



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 19

8:30 am and 10:30 am • September 13, 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

Two settings on "Lauda Anima"

D. Hustad / R. Powell

Please stand after the second setting, as you are able.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

410. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Lauda anima

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 Gloria (Spoken)

BCP 356 | CG 5

10:30 S280. Glory to God in the highest

R. Powell

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, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.

At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained.

But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV).

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 114

In exitu Israel

Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

Judah became God's sanctuary
and Israel his dominion.

The sea beheld it and fled;
Jordan turned and went back.

The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep.

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan, that you turned back?

You mountains, that you skipped like rams?
you little hills like young sheep?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

674. Forgive our sins as we forgive

Detroit

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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 all that was, and is, and is to come we pray this morning for communities of faith the world over. Inspire us to hear your word, to do your work, and to see your hand at work in the world around us.

This we pray

Hear us Lord

Jesus, Child of God, remind us that we are also God's children. Help us to see your face in the face of friend and stranger, foreigner and outcast, prisoners and enemies, and to turn away from fear, anger and resentment and towards love, joy and hope.

This we pray

Hear us Lord

Holy Spirit, breath of God, we invite you into our lives and our hearts and into this community at Church of the Nativity. Enliven us, Inspire us, and strengthen us for the doing of your work.

This we pray

Hear us Lord

Triune God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, we pray for this nation, and for all nations, that struggles and divisions may cease, that war and conflict may be brought to an end, and that our leaders may see the world through your eyes, be agents of your love, and architects of your joy.

This we pray

Hear us Lord

We pray for those in our community who are sick, struggling or in need, 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 those we now name.

This we pray

Hear us Lord

We pray for our families and friends including 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, Sarah, Irina, Annette Baldwin, Mel, John, Lake, John, Dana, Randy, Annabelle and Urs. We pray for Adam and Sarah, who are expecting a child, and those we now name.

This we pray

Hear us Lord

We pray also for those who have died, that they may find rest in your eternal Kingdom.

This we pray

Hear us Lord

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Calvary, Wadesboro; and St. John's, Wake Forest.

In the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, all our Air Force service members on their 79th birthday, and those serving in Alaska at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Eielson Air Force Base, Fort Wainwright, Clear Space Force Station, and the Anchorage VA Medical Center. And our priest associates the Rev. George Black and the Rev. Ryan Parker in their ministries.

This we pray

Hear us Lord

The celebrant adds a concluding collect

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

M. Bevan

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in His blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;

and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we would take Him at His word,
and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

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 A BCP 361 | CG 17

SANCTUS

S125. Holy, holy, holy Lord *R. Proulx*

THE LORD’S PRAYER: Traditional Version BCP 364 | CG 23

THE FRACTION ANTHEM (SPOKEN) BCP 364 | CG 23

THE COMMUNION HYMN

325. Let us break bread together *Let Us Break Bread*

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

594. God of grace and God of glory

Cwm Rhondda

THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Prince of Denmark's March

J. Clarke





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