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THE FEAST OF ST. LUKE

HOLY EUCHARIST

OCTOBER 18, 2026

10:30 A.M.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are welcome!

Whether you are a guest or a long-time member, we are blessed by your presence today.

Children are most welcome and always celebrated as a part of our church community. Nursery care is available during worship for children 0 - 4 years old in "The Children's Space," first floor, Parish Hall building. Children's Church is offered for children 4 years old - elementary. We gather in the rear of the church and process to the Parish Hall for a lesson and activity, returning to worship at the Peace. Our trained staff and volunteers lead both of these ministries. The Parish Hall is also home to nursing and changing facilities and a comfortable, quiet space (St. Agnes room). Please ask an usher or greeter if you need assistance finding any of these locations.

Restrooms are in the hallway on the Church Street side of the building - exit through the Baptistry, turn left at the end of the ramp and then left at the sidewalk that runs alongside the church.

If you are visiting today, please complete a Guest Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the Offering Plate.

May the God who brought you here today bless you throughout the coming week.

The Rt. Rev. William O. Gregg, Ph.D., *Interim Rector*

*VI Bishop of Eastern Oregon, res.
Assistant Bishop of North Carolina, ret.*

The Rev. Bonnie Duckworth, *Deacon & Coordinator for Older Adult Ministry*

Stephen Williams, *Director of Music Ministry*

Caroline Stephenson, *Parish and Family Ministry Coordinator*

Jessica Moorman, *Parish Administrator*

Lynn Frick, *Director, The Children's Space*

Come and See
the *difference* Christ makes



THE WORD OF GOD

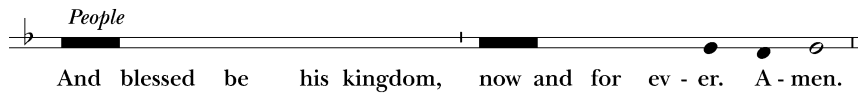
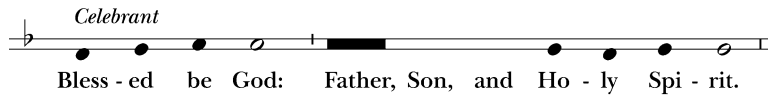
VOLUNTARY

Hózhó

Connor Chee

HYMN IN PROCESSION #408 Sing praise to God who reigns above

Hymnal 1982



Book of Common Prayer, 355

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

GLORIA O God beyond all praising *Sung by all.*

Hymns Ancient & Modern

1. O___ God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2. Then___ hear, O grac - ious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,
and___ sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
that___ we who know your fav - or may serve you as our King;
for___ we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
and___ wheth - er our to - mor - rows be___ filled with good or ill,
at___ bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
we'll___ tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:
we___ lift our hearts be - fore___ you and wait up - on your word,
to___ mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,
we___ hon - or and a - dore___ you, our great and might - y Lord.
and___ make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY



The Lord be with you And also with you. Let us pray:

Celebrant: Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING *Please be seated.*

Sirach 38:14,610,12-14

Honor physicians for their services,
 for the Lord created them;
for their gift of healing comes from the Most High,
 and they are rewarded by the king.
The skill of physicians makes them distinguished,
 and in the presence of the great they are admired.
The Lord created medicines out of the earth,
 and the sensible will not despise them.
And he gave skill to human beings
 that he might be glorified in his marvelous works.
By them the physician heals and takes away pain;
 the pharmacist makes a mixture from them.
God's works will never be finished;
 and from him health spreads over all the earth.
My child, when you are ill, do not delay,
 but pray to the Lord, and he will heal you.
Give up your faults and direct your hands rightly,
 and cleanse your heart from all sin.
Then give the physician his place, for the Lord created him;
 do not let him leave you, for you need him.
There may come a time when recovery lies in the hands of physicians,
 for they too pray to the Lord
that he grant them success in diagnosis
 and in healing, for the sake of preserving life.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 147:1-7 *Sung by all.*



Hallelujah! How good it is
To praise our God in songs,
A pleasant thing to honor him
To whom our praise belongs.

