



**HOLY NATIVITY**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist, Rite Two  
Sunday, July 5, 2020  
10:30 a.m.

*Welcome to Holy Nativity!*

### **Thank You for Joining Us for Worship**

In order to create a safe environment during the Covid-19 pandemic, the following policies have been put into effect. Thank you for your cooperation and your consideration for your fellow worshippers.

- Services are limited to 50 people. Overflow can access the live feed and receive communion in Battin Hall.
- Social distancing (6'+) is required (Family groups can sit together)
- Masks are required entering and exiting the church and coming forward for communion.
- A 9:15 service in the pavilion has been added for the summer.
- During the Covid-19 pandemic we are trying to shorten service length to reduce exposure. We are not reading all four Bible lessons, and may we suggest that you read them yourselves during your waiting quiet devotional time before the service starts.

### **The Word of God**

**Prelude** “Battle Hymn of the Republic” (*Arr. by Peter Wilhousky*)

John Durgan, organist

***All who celebrate a birthday in July are invited to come to the front.  
We say the Birthday Prayer in unison.***

**Watch over thy 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 thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# Processional Hymn "God of our fathers"

Hymn #719

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y  
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the  
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -  
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
 past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast;  
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;  
 way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
 be thou our ru - ler, guard - ian, guide, and stay  
 thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,  
 fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.  
 thy bount - eous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

Words: Daniel Crane Roberts (1841-1907) Music: *National Hymn*, George William Warren (1828-1902)

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*           **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant may say*

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.**

**Song of Praise** “Holy, holy, holy” vs. 1

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

**The Collect for Independence Day**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

**The Lessons**

**The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 10:17-21 (RSV)**

17 For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. 18 He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. 19 Love the sojourner therefore; for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. 20 You shall fear the Lord your God; you shall serve him and cleave to him, and by his name you shall swear. 21 He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and terrible things which your eyes have seen. *The Word of the Lord*

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

# The Sequence Hymn "My country, 'tis of thee"

Hymn #717

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of  
 2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the  
 3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from  
 4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of

lib - er - ty, of thee I sing; land where my  
 no - ble free, thy name I love; I love thy  
 all the trees sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal  
 lib - er - ty, to thee we sing; long may our

fa - thers died, land of the pil - grim's pride,  
 rocks and rills, thy woods and tem - pled hills;  
 tongues a - wake, let all that breathe par - take,  
 land be bright with free - dom's ho - ly light;

from ev - ery moun - tain - side let freed - om ring.  
 my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.  
 let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.  
 pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
(5:43-48 RSV)

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

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’  
44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that  
you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil  
and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those  
who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And  
if you salute only your brethren, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the  
Gentiles do the same? 48 You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is  
perfect. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Tom Weller

### **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*Celebrant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and  
renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE this Fourth of July National Holiday Weekend are Special Prayers and Thanksgivings from The Book of Common Prayer.**

**We pray for the Human Family, the Nation & the World**

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**We pray for our Enemies**

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth: deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**We pray for Help in these Times of Conflict**

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**We pray for the Oppressed**

Look with mercy, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**A Litany of Thanksgiving for National Life**

Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

**Heal us, LORD.**

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

**Forgive us, LORD.**

We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

## **Inspire us, LORD**

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

## **Enlighten us, LORD.**

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

## **Renew us, LORD.**

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy name. **Amen.**

## **A Prayer attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

## **Remember in Prayer**

*(Names stay on the list for 3 months. If someone needs to stay on longer, contact Madge Smith at [madge@holy-nativity.org](mailto:madge@holy-nativity.org) or 747-4000. Always get permission from the person before you add them.)*

**From our congregation:** Bruce McLawhorn, Harry Cooper, Audrey Powell, Betty Grammer, Alice Kinney, Carl Harris, Tass and family, Mary Troxell, Nell Barnett, John Mason, Sarah Mason, Lou Churchill, Malinda Kelly, Hannah Davis, Ursula Hixson, Charlotte Battin, Olivia Clemons, Pat Spangler, Inge Churchill, Bert Churchill, Jane Burkett and family.

