lee
ALTAR GUILD	Susan Jordan, Paula Valeri, Brian Fentress
ALTAR FLOWERS	Emilie Sigel
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Jesse Lee
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Robert Joines
FELLOWSHIP (10:30)	Beth Crow

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The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano	Rector
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