He counts the number of the stars.
Each one is in his sight;
Great is our Lord and strong in power,
His wisdom infinite.

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem,
Re-gathers Israel;
He heals the brokenhearted ones
And binds their wounds up well.

The Lord casts all the wicked down,
Lifts up the lowly poor;
Make music to him on the harp
And praise him evermore.

From A New Metrical Psalter, Christopher Webber

THE SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:5-13

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

Please stand, as able. Sung by all.

#232 By all your saints still striving (stanza 2, St. Luke)

Hymnal 1982

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Please be seated.

The Rt. Rev. William O. Gregg, Ph.D.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand, as able.

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remain standing or kneel.

Deacon: Abiding God, dwell with us and fulfill our desires as may be best for us as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Give life to your Church and to your people, strengthen us when we are weak, embolden us when we are afraid, and show us how to more perfectly embody your Son, Christ our Lord. We ask for prayers for this Parish on our patronal feast, and for our global companion, the Bishop Hannington Cathedral in Mumias, Kenya. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give peace to this nation and wisdom to its leaders; inspire them and us to work together to solve our problems and to bring opportunity for all to thrive. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give a stronger faith and more loving hearts to all of us gathered here today; let us be a blessing to our neighbors and a place of hope for all people. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give healing and wholeness to those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Especially we ask on behalf of those who have sought our prayers, for Reg, Kayla, Mary Ann, and Prisse. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us courage and wisdom to identify and implement policies for a preserved environment and for a more equitable society. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give to the dead and dying eternal peace and comfort, especially David Redden, and give consolation and confidence in your promises to those who grieve. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: In Christ you have fulfilled your promises and set us free from the tyranny of sin, show us how to use our freedom to live more fully into your abundant life and to show the transforming power of your love to a world in need of hope and reconciliation. Through that same Christ we offer these prayers, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, now and always. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR OUR NEW RECTOR

Most gracious and loving God, who gives us diverse gifts and calls us to diverse ministries in which to use these gifts, we give you thanks that through Christ in the power of your Spirit, you have guided us through the process of discerning the one you have called to be our new rector. We give you thanks that Fr. Christopher has heard and accepted your call to him through us. We ask your blessing on Fr. Christopher and his family, Anne, Andi and Elena. May their transition to Salisbury be smooth and easy. Bless this parish as we prepare to receive the Wilkersons among us. Bless us all as we enter into the new chapter of our life with You. Grant that we may all enter into our future with You, with openness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

BCP 820

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Please kneel, as able.

BCP 359

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence.*

All: 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.

ABSOLUTION *Please remain kneeling.*

THE PEACE *Please stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated.*

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS *Prayed by all.*

Those celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary in the previous or coming week are invited to come forward for a prayer. It is customary, but not at all required, to put an offering in the silver vessel when coming forward. Some choose to put an amount symbolic of the number of years being celebrated.

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

2027 Pledge Cards may be submitted in the bowl near the Altar during Communion or in the Offering Plate.

*Gifts to support the ministries of St. Luke's may be placed in the Offering Plate or given online at
www.SLS.church/give*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Exsultant justi Ludovico Viadana

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

Praise the Lord with the lyre, make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

Sing to him a new song, play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. (Psalm 33:1-3)

THE DOXOLOGY 493.6 *Please stand, as able. Sung by all.* Azmon

Glory to God and praise and love

be now and ever given,

by saints below and saints above,

the Church in earth and heaven.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A *Please remain standing.* BCP 361

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

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SANCTUS S-114 *Sung by all.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth -

— in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Please remain standing or kneel.

The Celebrant continues... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues... all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: AMEN.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant:

THE LORD'S PRAYER S-119

Charles W. Douglas

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Music: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

FRACTION ANTHEM S-155

Sung by all.

Gerald Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All baptized persons are most welcome to receive Communion with us, regardless of the tradition in which you were baptized. If you do not wish to receive Communion or if you are not baptized, you are invited to come to the Altar for a blessing. To indicate that you want a blessing, place your arms across your heart.

