



HOLY NATIVITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fourteenth Sunday after
Pentecost: Proper 18A
Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
Sunday, September 6, 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.
- 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

Opening Music “Fairest Lord Jesus” (*David Johnson*)

John Durgan, organist

***All who celebrate a birthday in September are invited to stand up.
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.

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 of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. *The Word of the Lord*

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 149 *Cantate Domino*

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. *The Word of the Lord.*

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn “Blessed Jesus, at thy word”

Hymn #440

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
(18:15-20)

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Tom Weller

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People: Form III

*People may remain standing, kneel, or sit reverently.
The Leader and People pray responsively*
In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence
The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

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 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, Olivia Clemons, Pat Spangler, Inge Churchill, Bert Churchill, Jane Burkett and family, Tim Phillips, Carol Calton, Mary Elizabeth Moore, Karen Seubert, Florencia Pereira, Aidan Akst, Jeannette Tremaine, David Burris.

For our friends: Arthur Reddie, Jonathan, Bob Hauser, Ruth Geers, John Daniel, Linna Salter, Jay Barrow, Ken, George Hines, 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, Margaret Lord Wilde, Oscar Wilde, Cosby Martin, Liz Forman, Jesse Cobb, Jeremy, Tanner Campbell, David Riley, Allison Davis.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Epiphany in Crestview and The Diocesan School for Ministry.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

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, Nick Bailey.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays: Sept. 6: Stevens Roberson, Shelby Roberson, Sept. 7: Pat Spangler, Sept. 8: Casey Cole, Susan Young, Sept. 10: Bill Ethridge, Gene Wicker, Sept. 11: Emma Crelling, Sept. 12: Syndey Fuller.

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries: Sept. 8: William and Monica Cramer, Sept. 11: AJ and Emma Jeffery, Sept. 12: John and Susan Messer.

Altar Flowers are given today by Joe and Sandy Ciccarelli to the Glory of God, and by Jim and Kelly Roberson in celebration of Stevens and Shelby's 17th birthday.

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

Minister and People

**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.**

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or suitable collect.

Greetings and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture

Offertory “Offertoire” (*George Chamertin*)

John Durgan, organist

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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

People The Lord be with you.

Celebrant **And also with you.**

People Lift up your hearts.

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

People Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Celebrant **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.

A Proper Preface is said by the Celebrant.

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer

of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

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

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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.
Then may be sung or said*

*[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation
The Gifts of God for the People of God.*

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. *[Amen.]
or with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. *[Amen.]*

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. *[Amen.]*

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

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| Preacher | The Rev. Tom Weller |
| Celebrant | The Rev. Steve Bates |
| Organist/Dir. Of Choirs | John Durgan |
| Chancel Minister | George McInnis |
| Lector | Rich Doran |
| Ushers | TBA |
| Altar Guild | Max and Joyce Dannecker, Gene and Kathleen Wicker |

Hurricane Laura Relief

If you're like me, watching the weather last Wednesday night brought back so many painful memories of our own experience as we saw Hurricane Laura rapidly strengthen as she approached the coast of Louisiana. I think part of the anxiety we felt was that we knew how those folks were feeling as the storm approached but we also knew too well how they were feeling the next day. During those days and weeks following the storm, I remember how much monetary gifts meant coming from people across the country, most of whom we had no connection to. The monetary gifts allowed us to maintain all our staff and ministries, purchase food and supplies to support our local economy, and most importantly were immediate and timely. I'd like for us to do that for those beginning their recovery from Hurricane Laura. We have adopted St. Michael's and All Angels in Lake Charles, Louisiana as the recipient of our gifts. St. Michael's and All Angels suffered significant damage to their facilities and as we know their recovery will be a lengthy and challenging process. From our experience, whatever we are able to give to them will make a difference in these early days. Checks can be put in the collection plate, sent to the church or be made using the online giving link on our website. Please notate "Hurricane Relief" on your method of payment.

Steve+

SAINTS ALIVE

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

Mark Your Calendars for October!

Programs are beginning again with protocols in place.

Beginning Sunday, October 4th: Children's Chapel, Nursey, and Sunday School

Beginning Wednesday, October 7th: The St. Francis Day Blessing of the Pets at 6pm, supper, and a preview of our Wednesday Programs.

Beginning Wednesday, October 14th at 5:30 pm our regular services, supper, and programs will resume.

Baylights at Beckwith Fundraiser: Lori Bates has Draw Down Tickets for a great cause, our Diocesan Camp and Conference Center, Beckwith! This year the Draw Down will be live on Facebook on Sept. 26th at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$100 and the prizes are wonderful! The main prize is a trip to Italy or Antigua or \$2,500. Get your lucky ticket and donate toward our wonderful Camp Beckwith!

Check out our Lay Ministry displays! Sign up for a ministry! Soon we hope that all ministries will be active again.

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.

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SERVICES

Sundays

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite One
(Nursery provided)
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)