



# Sunday. Every Day.

Christ Church Episcopal

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Gregory of Nazianzus  
Bishop and Theologian, 389  
May 9

· Wednesday, May 6, 2026 ·    · Chapel · 5:30 p.m. ·

**Prelude**

**Opening Hymn**

**Opening Sentences**                      Page 355, *The Book of Common Prayer*

**Glory**    Page 356, *The Book of Common Prayer*

**The Collect**

*Celebrant*                      The Lord be with you.

**People**                      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*                      Let us pray.

Almighty God, who has revealed to your Church your eternal Being of glorious majesty and perfect love as one God in Trinity of Persons: Give us grace that, like your bishop Gregory of Nazianzus, we may continue steadfast in the confession of this faith, and constant in our worship of you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Gospel

*Gospeler*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John      8:25-32  
**People**      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Pharisees said to Jesus, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Why do I speak to you at all? I have much to say about you and much to condemn; but the one who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the Father. So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own, but I speak these things as the Father instructed me. And the one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him." As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

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

*Please be seated.*

## Reflection

*You may kneel or sit.*

**The Prayers of the People**      Form IV, Page 388, *The Book of Common Prayer*

## Candle Lighting

*We continue our prayers through the lighting of votive candles as a symbol of our love and concern for others.  
You are welcome to light a single candle as a symbol of your prayers.*

*Please stand.*

**The Peace**      Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*Please be seated.*

## Announcements

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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory

*Please stand.*

## Eucharistic Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer**                      Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

**The Breaking of the Bread**        Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*Please be seated.*

## Distribution of Communion

***Please join us at God's table.***

*All people, including children, are invited to receive Communion. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would prefer not to take Communion but would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.*

## Communion Music

*You may kneel or sit.*

**Postcommunion Prayer**              Page 365, *The Book of Common Prayer*

## The Blessing

*Please stand.*

## Final Hymn

## Dismissal

*Celebrant*                      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**People**                              **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## GREGORY OF NAZIANZUS BISHOP AND THEOLOGIAN (9 MAY 389)



There is a traditional list of eight great Doctors (Teachers, Theologians) of the ancient Church. It lists four Western (Latin) Doctors -- Ambrose of Milan, Augustine

of Hippo, Jerome of Strido, and Gregory the Great (Pope Gregory I) -- and four Eastern (Greek) Doctors -- Athanasius of Alexandria, John Chrysostom of Antioch and Constantinople, Basil the Great, and Gregory of Nazianzus (also called Gregory Nazianzen). Incidentally, this list is constantly referred to, but I have no idea when or where or by whom it was drawn up.

Gregory of Nazianzus, his friend Basil the Great, and Basil's brother Gregory of Nyssa, are jointly known as the Cappadocian Fathers (Cappadocia is a region in what is now Central Turkey).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **May 9 – Don Thompson Chorale Concert**

11:30 am | Contemporary Worship Space  
Join us for a spring concert "Life Songs 1500 to Now". Admission is free; donations are gratefully accepted

### **May 12 - Joyful Friends 75+**

11:30 am | Dining Room  
Join us for lunch and a special event featuring an interactive talk about Canine Companions service

and therapy dogs. Not only will you have the opportunity to learn about the training and work of these remarkable dogs, we will have a few pups at the event who will demonstrate their skills that will enhance the lives of people with disabilities. Please RSVP to the main office or through the church website by May 8th so we have a proper head count for our luncheon.

**Volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible School!** Contact Amy Schmitt at 703-300-5024 to learn more.

### **Nourishing Eats Culinary Camp**

(Three sessions!)

June 16–18, June 29–July 1, July 13–15 8:30 AM–12:30 PM

Join Chef Jen and Chef Doreen for a fun and hands-on cooking experience at Nourishing Eats Culinary Camp. Campers will explore recipes and techniques inspired by the rich culinary traditions of Europe while learning new kitchen skills. Register online at [ccpvb.org](http://ccpvb.org)

### **JUST JULY: A Summer Book Study**

Wednesdays in July | 10:00-11:00 AM | F106  
Father Eric will host a midsummer book study on Wednesdays in July on With: Reimagining the Way You Relate to God written by Skye Jethani. With explores the narrative of the Bible to show that we were created to be with God, and that restoring this connection is his mission. Instead of life over, under, from or even for God, what leads us into freedom and restoration is life with God. Visit [ccpvb.org](http://ccpvb.org) for more info.



For a complete list of events, ministry activities, and more please visit our website.