For health and safety reasons, it is not possible to allow intinction as a means of making your Communion. If you do not wish to receive the sacramental Blood of Christ / Wine from the chalice (which is quite alright), you may cross your arm over your heart to indicate you do not wish to receive or you may leave the Altar rail after you receive the sacramental Body of Christ / Bread. Either option is fine. Please know that to receive Communion in one Kind is to receive the whole sacrament and is in no way deficient.

COMMUNION HYMN #567 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

Hymnal 1982

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand or kneel.*

BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN IN PROCESSION *Sung by all.*

#537 Christ for the world we sing!

Hymnal 1982

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Choral Song

Samuel S. Wesley

Music Note from Composer Connor Chee:

“This piece was inspired by the traditional Diné (Navajo) concept of Hózhó, often translated as ‘balance and beauty.’ This concept permeates Diné life and culture and reflects the state of harmony that binds all things together in the universe. When elements of the universe fall out of balance, nature will ultimately strive to achieve harmony and beauty in life each day, despite the inevitable times of imbalance.

As a child, my grandmother taught me that keeping balance and harmony in life started with the simplest things. I was taught to always keep my necklaces hung neatly so they would not tangle, to keep my belongings in order, and even to make sure my shoes were untied when I took them off. The idea was that if I could keep balance in those fundamental things, it would permeate my spirit and inspire my life as a whole. Although I still struggle to keep the space where I live and work in perfect order, I know that when I feel overwhelmed or out of sorts, I can start by organizing the simple things to welcome me back into my life.

Hózhó for organ solo presents a musical search for balance and beauty. At times, the music is unbalanced in form and meter but seeks to return to a more harmonious state. The melodic content that opens the piece is presented again at the end, but in retrograde. This symbolizes a balance idea that surrounds the rest of the (sometimes unbalanced) musical content. It returns the listener to the beginning of the piece with a melody that is in essence the same but transformed during the experience.”

Hózhó was premiered in July of 2022 at the National Convention of the American Guild of Organists in Seattle, Washington.

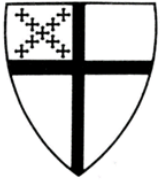
Servers	<i>Today</i>	<i>Next Sunday</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	Pati Carter, Stewart Ash, Hank Newman	Malachi Whitson, Brian Whitson, Hank Newman, Trevor Eppehimer
<i>Greeter</i>	Pati Carter	Malachi Whitson
<i>Emergency Response</i>	Stewart Ash	Brian Whitson
<i>Lectors</i>	Davis Cooke, Michelle Whitson	Pennie Martin, Graham Corriher
<i>Chalicians</i>	Kathy Carter, Davis Cooke	Stephen Collins, Pennie Martin
<i>Intercessor</i>	Malachi Whitson	Kathy Carter
<i>Verger</i>	Davis Cooke	Graham Corriher
<i>Acolytes</i>	Malachi Whitson, Sawyer Jacobson, Rachel Tinsley, Ingrid Jacobson, Clara Tinsley	Nick Clement, Pierce Ellis, Salem Griffith, Duncan Griffith
<i>Choir</i>	St. Luke's Choir	St. Luke's Choir
<i>Nursery</i>	Tory Curran, Mary Plumley	Katie Leckonby, Tyler Breese
<i>Children's Church</i>	Caroline Stephenson	Caroline Stephenson, Andrew Jacobson
<i>Vestry Deposit</i>	Ray Swann, Luanne Short	Sarah Wooten, John Cowan
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Katie Setzer, Meredith Ellis, Laura Greene	Pati Carter, Terry Courtemanche, Trudy Thompson
<i>Wednesday Server</i>	Davis Cooke	Cathy Green

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Office Candles given by: Mr. and Mrs. Luke Hamaty in memory of Daniel and Lenore Hamaty

Sanctuary Lamp given by: Reg Boland in memory of Maria Hall

Altar Flowers given by: Ann Dandison in memory of Vernon Wilkerson, Carolyn C. Wilkerson, Fred Wilkerson



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