



The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 25

8:30 am and 10:30 am • October 25, 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

Water Music: Air, Andante

G.F. Händel

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

687. A Mighty Fortress is our God

Ein feste Burg

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 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

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in

the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-14

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to a - nother.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, |
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

609. Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Gardiner

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-46

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

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

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’?”

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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, Carl, Catherine, Diane, Ellen, Eva, Jan, Jane, Jim, John, Ken, Liz, Margaret, Mary, Maxine, Nancy, Nathan, Remmy, Robin, Tom, and those we now name.

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

We pray for our families and friends including Annabelle, Caline, Danielle, Denise, Dianne, Evonne, Gemma, Hannah, James, John, John, Joseph, Kate, Keili, Leeann, Lois, Lori, Margaret, Moira, Nathan, Renee, Rosalie, Roy, Sandy, Sara, Shannon, Stephanie, Urs. For those expecting a child, including Adam and Sarah. For those preparing for marriage, including Patrick and Katie, Will and Janis. We pray for those we now name.

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

We pray also for those who have died, including Sandy Linthicum, Julius Schratt and Cyndi Vanderweel, that they may find rest in your eternal Kingdom.

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

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Thompson Child & Family Focus Services; Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry; Kanuga Camp and Conference Center.

In the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, and for those serving in Colorado at Fort Carson, Peterson Space Force Base, Buckley Space Force Base, Schriever Space Force Base, Federal Correctional Center Florence, and the Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center. And our priest associates the Rev. George Ardery-Black and the Rev. Ryan Parker in their ministries.

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

Set Me As a Seal Upon Your Heart René Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm.
For love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love neither can the floods drown it.

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 BCP 364 | CG 23

THE COMMUNION HYMN

S155. Christ our Passover *G. Near*
Amazing Grace

Please stand, as you are able.

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

657. Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE POSTLUDE

Water Music: Bourée

G.F. Händel

Today we warmly welcome the Cedar Piano Quartet from the North Carolina Chamber Music Institute. We are grateful for their presence and for the gift of music they share with us in worship.





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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
MUSICIANS (10:30)	The Nativity Choir
LECTORS (8:30)	Viola Baldwin, Cindy Schreiner
(10:30)	Becky Christian, Ailsa Tessier
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (8:30)	Helen Armstrong
(10:30)	Steve Dearth, Logan Lee
TORCHES (10:30)	Hannah Parker, Maddie Parker
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Marion Youngblood
ALTAR GUILD	Mary Hillmer, Catherine Maddox, Emily Phillips
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