

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 VOLUNTARY

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 376. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee *Hymn to Joy*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP 355 | CG 3

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

THE SONG OF PRAISE: Glory to God BCP 356 | CG 5
10:30 Gloria, from *Sewanee Service* — Malcolm Archer see pew card

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.**

THE COLLECT FOR AN ELECTION

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of this community in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CHILDREN'S HOMILY (10:30)

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

Genesis 2:18–24

The Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19:7–14

We will recite the psalm antiphonally by whole verse.

- 1 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN:

LEVAS II 213. Children of the heavenly Father

Swedish Folk Melody



Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2. God His own doth tend and nour - ish. In his
 3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num - bers, Your pro -
 5. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish; From all e - vil things He
 Lord His child - ren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 tect - or nev - er slum - bers; At the will of your de -
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en, Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them, In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 fend - er Ev - ery per - son must sur - ren - der.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

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

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and

said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Grey Maggiano

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358 | CG 9

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Prayers for a Season of Creation

Intercessor In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters. The water that God called into being is at the heart of all that lives. Mindful of the many ways water affects our lives, let us pray for our waters and for the life of the world around us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for all people of faith, and for the transformations in their lives that are marked by the sacredness of water: at the Red Sea, in the Jordan River, in ritual baths, in the washing of feet, and in Holy Baptism. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the leaders of nations, corporations, and communities around the world, that they may exercise wise stewardship over the waters of their lands, so that all people may have clean water to drink, and be protected from floods and disasters related to over development and environmental degradation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the wisdom to shape creative solutions to conflicts over water in the dry places of our planet, and for justice and peace in desert lands. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for all the waters of the earth: for oceans and seas, for rivers and streams, for lakes and ponds, for watersheds, marshes, and swamps, for the waters beneath the ground; and for all creatures that live in the waters of the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for those in our community and our loved ones who are sick: Alice, Alice, Anne, Betty, Bev, Bill, Brittany, Carl, Catherine, Charles, Danielle, Diane, Diane, Drew, Erin, Evonne, Florence, Gemma, Gene, Gina, Harper, Harrison, Ilia, Israel, Jan, Jane, Jane, Jeff, Joel, John, John, John, Karen, Karen, Kate, Ken, Kerry, Licia, Lily, Lou, Louise, Marion, Marshall, Maxine, Melissa, Michael, Michelle, Nancy, Nancy, Norris, Pam, Patricia, Penny, Peter, Randy, Randy, Richard, Robin, Roy, Sandy, Sara, Sarah, Steve, Terry, and Valeria. Lord, in

your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for all afflicted by the floods from Hurricane Helene, and all those around the world whose homes, lives and livelihood are unstable because of climate change and its impacts. We pray especially for the Diocese of Western North Carolina, its communities and churches. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for all who have died — especially Richard Terry — and for all who mourn, that their tears of grief may be turned to wellsprings of joy. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and remembering the account that we must give one day, grant that we may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360 | CG 13

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Can you count the stars?

Robert Powell

Can you count the stars that brightly twinkle in the midnight sky? Can you count the clouds, so lightly o'er the meadows floating by? God, the Lord, does mark their number, with His eyes that never slumber; He has made them every one. Can you count the wings now flashing in the sunshine's golden light? Can you count the fishes splashing in the cooling waters bright? God, the Lord, a name has given, to all creatures under Heaven; He has named them every one. Do you know how many children rise each morning on their way? Can you count their happy voices, singing sweetly on this day? God hears all the happy voices, in their merry songs rejoices; and He loves them, every one.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

see pew card

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361 | CG 17

SANCTUS

BCP 362 | CG 19

10:30 *Sewanee Service* (see pew card)

Malcolm Archer

FRACTION ANTHEM

8:30 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

10:30 Agnus Dei, from *Sewanee Service* — Malcolm Archer see pew card

THE COMMUNION HYMN: 458. My song is love unknown *Love Unknown*

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 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 BLESSING

THE FINAL HYMN: 559. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us *Dulce Carmen*

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY

*We are delighted to welcome again Lyn Francisco
as our guest organist today.*



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We thank the following people for their service today:

CELEBRANT & PREACHER	The Rev. Grey Maggiano
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Lyn Francisco, Guest Organist The Nativity Choir
LECTORS	Becky Christian (8:30) Emily Jividen, Becky Christian (10:30)
LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Steve Dearth (8:30) Kate Krouse, Rick Burts (10:30)
BANNER (10:30)	Owen McKimmon
TORCHES (10:30)	Beatrice Tarry, Raylan Neece
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Logan Lee
ALTAR GUILD	Emily Jividen, Olivene Virtue
ALTAR FLOWERS	Robin Rhaney
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Jesse Lee
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Roy Immelman
FELLOWSHIP (10:30)	Becky Showalter

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