



**HOLY NATIVITY**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Second Sunday after  
Pentecost: Proper 5  
Sunday, June 6, 2021  
10:30 a.m.

*Welcome to Holy Nativity!*

*Masks are no longer required for individuals who have received the Covid 19 vaccine.*

## **The Word of God**

**Opening Music** “Prelude on Ash Grove” (*Dale Wood*)

John Durgan, organist

### **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 who celebrate a birthday in June 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.**

*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.**

*The following song of praise is sung, all standing*

**Song of Praise** “Hymn #362 verse 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.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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 1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)**

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their

voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; [and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers.] He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

[Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.” So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.] *The Word of the Lord.*

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

### **Psalm 138** *Confitebor tibi*

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*  
    before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple  
    and praise your Name, \*  
    because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
    and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
    you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, \*  
    when they have heard the words of your mouth.

- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \*  
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O LORD, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

### **A Reading from 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke" —we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. *The Word of the Lord.*

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

# The Sequence Hymn “Thy strong word did cleave the darkness”

Hymn #381



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and  
 3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own  
 4 God the Fa - ther, Light - Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and



it was done; for cre - at - ed light we thank thee,  
 deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,  
 ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,  
 hon - or be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,



while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 and our lives our hopes con - fess: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly; Ho - ly Spi - rit, Light - Re -



lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

*The Alleluias in stanzas 1-3 may be sung antiphonally.*

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (3:20-35)

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

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.” *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](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, 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, 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 Burluson, Gordon Hall.



**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for Trinity in Atmore.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar.

**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:** June 6: Garrett Healey, June 8: Cristina Jansenius, Dan Johnson, June 9: Tricia Berry, Pat Nease, June 11: Michael Lovchuk, June 12: Lisa McLendon, Liz Robin.

**We pray for those celebrating anniversaries:** June 6: Adam and Kirstie Cantrell, Tom and Dana Ledman, June 7: Charles and Mary Bonham, June 10: Parker and Connie McClellan, June 12: James and Krissy Oenbrink.

**The Altar Flowers are given this Sunday** by Mary Ellen Pettis in celebration of the wedding anniversary of Corey and Brianna Fisher Kelly and by Nancy Roupp in honor of her mother, Evelyn Herrin whose birthday was May 30<sup>th</sup>.

*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.*

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Holy Communion**

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

**Offertory Anthem** - "Prelude on Ebenezer" (*Dale Wood*)

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*

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"

Hymnal #S-130

*Celebrant and People*

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 musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily composed of half and quarter notes, with some rests. The piano accompaniment consists of block chords and simple harmonic lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score is divided into five systems, each with a vocal line and a piano line.

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.

## **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	John Durgan
Chancel Minister	Joe Ciccarelli
Acolyte	Ashtyn Williams
Lector	Jenny Collier
Ushers	Linda Weller and Lori Bates
Altar Guild	Marla Churchill, Amy Russell, and Barbara Knowles
Dir. Of Video Production	A. J. Jeffery

## ***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.

**Sip and See Today!** There will be a Sip and See for everyone to meet little Hercules ELLIS Barton. It will be held in the Parish Hall after 10:30 service. Please join us for Mimosas and snacks.

### **Online Offerings:**

Sunday 9:15 am Adult Sunday School

Sunday 10:30 am service

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)