



# HOLY NATIVITY

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, May 9, 2021  
10:30 a.m.  
Confirmation Service

Happy Mother's Day!

*Welcome to Holy Nativity!*

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.

- Social distancing (6'+) is required (Family groups can sit together)
- Masks should be worn at all times when inside church buildings.
- 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.
- Singing is permitted while wearing masks.

# The Word of God

**Opening Music** “Sonata #1 in F” (*G. F. Handel*)

Yasya Brown, violin soloist

## Children’s Time

*All children are invited to come up for children’s time. After, they will follow the cross out to participate in children’s church, to return during announcement time. All children should wear their masks.*

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*The Bishop then continues*

There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God’s call to us;**

*Bishop* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

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

*Bishop* Let us pray.

## The Collect of the Day

*The Bishop says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

## A Reading from Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. *The Word of the Lord.*

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

## Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

## **A Reading 1 John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. *The Word of the Lord.*

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

# The Sequence Hymn “Come, ye faithful, raise the strain”

Hymn #199

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst his pri - son,  
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:  
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;  
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;  
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - rao'h's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.  
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 15:9-17.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

*The Gospel of the Lord*

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

**The Sermon**

The Rt. Rev. Russell Kendrick

## **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

*The Bishop says*

The Candidate(s) will now be presented.

*Presenters*      I present *these persons* for Confirmation.

*Or*                      I present *these persons* to be received into this Communion.

*The Bishop asks the candidates*

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidate*        **I do.**

*Bishop*

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidate*

**I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*  
Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?

*People*            **We will.**

*The Bishop then says these or similar words*

Let us join with *those* who *are* committing *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Bishop*    Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Bishop*    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.**

*Bishop*    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.**

*Bishop*    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.**

*Bishop*     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.**

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

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

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

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

*Bishop*     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.**

## **Prayers for the Candidates**

*The Bishop then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for *these persons* who *have* renewed *their* commitment to Christ.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

*Leader*     Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*     Open *their hearts* to your grace and truth.

*People*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*     Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**



*Leader* Keep *them* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*A period of silence follows.*

*Then the Bishop says*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in *these* your *servants* the covenant you made with *them* at *their* Baptism. Send *them* forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before *them*; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **Confirmation/Reception**

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over *these* your *servants*; let your Holy Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that *they* may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People: A Prayer for Children**

We pray for children

who give us sticky kisses,  
who hop rocks and chase butterflies,  
who stomp in puddles and ruin their new pants,  
who sneak Popsicles before supper,  
who erase holes in math workbooks,

who can never find their shoes.

And we pray for those

who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire,  
who've never squeaked across the floor in new sneakers,  
who've never "counted potatoes,"  
who are born in places we wouldn't be caught dead,  
who never go to the circus,  
who live in an X-rated world.

We pray for children

who bring us fistfuls of dandelions and sing off-key,  
who have goldfish funerals, build card-table forts,  
who slurp their cereal on purpose,  
who get gum in their hair, put sugar in their milk,  
who spit toothpaste all over the sink,  
who hug us for no reason, who bless us each night.

And we pray for those

who never get dessert  
who watch their parents watch them die,  
who have no safe blanket to drag behind,  
who can't find any bread to steal,  
who don't have any rooms to clean up,  
whose pictures aren't on anybody's dressers,  
whose monsters are real.

We pray for children

who spend all their allowance before Tuesday  
who throw tantrums in the grocery store  
and pick at their food,  
who like ghost stories,  
who shove dirty clothes under the bed  
and never rinse out the tub,  
who get quarters from the tooth fairy,  
who don't like to be kissed in front of the car pool,  
who squirm in church and scream in the phone,  
whose tears we sometimes laugh at  
and whose smiles can make us cry.

And we pray for those

whose nightmares come in the daytime,  
who will eat anything,  
who have never seen a dentist,  
who aren't spoiled by anybody,  
who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,  
who live and move, but have no being.

We pray for children  
who want to be carried,  
and for those who must.  
For those we never give up on,  
and for those who don't have a chance.  
For those we smother,  
and for those who will grab the hand of anybody  
kind enough to offer.

We pray for all children. Amen.

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*The Peace is then exchanged. All stand.*

*Bishop* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*The service then continues with the Offertory of the Eucharist, at which the bishop is the principal celebrant.*

## The Holy Communion

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

**Offertory Anthem - "How Great Thou Art"**  
Desiree Dugger, vocal soloist

## 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.  
*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.

*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:

**Sanctus “Holy, holy, holy Lord”**  
*Celebrant and People*

Hymnal #S-130

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (Soprano and Bass) and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The vocal lines are written in a simple, hymn-like style with clear lyrics.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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.

