Church of the Nativity

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 27

8:30 am and 10:30 am • November 8, 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

Voluntary on Lasst uns erfreuen — D. Bednall

Please stand, as you are able.

The Processional Hymn

400. All Creatures of Our God and King — *Lasst uns erfreuen*

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 — Zuzu Booth

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 — Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac;

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served

in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM Psalm 78:1-7

Attendite, popule

The Psalm will be read antiphonally by whole verse beginning with the Narthex side.

1 Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us,
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,
and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel,
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn;
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God,
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

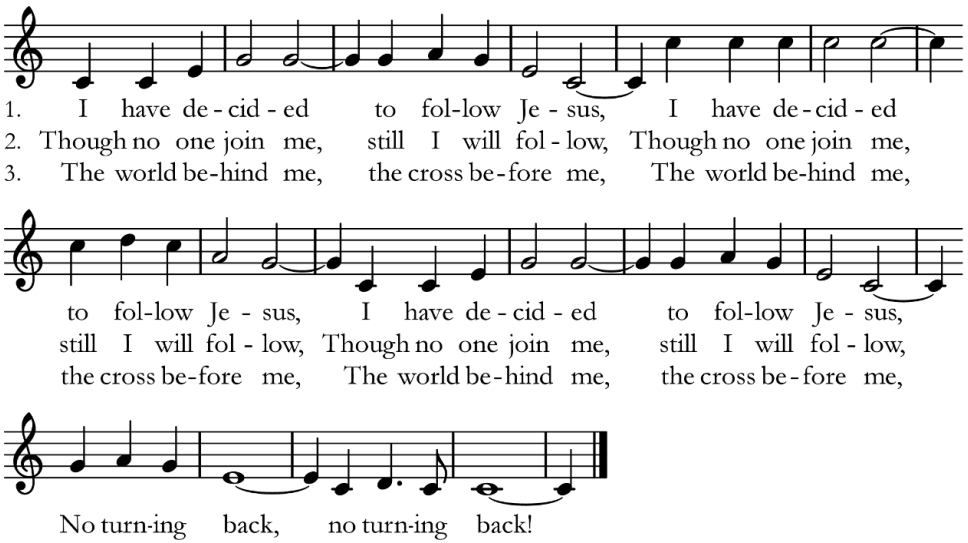
But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

LEVAS II 136 I have decided to follow Jesus *Folk Melody India*



THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

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

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

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon Logan Lee

Please stand, as you are able.

The Nicene Creed BCP 358 | CG 9

The Prayers of the People

Dear Family of God, Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church, the household of God, and the communion of saints, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer".

For this parish and for the Church throughout the world, that following the example of the saints who have gone before us, may we be strengthened in faith, hope, and love.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we thank you today for calling us your saints. In spite of our unholy lives, you see us as perfect examples of your love, created in your image. Thank you for this grace, the grace we received when we were baptized.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, we give thanks for the love you have shown us through all your saints, and we celebrate our continuing communion with them whenever we worship. May their memories shine like candles in this dark world. We hold them now in gratitude and prayer. Today we remember especially Evelyn Stark, Jane Vella, John Morey, Samuel R. Williamson, Jr, Evonne Francis Showalter, James Beilman, Declan David Fish, Marie Scarfone.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give comfort to all those who grieve over loved ones no longer with us on earth. Give them the hope only your word can offer us. Draw near to us O, Lord and meet us in this place. Remind us that whether we face joy or sorrow, we do not face them alone, for you are with us.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of all nations and all who work for justice and peace, that the vision of your kingdom may be known. We ask for your compassion and concern for the needs of the world.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop; Sam and Jennifer, our Bishops, and all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may faithfully proclaim the Gospel and lead your people in the way of truth.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask for your guidance and wisdom for our community and governmental leaders. Inspire them to carry out your work and to do your will. Give us steadfast hope that no matter our worry and fear around the changes around us, that we might be rooted in your eternal changelessness.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this congregation, and for all who gather to worship this day, that we may be numbered among the saints in glory everlasting. In our church family, we pray for the the sick, the grieving, and all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit that they may know the comfort and presence of God. Especially Alice, Barb, Barry, Betty, Bill, Carl, Catherine, Diane, Ellen, Eva, Jan, Jane, Jim, John, Ken, Liz, Margaret, Maxine, Nancy, Peggy, Remmy, Robin, Tom. We pray for our families and friends including Caline, Danielle, Denise, Dianne, Gemma, Hannah, James, John, John, Joseph, Kate, Keili, Leeann, Lois, Lori, Margaret, Mel, Moira, Nathan, Renee, Rosalie, Roy, Sandy, Sara, Shannon, Stephanie. For those preparing for marriage, Patrick and Katie, Will and Janis. We pray for those we now name.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for UNC-Charlotte / Central Piedmont /Johnson & Wales University Campus Ministry; Davidson College Campus Ministry; Elon Campus Ministry / LEAF.

In the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, we pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, all our Marine Corps service members on their 251st birthday, and those serving in Delaware at Dover Air Force Base, New Castle Air National Guard Base, Bethany Beach Training Site, Coast Guard Station Indian River, and the Wilmington VA Medical Center. And our priest associates the Rev. George Ardery-Black and the Rev. Ryan Parker in their ministries.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious GOD, give us grace and courage to follow the example of the saints in lives of service, generosity, truth, and love of neighbor. May the memory of all these - named and unnamed, ancient and recent - continue to bless us.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Keep Your Lamps! — A. Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
the time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done.

Christian, journey soon be over,
the time is drawing nigh.

The Doxology

380. Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow — *Old 100th*

Please stand, as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A *Traditional Version* — 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

S155. Christ Our Passover — G. Near
711. Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God — *Seek Ye First*
712. Dona Nobis Pacem — *Dona nobis pacem*

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

551. Rise Up, Ye Saints of God *Festal Son*

The Dismissal

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

The Postlude

Siyahamba arranged by J. A. Behnke
(We Are Marching In the Light of God) South African Freedom Song

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We thank the following people for their service today

Preacher	Logan Lee
Celebrant	The Rev. Ryan Parker
Musicians (10:30)	The Nativity Choir
Lectors (8:30)	Viola Baldwin, Cindy Schreiner
(10:30)	Simon Rees, Vance Dutton
Eucharistic Ministers (8:30)	Rene Garces
(10:30)	Parker Walls, Logan Lee
Torches (10:30)	Raylan Neese, Hannah Parker
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Livestream Technician (10:30)	Keith Heikkinen
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