

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

1 Kings 17:8–16

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146

Lauda, anima mea

We will recite the psalm antiphonally by whole verse.

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul! *

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *

for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *

and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *

who keeps his promise for ever;

- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 9:24–28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN: 429. I'll praise my Maker while I've breath

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 12:38–44

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

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

As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to

them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Grey Maggiano

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishops Sam and Jennifer, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering in our community—especially Alice, Becky, Betty, Bev, Bill, Brittany, Carl, Charles, Danielle, Diane, Diane, Evonne, Florence, Fori, Gemma, Gina, Harper, Iliia, Jan, Jane, Jane, Jeff, John, John, John, Karen, Kate, Ken, Kerry, Licia, Lily, Lou, Margaret, Marion, Maxine, Melissa, Michael, Michelle, Michelle, Nancy, Norris, Pam, Patricia, Randy, Richard, Robin, Ron, Roy, Roy, Sandy, Sara, Sarah, Shannon, Steve, Terry, and Valeria—let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For immigrants, people of color, women, trans people, and all those who feel fearful, persecuted or lost in this moment, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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:

593. Lord, make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College

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

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: 705. As those of old their first fruits brought

Forest Green

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond

Thanks be to God.

THE VOLUNTARY

We are delighted to welcome guest organist Lyn Francisco, and thank her for playing and conducting today.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2024

Wardens George Douglas (Senior) and Dave McKinnon (Junior)

Members David Dykes, Hannah Harris, Roy Immelman, Charles Malone, Allison Martin, Sarah O'Connor, Yvette Smith, Perry Suk, Sam Wesonga

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We thank the following people for their service today:

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Ryan Parker
PREACHER	The Rev. Grey Maggiano
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Lyn Francisco, Organist & Choirmaster The Nativity Choir
LECTORS	Helen Armstrong (8:30) Anne Ramirez, Becky Christian (10:30)
LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Rene Garces (8:30) Harlan Hagge, Bernadette Correa (10:30)
ACOLYTES (10:30)	Morgan Smith, Liam Clay
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Logan Lee
ALTAR GUILD	Susan Jordan, Paula Valeria, Brian Fentress
ALTAR FLOWERS	Ailsa Tessier
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Jesse Lee
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Hannah Harris

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