



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 18

9:30 am • September 6, 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

Variations on "Westminster Abbey"

R. Proulx

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

518. Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

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

Glory to God

BCP 356 | CG 5

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE CHILDREN'S HOMILY

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

Exodus 3:1-15

The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: "This month will be the first month of the year for you. Both of you are to tell the whole community of Israel: On the tenth day of this month each man must get one lamb. It is for the people in his house. There may not be enough people in his house to eat a whole lamb. Then he must share it with his closest neighbor. There must be enough lamb for everyone to eat. The lamb must be a one-year-old male. It must have nothing wrong with it. This animal can be either a young sheep or a young goat. Keep the animal with you to take care of it until the fourteenth day of the month. On that day all the people of the community of Israel will kill these animals. They will do this as soon as the sun goes down.

The people must take some of the blood. They must put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes. These are the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. On this night they must roast the lamb over a fire. Then they must eat it with bitter herbs and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the lamb raw or boiled in water. Roast the whole lamb over a fire—with its head, legs and inner organs. You must not leave any of it until morning. But if any of it is left over until morning, you must burn it with fire.

This is the way you must eat it: You must be fully dressed as if you were going on a trip. You must have your sandals on, and you must have your walking stick in your hand. You must eat it in a hurry. This is the Lord's Passover.

That night I will go through the land of Egypt. I will kill all the firstborn of animals and people in the land of Egypt. I will punish all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. But the blood will be a sign on the houses where you are. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. Nothing terrible will hurt you when I punish the land of Egypt.

You are always to remember this day. Celebrate it with a feast to the Lord. Your descendants are to honor the Lord with this feast from now on.”

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.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

581. Where charity and love prevail

Cheshire

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

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

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

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

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 Calvary, Tarboro; St. Luke's, Tarboro; and St. Michael's, Tarboro.

In the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer we pray for The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, and for those serving in Alabama at Maxwell Air Force Base, Redstone Arsenal, Fort Rucker, Anniston Army Depot, Federal Correctional Institution Aliceville, and the Birmingham VA Medical Center.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Including Alice, Barry, Betty, Bill, Catherine, Chuck, Diane, Eva, Jan, Jane, Liz, Maxine, Nancy, Nancy, Remmy, Sandy, Tom, Brielle, Stan, Matthew + Mary, Shari, Keith, Nathan, and Marie. And, for our families, friends, and neighbors, especially Caline, Danielle, Denise, Evonne, Gemma, Hannah, Heather, Joelle, John, Joseph, Kate, Keili, Kenny, Leeann, Lois, Lori, Margaret, Moira, Nathan, Renee, Rosalie, Roy, Sandy, Sandy, Sara, Shannon, Shannon, Stephanie, John, Don, Sarah, Irina, Annette, Mel, John, Lake, John, Dana, Randy, Coast, and Annabelle.

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 Christopher Thurston, Matthew Herndon, and Carl Selbo, 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 HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Confitemini Domino

A. Constantini

THE DOXOLOGY

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

Old 100th

Please stand, as you are able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367 | CG 29

SANCTUS

S130

Deutsche Messe

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Traditional Version

BCP 364 | CG 22

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

BCP 364 | CG 23

THE FRACTION HYMN

S155. Christ our Passover

G. Near

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

Ubi Caritas

Plain-song, Mode 6

304. I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest

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

707. Take my life, and let it be

Hollingside

THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Trio on ""Westminster Abbey""

D. Laskly

We welcome and thank Voce di Femina for leading us in music during today's worship.

*Today is our last Sunday with the temporary 9:30 am joint service. **Beginning next Sunday, September 13, we'll return to our regular Sunday worship schedule at 8:30 am and 10:30 am.***

Thank you for your flexibility during this summer experiment and for helping us give our clergy and volunteers a bit of respite. We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back to our regular schedule!

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The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano	Rector
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Clare Polke	Lay Associate for Communications and Administration
Jason Pace	Choirmaster and Organist
Monique Holmes	Business Manager
Eva Warren	Nursery Attendant
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We thank the following people for their service today

PREACHER	The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano
CELEBRANT	The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano
MUSICIAN	Jason Pace
LECTORS	Annette Hughes, Ed Hughes, Ailsa Tessier
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Harlan Hagge, Kent Clary, Marion Youngblood
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