## **Communion Music**

“Lamb of God” (*Arr. by Mark Hayes*)  
“On Eagles Wings”

Yasya Brown, Violin Soloist  
Mary Ellen Pettis, Vocal Soloist

## **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** “Fugue in G minor” (The Great, J.S. Bach)      John Durgan, organist

### **Today’s Ministers**

Preacher/Celebrant	The Rt. Rev. Russell Kendrick
Assisting	The Rev. Steve Bates, The Rev. Tom Weller
Organist	John Durgan
Acolyte	John, Tom, and Alex Moore
Ushers	John Hutt and Wes Eberhard
Altar Guild	Dan and Robin Finley, Max and Joyce Dannecker
Dir. Of Video Production	A. J. Jeffery

***We thank the children of Holy Nativity who participated  
in our service today.***



## **Remember in Prayer**

**From our congregation:** Bruce McLawhorn, Harry Cooper, Audrey Powell, Betty Grammer, Alice Kinney, Carl Harris, Tass and family, Mary Troxell, Sarah Mason, Lou Churchill, Malinda Kelly, Hannah Davis, Olivia Clemons, Tim Phillips, Pat Spangler, Inge Churchill, Mary Elizabeth Moore, David Burris, Liz Robin, Robert Dozier, Kelly Roberson, George McInnis, Terry Jangula, Jeannette Tremaine, Tim and Ann Percival, Paul Herbert, James Miller, Lauren Berry, Ursula Hixson.

**For our friends:** Arthur Reddie, Jonathan, John Daniel, The Franklin Family, Austin, Bob and Debbie Snuggs, Margaret Lord Wilde, Oscar Wilde, Cosby Martin, Jeremy, Day Ann Logue, Rosa Kulik, Louise Boyle, The Ward family, JoAnn Houston Roaden, James Melzer, Corky Ajax, Cleo Cook, Michael and Cindy Satink, Gracelyn, Michele Robin Higareda, Pam Stone, Joan Phillips, Katie, Sandra Burleson.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for Holy Cross in Pensacola and Episcopal Church Women.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for the Anglican Church in Kenya.

**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, Nicholas Longden.

**We pray for those celebrating birthdays:** May 9: Hayden Henneberg, May 12: Jimmy Calton, Natasha Lithway, May 13: A.J. Jeffery, Grayson Williams, May 14: Ella Ennis, May 15: Camryn Commander.

**We pray for those celebrating anniversaries:** May 12: Denis and Lora Healey, May 13: Larry and Kay Young, May 14: Hansson and Melanie Henneberg.

**The Altar Flowers are given this Sunday** in honor of Tyler Shores who will be confirmed into the Episcopal Church today.

## ***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.

### **Wonderful Wednesdays! Join us for the most fun night of the week!**

5:30 pm: Casual Eucharist  
6:00 pm: Supper at the Pavilion  
6:30 pm: Programs for all ages

### **Shell Island Sunday Returns!**

Mark your calendars for the return of Shell Island Sunday, May 16. This year marks our tenth anniversary of worship and fellowship at Shell Island. Look for the display for more information and let us know if you need a ride to the island. Worship service begins at 11 am. Both 8 am and 10:30 am services will be held at the church. Please bring a side dish for the picnic and your drink of choice.

### **Wednesday Night End of the Year Celebration!**

Join us May 19<sup>th</sup> for our end of year party!  
5:30 pm: Casual Eucharist  
6:00 pm: Cookout with special guest, the 30A Oyster guy  
Kids: bring your swimsuit for the waterslide!

### **Online Offerings:**

Sunday 9:15 am Adult Sunday School

Sunday 10:30 am service

Wednesday 5:30 pm service (Last one on May 19<sup>th</sup>)

You can go directly to our Facebook page or go to [www.holy-nativity.org/echurch](http://www.holy-nativity.org/echurch) and click on the “view live services” tab. Look for reminders in your email and on Facebook.



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## **SERVICES**

### **Sundays**

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

9:15 am (Sept. – May)  
Adult/Youth Christian  
Education & Children's  
Chapel

10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite Two  
(Children's Christian  
Education & nursery is  
provided)

### **Wednesdays**

5:30 pm *five-thirty* service  
followed by dinner and  
programs (Sept. – May)

6:00 pm SummerTime: Evening  
Prayer followed by dinner  
(June –August)