Church of the Nativity

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 28

8:30 am and 10:30 am • November 15, 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 Saint Anne — Charles Callahan

Please stand, as you are able.

The Processional Hymn

680. O God, our help in ages past — *St. Anne*

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 — Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

THE PSALM Psalm 123

Ad te levavi oculos meos

The psalm will be recited responsively by whole verse, beginning with the Narthex side.

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he shows us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or

of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Please stand, as you are able.

The Sequence Hymn

705. As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought *Forest Green*

The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many

things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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

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 Blaine Swartz, Gloria Jean Wilhelm, Evelyn Stark, Jane Vella, John Morey, Samuel R. Williamson, Jr, Evonne Francis Showalter, James Beilman, Declan David Fish.
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, Barry, Betty, Bill, Catherine, Diane, Ellen, Eva, Frank, 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. For those recently born, especially Asher Sopko. We pray for those we now name.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Episcopal Center at Duke University; Episcopal Campus Ministry – Raleigh; Greensboro Colleges and Universities/St. Mary's House.

In the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, Bishop Justin Holcomb, the work of forming military chaplains from other denominations for Episcopal priesthood, and those serving in Florida at the Federal Correctional Institution Miami, Eglin Air Force Base, Hurlburt Field, MacDill Air Force Base, Naval Air Station Jacksonville, and the Orlando 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.**

For Veterans of our armed forces- that they may experience deep listening when stories need to be told, belonging when feeling lonely or isolated, and meaning as they carry the past into the present. And that we may be a faith community that supports the same. .
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our Prayer**

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

Consecration F. Chatfield

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

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)* BCP 364 | CG 23

The Communion Hymn

339. Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness *Schmücke dich*

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

530. Spread O Spread Thy Mighty Word *Gott sei Dank*

The Dismissal

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

The Postlude

Toccata on Saint Anne Gordon Young



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Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano
Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano
Musicians (10:30)	The Nativity Choir
Lectors (8:30)	Helen Armstrong, Cindy Schreiner
(10:30)	Kyle West, Anne Ramirez, Marcia Perry
Eucharistic Ministers (8:30)	Kent Clary
(10:30)	Parker Walls, Rick Burts
Torches (10:30)	Raylan Neese, Morgan Smith
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