



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 7

8:30 and 10:30 am • June 21, 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

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

680. O God our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

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.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

We give thanks for the liberation of captives commemorated on June 19, even as we lament the institution of slavery, the role of the Episcopal Church in establishing and perpetuating that institution, and the long delay between the proclamation of freedom and the liberation felt on June 19, 1865. We pray also for all those around the world who remain in bondage or continue to feel the impact of the legacy of slavery. May our hearts be rended, as we are called to prayerful action. God-in-community, hear our prayer.

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," found in each pew.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 21:8-21

Isaac grew and became old enough to eat food. At that time Abraham gave a great feast. But Sarah saw Ishmael making fun of Isaac. (Ishmael was the son of Abraham by Hagar, Sarah's Egyptian slave.) So Sarah said to Abraham, "Throw out this slave woman and her son. When we die, our son Isaac will inherit everything we have. I don't want her son to inherit any of our things."

This troubled Abraham very much because Ishmael was also his son. But God said to Abraham, "Don't be troubled about the boy and the slave woman. Do whatever Sarah tells you. The descendants I promised you will be from Isaac. I will also make the descendants of Ishmael into a great nation. I will do this because he is your son, too."

Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a leather bag full of water. He gave them to Hagar and sent her away. Hagar carried these things and her son. She went and wandered in the desert of Beersheba.

Later, all the water was gone from the bag. So Hagar put her son under a bush. Then she went away a short distance and sat down. Hagar thought, "My son will die. I cannot watch this happen." She sat there and began to cry.

God heard the boy crying. And God's angel called to Hagar from heaven. He said, "What is wrong, Hagar? Don't be afraid! God has heard the boy crying there. Help the boy up. Take him by the hand. I will make his descendants into a great nation."

Then God showed Hagar a well of water. So she went to the well and filled her bag with water. Then she gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy as he grew up. Ishmael lived in the desert. He learned to shoot with a bow very well. He lived in the Desert of Paran. His mother found a wife for him in Egypt.

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 86:1-10, 16-17

Inclina, Domine

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

¹Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and in misery.

²Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful;
save your servant who puts his trust in you.

³Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God;
I call upon you all the day long.

⁴Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

⁵For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving,
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

⁶Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer,
and attend to the voice of my supplications.

⁷In the time of my trouble I will call upon you,
for you will answer me.

⁸Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD,
nor anything like your works.

⁹All nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD,
and glorify your Name.

¹⁰For you are great;
you do wondrous things;
and you alone are God.

¹⁶Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 6: 1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

529. In Christ there is no East or West

McKee

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

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

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

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please, be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano

Please stand, as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358 | CG 9

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of power, send your Spirit to lead your Church. We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop; Sam and Jennifer, our bishops; and all those who minister in your name. We repent of the ways the Church has harmed our LGBTQIA+ siblings and recommit to making the Church a place of refuge and blessing for all people. God-in-community, **hear our prayer.**

God of wisdom, we ask your guidance for all who bear the authority of government, especially Donald our President, Josh our Governor, and Janet our Mayor. Grant us discernment as we dismantle systems of oppression and build a world rooted in your justice. God-in-community, **hear our prayer.**

God who, in Jesus, came among us as one who heals: you recognize the dignity of all bodies. Bring healing and wholeness to those who experience trauma, alienation, or sickness. God-in-community, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, you made everything that is and formed us in your image. Open our hearts and minds to your creative brilliance. Stir up in us a care for the earth, for all plants and animals. Embolden us to transgress boundaries in order to better honor your goodness in ourselves and one another. God-in-community, **hear our prayer.**

God of harmony, we thank you for the gift of this community. Inspire us to reflect your radical love to the world. We pray especially for Alice, Barry, Betty, Bill, Carl, Catherine, Chuck, Diane, Eva, Jan, Jane, Liz, Maxine, Nancy, Nancy, Remmy, Sandy, and Tom. We pray also for our families, friends, and neighbors, especially Andrea, Caline, Corbin, Danielle, David, Denise, Evonne, Gemma, Hannah, Heather, Joelle, John, Joseph, Kate, Keili, Leeann, Lois, Lori, Margaret, Moira, Nathan, Randy, Renee, Rick, Rosalie, Roy, Sandy, Sandy, Sara, Shannon, Shannon, Stan, Stephanie, The Fish Family, Tom, and Wayne. God-in-community, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, we thank you for the witness of leaders who have gone before us, who dared to envision a world of radical inclusion. We remember all who have fought and died to advance equity for your children in the church, including Malcolm Boyd, Pauli Murray, Jim Lewis, Gerry Anderson, Absalom Jones, Walter Dennis, Jonathan Daniels and many other Episcopal clergy and laity in this country and

around the world, and we pray for those who continue the work.

God-in-community, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we pray for all who have died, especially Adair Howard Cox and Frances Griffin, that in the glorious company of the saints they may find eternal rest.

God-in-community, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: O God, you created us in your image and blessed us with the capacity to love. Accept the prayers of your people. Teach us to fully and radically love all your children as their true and whole selves, and lead us with courage to continually advocate for people no matter who they are or who they love, just as your Holy Spirit advocates for us. In the name of Jesus, your beloved, we pray. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360 | CG 13

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SOLO

“Pie Jesu,” from Requiem

Andrew Lloyd Webber, arr Doug Wagner

The Nativity Ringers

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

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

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 HYMN

LEVAS 136. I have decided to follow Jesus

Indian Folk Melody

1. I have de-cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, I have de-cid-ed
2. Though no one join me, still I will fol-low, Though no one join me,
3. The world be-hind me, the cross be-fore me, The world be-hind me,

to fol-low Je-sus, I have de-cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus,
still I will fol-low, Though no one join me, still I will fol-low,
the cross be-fore me, The world be-hind me, the cross be-fore me,

No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back!

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

537. Christ for the world we sing

Moscow

THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

Thank you to Roné Roux for serving as our guest organist today.





CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2026

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We thank the following people for their service today

CELEBRANT & PREACHER	The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano
MUSICIAN (10:30)	Roné Roux
LECTORS (8:30)	Viola Baldwin, Rene Garces
(10:30)	Robin Rhaney, Ailsa Tessier, Marion Youngblood, Ruth Berry
CHILDREN'S HOMILY (10:30)	The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (8:30)	Helen Armstrong
(10:30)	Rick Burts, Anne Sena
TORCHES (10:30)	Hannah Parker, Beatrice Tarry
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Alicia Lester-Bodford
ALTAR GUILD	Robin Rhaney, Julia Cavalier, Marty Gilbert
ALTAR FLOWERS	Emily Phillips
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Keith Heikkinen
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Randy R. Smith
FELLOWSHIP (10:30)	The Booth Family

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