



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 22

8:30 am and 10:30 am • Oct 4, 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 An Early American Folk Hymn (*Foundation*) F.D. Ashdown

I. Cantabile

II. Fuguing Tune

III. Chorale

IV. Psalm

V. Toccata

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

636. How Firm A Foundation

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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, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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.

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

THE FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

PSALM 19 Caeli Enarrant

8:30: Psalm 19 (*spoken*)

10:30: Psalm 19:1–10 (*sung by the choir*)

Charles Wesley

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

THE SECOND LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:
circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe

of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

458. My Song is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

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

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

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his

produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them,

“Have you never read in the scriptures:
‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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, Matthew + Mary, Shari, Keith, Nathan, Carl, Margaret, Ellen, John, and Jim, and those we now name.

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

We pray for our families, friends, and neighbors 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, and Urs. We

pray for Adam and Sarah, who are expecting a child; for Isaac Andrew, child of Taylor and Drew, recently born; and for Patrick and Katie, and Will and Janis, who are preparing for marriage, 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 St. Timothy's, Wilson; and La Iglesia de la Guadalupe, Wilson.

In the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, and for those serving in the Americas and Europe at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Ramstein Air Force Base, Army Garrison Bavaria, and Naval Station Rota. 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

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 CONFESSION

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Christ is Our Cornerstone

D. Thorne

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

S155. Christ Our Passover

G. Near

321. My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread

Rockingham

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (*see next page*)

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

J. Blerch

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faith - ful ness, O God cre - a - tor!
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee
 Sun moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not:
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row -

As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain:
 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Great is Thy faith - ful - ness,

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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