**For our friends:** Arthur Reddie, Jonathan, Bob Hauser, Ruth Geers, John Daniel, Linna Salter, Jay Barrow, Ken, George Hines, Murray, family of Ronald “Rudy” Vincent, Lloyd Estes, Jr., Elke McCoy, Kelly and Amy, Tracey Hixson, Lynn Brudnicki, Gregory Longen, Barbara Daniel, Clifford Reihing, Carol Mizell, Kent Jones, Leanne Hahn, The Franklin Family, Austin, Bob and Debbie Snuggs, Rosa Kulik, The family of Joe Smith, III, Madilyn Streichert.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for St. Mary’s in Milton and Adult Ministries.



**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for the united Church of Pakistan.

**We pray for all active duty in the Armed Forces** serving in Bay County and throughout the world: Chris Morgan, Michael Darrah, Stacey Johnson, Christopher Landess, Greg Jenkins, Joseph Railey, Patrick Keenen, Jeremy Hough, Wes Eberhard, Stacey Holliday, Caleb Loveland, Robert Ice, Andrew Frye, Michael Keller, Rex Brown, Jacob McAndrews.

**We pray for those celebrating birthdays:** July 5: Candee England, Kirsten McCord, John Thompson, July 6: Peggy Caldwell, July 7: Rebekah Leebrick, Katherine Leebrick, July 9: Tom Ledman, Finn Oenbrink, Celia Stamps, July 10: Paul Brust, Mary Darrah, Mary Kathryn San Juan, Linda Weller.

*No anniversaries this week.*

**Altar Flowers are given** by Joe and Sandy Ciccarelli in celebration of Al's birthday.

## **Greetings and Announcements**

# **The Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture*

Offertory "Fantasia on America The Beautiful" (*Rex Koury*)

John Durgan, organist

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand, kneel, or sit reverently.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, then we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

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*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

## **Benediction and Blessing**

*The Deacon, or a Priest, dismisses the people.*

*The People respond*

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

**Closing Music**

John Durgan, organist

## **Today's Ministers**

Preacher/Celebrant

The Rev. Tom Weller

Organist/Dir. Of Choirs

John Durgan

Chalice Bearer

Joe Ciccarelli

Lector

Holly Melzer

Ushers

Charles and Mary Bonham

Greeters

Ian Crelling and Michael Fuller

Altar Guild

Tim and Monica Phillips, Mary Mittiga and David Burris

# ***SAINTS ALIVE***

Please check our website at [www.holy-nativity.org](http://www.holy-nativity.org) for the latest information about programs and events. Go to [www.diocgc.org](http://www.diocgc.org) to check out everything about the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast.

**Food Bank Donations:** There are so many families on our community struggling with hunger during this time. Please bring your non-perishable food items and place them in the cart in the church foyer.

**Altar Flower Chart:** If you would like to donate toward the Altar Flowers on a certain Sunday, please sign up on the foyer bulletin board. Please include the reason for the donation and the cost is \$25. Your donation information will be listed in the bulletin for that Sunday.

**Online Giving:** This is another option to giving to the church. Go to our website and click the online donation tab. The first time you will need to set up your account information.

**Online Services:** We will continue our online Facebook Live 10:30 am service and Wednesday Midweek Manna with Fr. Steve at 6 pm. You can go to our website under the E-Church tab and you will be directed to the church's Facebook page. Look for reminder's in your email and on Facebook.

**Prayer Requests:** You can email your prayer requests for the bulletin to Madge at [madge@holy-nativity.org](mailto:madge@holy-nativity.org). Always get the person's approval before you submit it.

## ***Mark Your Calendars Tentatively***

August 9: Rally Day/Blessing of the Backpacks/Easter 2.0

August 23: Acolyte Dedication Sunday

August 29: English Tea and Fashion Show

September 13: Shell Island Sunday

The Steak and Bake has been postponed to a later date.





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## SERVICES

### Sundays

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite One  
(Nursery provided)
- 9:15 am (June-August 2020)  
Holy Eucharist, Rite Two  
in the Pavilion
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite Two  
(Children's Christian  
Education & nursery is  
provided)

**Wednesdays (These events have  
been cancelled temporarily due to  
the pandemic.) Join Fr. Steve online  
at 6 pm for Midweek Manna.**

- 5:30 pm *five-thirty* service  
followed by dinner and  
programs (Sept. – May)
- 6:00 pm SummerTime: Evening  
Prayer followed by dinner  
(June –August)