



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 12

8:30 and 10:30 am • July 26, 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

Sing a New Church (*see insert*)

Nettleton

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 S280. Gloria

Gloria in excelsis

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, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE CHILDREN'S HOMILY (10:30)

After the homily, the children may 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 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, "You shouldn't have to work for free just because you are my relative. Tell me what you would like to be paid.

Now Laban had two daughters: the older was named Leah and the younger Rachel. Leah had delicate eyes, but Rachel had a beautiful figure and was good-looking. Jacob loved Rachel and said, "I will work for you for seven years for Rachel, your younger daughter."

Laban said, "I'd rather give her to you than to another man. Stay with me."

Jacob worked for Rachel for seven years, but it seemed like a few days because he loved her. Jacob said to Laban, "The time has come. Give me my wife so that I may sleep with her." So Laban invited all the people of that place and prepared a banquet. However, in the evening, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he slept with her. Laban had given his servant Zilpah to his daughter Leah as her servant. In the morning, there she was—Leah! Jacob said to Laban, "What have you done to me? Didn't I work for you to have Rachel? Why did you betray me?"

Laban said, “Where we live, we don’t give the younger woman before the oldest. Complete the celebratory week with this woman. Then I will give you this other woman too for your work, if you work for me seven more years.” So that is what Jacob did. He completed the celebratory week with this woman, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as his wife.

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 105:1-11, 45B

Confitemini Domino

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

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him,
and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

4 Search for the Lord and his strength;
continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done,
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant,
O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the Lord our God;
his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant,
the promise he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob,
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan
to be your allotted inheritance."

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

711. Seek Ye First

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

Jeremy Clos, FSJ

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 Church of the Good Shepherd, Rocky Mount, St. Andrew's, Rocky Mount, and St. Mark's, Roxboro

In the Anglican Communion Cycle of prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Including Alice, Barry, Bear, Betty, Bill, Catherine, Chuck, Diane, Eva, Jan, Jane, Liz, Maxine, Nancy, Nancy, Remmy, Sandy, Tom, and Brielle. And, for our families, friends, and neighbors, especially Amzie, Caline, Danielle, Denise, Evonne, Gemma, Hannah, Heather, Joelle, John, Joseph, Kate, Keili, Leeann, Lois, Lori, Margaret, Moira, Nathan, Renee, Rosalie, Roy, Sandy, Sandy, Sara, Shannon, Shannon, Stephanie, John, Don, and Sarah.

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 Joyce Ann Linville Garrett, 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 PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

O God Beyond All Praising *(see insert)* *Thaxted*

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 B BCP 367 | CG 29

SANCTUS

8:30 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord BCP 362 | CG 19
10:30 S130 *Deutsche Messe*

THE LORD’S PRAYER: Traditional Version BCP 364 | CG 22

THE FRACTION ANTHEM BCP 364 | CG 23

THE COMMUNION HYMN

LEVAS 154. Taste and See *(see insert)* *Moore*

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

Canticle of the Turning (*see insert*)

Star of the County Down

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or Celebrant, dismisses the People, and the People respond:
Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

*Reminder: Next week we will transition **to one service at 9:30 am for six weeks.** The 9:30 joint service will be slightly shorter, and have lighter music. This is to give our clergy and volunteers a bit of a summer respite, and to experiment and see if this is something we as a congregation want to try again next year.*

Following the 9:30 a.m. service next week, please join us in Corlett Hall for a farewell celebration for Jeremy Clos. There will be food and drinks and cake and a few presentations honoring Jeremy's service here at Nativity. We are very sad to see him go, but want to make sure we send him off in style!







CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2026

<i>WARDENS</i>	HANNAH HARRIS (SENIOR), RANDY R. SMITH (JUNIOR)
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We thank the following people for their service today

PREACHER	Jeremy Clos, FSJ
CELEBRANT	The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano
MUSICIAN (10:30)	Roné Roux
LECTORS (8:30)	Viola Baldwin, Helen Armstrong
(10:30)	George Douglas, Ailsa Tessier, Mary Garner DeVoe
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (8:30)	Steve Dearth
(10:30)	Anne Sena, Harlan Hagge
TORCHES (10:30)	Peyton Sanders, Hannah Parker
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Alex Carrier
ALTAR GUILD	Mary Hillmer, Catherine Maddox, Emily Phillips
ALTAR FLOWERS	Emilie Sigel
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Duff McAdams
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Scott Beaver
FELLOWSHIP (10:30)	Sandra Booth

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