



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 20

8:30 am and 10:30 am • Sep 20, 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

Partita on Lobe den Herren

C. Callahan

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

390. Praise to the Lord

Lobe den Herren

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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

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 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord.

For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

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.

37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.

40 They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.

42 For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.
Hallelujah!

THE EPISTLE

PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.

For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

424. For the fruit of all creation

East Acklam

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

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

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same.

And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.

And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.

Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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 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, Stan, Matthew + Mary, Shari, Keith, Nathan, Marie, Carl, 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, John, Joseph, Kate, Keili, Kenny, Leeann, Lois, Lori, Margaret, Moira, Nathan, Renee, Rosalie, Roy, Sandy, Sandy, Sara, Shannon, Stephanie, John, Sarah, Irina, Annette Baldwin, Mel, John, Lake, Dana, Randy, Annabelle, and Urs. We pray for Adam and Sarah, who are expecting a child, and for Isaac Andrew, child of Taylor and Drew, recently born, 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 Christ Church, Walnut Cove; and Emmanuel, Warrenton.

In the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Australia.

In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, and for those serving in Arizona at Fort Huachuca, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Luke Air Force Base, Yuma Proving Ground, Federal Correctional Institution Phoenix, and the Phoenix 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

When I Can Read My Title Clear

A. Parker

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

SANCTUS

S125. Holy, holy, holy Lord

R. Proulx

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Traditional Version

BCP 364 | CG 22

THE FRACTION ANTHEM (SPOKEN)

BCP 364 | CG 23

THE COMMUNION HYMN

660. O Master, let me walk with thee

Maryton

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

408. Sing praise to God who reigns above

Mit Freuden zart

THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Mit Freden zart

arr. Hal Hopson





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