



The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 23

8:30 am and 10:30 am • October 11, 2026

Abbreviations: **BCP** Book of Common Prayer | **CG** A Child's Guide to the Holy Eucharist

(In celebration of our Women's Retreat, today's hymns feature texts or music by women. We are grateful to Jason Pace and Waltie Rasulala for helping extend the spirit of the retreat into today's worship.)

THE PRELUDE

Partita on Bunessen

J. Behnke

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

8. Morning Has Broken

Bunessen

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355 | CG 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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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 aged 3-11 are invited to process out for Christian Formation time in Curry Hall, Room 201. They will return at the Peace.

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for

themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 106:1-6, 47-48

Confitemini Domino, Et fecerunt vitulum

1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord
or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people,
and visit me with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people,
that I may glory with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did;
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

47 Save us, LORD our God, and gather us from the nations, that we
may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

48 Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to
everlasting. Let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD.

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand
firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes,
and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have
struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the
rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be
known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in
everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be
made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all
understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is
any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these
things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and
heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

Coming Together for Wine and for Bread

Sally Ann Morris

(see page 11)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

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, reminds 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, Matthew + Mary, Shari, Nathan, Carl, Margaret, Ellen, John, Jim, 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, Mel, John, Lake, Randy, Annabelle, Urs. For those expecting a child, Adam and Sarah. For those recently born, including Isaac Andrew, child of Taylor and Drew. We pray for 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, especially Sandy Linthicum.

This we pray, **Hear us Lord.**

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ's Beloved Community, Winston-Salem; St. Anne's, Winston-Salem; St. Paul's, Winston-Salem.

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

In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, all our Navy service members on their 251st birthday, and those serving in the Pacific at Camp Humphreys, Kadena Air Base, Yokota Air Base, Naval Base Guam, and Osan Air Base.

This we pray, **Hear us Lord.**

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE CONFESSION

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

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether

H. Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in your name,
Two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the giver break the bread and bless the cup:
Alleluya! Alleluya! So bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving we may be disciples true.
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve with faith anew!

THE DOXOLOGY

380. Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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*)

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THE COMMUNION HYMNS

S155. Christ our Passover

G. Near

Take, O Take Me as I Am (*see page 12*)

J. Bell

Eat This Bread (*see page 13*)

J. Berthier

Ubi Caritas (*see page 14*)

J. Berthier

Bless the Lord (*see page 14*)

J. Berthier

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

490. I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Houston

THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Jig on Buinessan

J. Behnke

Coming Together for Wine and for Bread



1. Com-ing to - geth - er for wine and for bread,
2. Who will be hun - gry if, hear - ing the call,
3. Here at this ta - ble, we're wel - comed by name;
4. Bless-ing this ta - ble the Spir - it is here



tast - ing the sto - ry and hear - ing it read,
we of - fer seats at our ban - quet to all?
all are in - vit - ed, each seat is the same.
grant - ing us vi - sion, so sud - den - ly clear:



know - ing our hun - ger and shar - ing the meal
Who is for - got - ten? Who will we ig - nore?
Serv - ing, re - ceiv - ing, and eat - ing the feast
shar - ing and serv - ing, the bod - y is fed,



o - pens our eyes to see Je - sus is real.
Who is the out - cast that knocks at our door.
hum - bles the haugh - ty and hon - ors the least.
nour - ished by Je - sus, the Wine and the Bread.

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Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

The first system of the musical score is written for piano. It consists of two staves, treble and bass, joined by a brace on the left. The key signature has four flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, D-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: 'Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;'. The first measure contains the lyrics 'Take, oh, take me as I' and the second measure contains 'am;'. The third measure contains 'sum-mon out what I shall' and the fourth measure contains 'be;'. The melody ends with a half note G4 and a half note F4 tied together.

set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The second system of the musical score continues the piece. It also consists of two staves, treble and bass, joined by a brace on the left. The key signature and time signature remain the same. The lyrics are: 'set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.'. The first measure contains 'set your seal up-on my' and the second measure contains 'heart and live in'. The third measure contains 'me.'. The melody ends with a half note G4 and a half note F4 tied together, followed by a double bar line and repeat dots.

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Eat This Bread

First system of musical notation for 'Eat This Bread'. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and ne-ver be'.

Second system of musical notation. The lyrics are: 'hun - gry Eat this bread, drink this cup,'.

Third system of musical notation. The lyrics are: 'trust in me and you will not thirst.'.

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Ubi Caritas

Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

The musical score for 'Ubi Caritas' is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems. The first system has four measures: the first measure contains the lyrics 'Live in char - i - ty' with a piano accompaniment of eighth notes in the left hand and chords in the right hand; the second measure contains 'and' with a piano accompaniment of eighth notes and a vocal melody of a half note; the third measure contains 'stead - fast' with a piano accompaniment of eighth notes and a vocal melody of a half note with a sharp sign; the fourth measure contains 'love,' with a piano accompaniment of eighth notes and a vocal melody of a half note. The second system also has four measures: the first measure contains 'live in char - i - ty;' with a piano accompaniment of eighth notes and a vocal melody of a half note; the second measure contains 'God will dwell with' with a piano accompaniment of eighth notes and a vocal melody of a half note; the third measure contains 'you.' with a piano accompaniment of eighth notes and a vocal melody of a half note with a triplet '3' above it; the fourth measure is a double bar line with repeat dots. The piano part is written in the bass clef, and the vocal part is in the treble clef.

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Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name -
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

The musical score for 'Bless the Lord' is written in common time (C) with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems. The first system has four measures: the first measure contains the lyrics 'Bless the Lord, my soul,' with a piano accompaniment of eighth notes in the left hand and chords in the right hand; the second measure contains 'and' with a piano accompaniment of eighth notes and a vocal melody of a half note; the third measure contains 'bless God's ho - ly' with a piano accompaniment of eighth notes and a vocal melody of a half note; the fourth measure contains 'name -' with a piano accompaniment of eighth notes and a vocal melody of a half note with a sharp sign. The second system also has four measures: the first measure contains 'Bless the Lord, my soul,' with a piano accompaniment of eighth notes and a vocal melody of a half note; the second measure contains 'who leads me in - to' with a piano accompaniment of eighth notes and a vocal melody of a half note; the third measure contains 'life.' with a piano accompaniment of eighth notes and a vocal melody of a half note; the fourth measure is a double bar line with repeat dots. The piano part is written in the bass clef, and the vocal part is in the treble clef.

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