



**HOLY NATIVITY**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Nineteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost: Proper 22  
Sunday, October 3, 2021  
10:30 a.m.

*Welcome to Holy Nativity!*

## **The Word of God**

**Opening Music** “Prelude on “Bera”” (*William Steere*)

John Durgan, organist

*All who celebrate a birthday in October 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.**

### **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.*

*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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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 Job 1:1; 2:1-10**

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, “Where have you come from?” Satan answered the Lord, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.” The Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.” Then Satan answered the Lord, “Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.” The Lord said to Satan, “Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.”

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, “Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.” But he said to her, “You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips. *The Word of the Lord.*

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

**Psalm 26** *Judica me, Domine*

1 Give judgment for me, O LORD,  
for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

**2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; \*  
examine my heart and my mind.**

3 For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.

**4 I have not sat with the worthless, \*  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.

**6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, \*  
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

**8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.**

9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, \*  
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

**10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, \*  
and their right hand full of bribes.**

11 As for me, I will live with integrity; \*  
redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.

**12 My foot stands on level ground; \*  
in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.**

### **The Epistle: A Reading from Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honor,  
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

*The Word of the Lord.*

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

# The Sequence Hymn “All hail the power of Jesus Name”

Hymn #450

6 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate  
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar  
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did  
 \* 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the  
 \* 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

ball, to him a - scribe, and

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and  
 2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and  
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and  
 4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and  
 5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

crown him Lord of all! to him a -

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al  
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of  
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,  
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you  
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

scribe, and crown him Lord of all!

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!  
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!  
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,  
 on this terrestrial ball,  
 to him all majesty ascribe,  
 and crown him Lord of all!

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (10:2-16)

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.    *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Steve Bates

*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, 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, David Burris, Liz Robin, Robert Dozier, Kelly Roberson, George McInnis, Terry Jangula, Jeannette Tremaine, Ursula Hixson, Krista Niziol, Michael Gailfoil.

**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, James Melzer, Corky Ajax, Michael and Cindy Satink, Michele Robin Higareda, Pam Stone, Beth Harned, Janice Hill, Mirela Shields, Bub Estes, Dee Burdette, Sandra Roose, Denise, Anne Rockwell, Gail Riley, Michael Bailey, Franchesca Bailey, Norma Hubbard, Joy Pardy, John and Carol Brannon.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for St. Michael's in Chickasaw and St. Michael's in Ozark.

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

**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, Nicholas Longden, Marcus Duffy, James Cowart.

**We pray for those celebrating birthdays:** Oct. 4: Tom Moore, Alex Moore, Oct. 6: Henry Davis, Oct. 8: Ursula Hixson.

**We pray for those celebrating anniversaries:** Oct. 7: Matt and Liz Ward, Oct. 8: Michael and Cynthia Fuller, Oct. 9: Austin and Janae Syfrett.

**The Altar Flowers are given this Sunday** are given to the glory of God.

*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.*

## Greetings and Announcements

### The Holy Communion

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

**Offertory Anthem** “Trio in F” (*Johannes Krebs*)

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:

*Celebrant and People*

# Sanctus “Holy, holy, holy Lord”

Hymnal #S-130

The musical score is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in a 4-part setting. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is primarily composed of half notes and whole notes, with some rests. 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 score is divided into five systems, each with a Treble and Bass staff. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding staff. The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system ends with a double bar line. The third system ends with a double bar line. The fourth system ends with a double bar line. The fifth system ends with a double bar line.

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.

## **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. Steve Bates
Assisting	The Rev. Tom Weller
Organist/Choir Dir.	John Durgan
Chancel Minister	Brian Leebrick
Acolyte	Brody Fuller
Lector	Michael Lovchuk
Ushers	Charles and Mary Bonham
Altar Guild	Gene and Kathleen Wicker, Max and Joyce Dannecker
Dir. Of Video Prod.	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.

### **St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals!**

October 6<sup>th</sup>: 5:30 pm: Blessing of the Animals at the pavilion with a cookout afterwards. If your pet can't make it, please bring a photo!

### **Wonderful Wednesdays!**

October 13<sup>th</sup>: Our Wonderful Wednesdays begin!  
4:30 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 pm: Casual Eucharist service  
6:00 pm: Supper is served  
6:30 pm: Programs for all ages  
Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Hurricane Ida donations:** We are collecting donations for St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in La Place, Louisiana. You can write a check to HNEC and note "Hurricane Relief" or you can donate online through our website, [www.holy-nativity.org](http://www.holy-nativity.org). Just donate through the "other" tab and note "Hurricane Relief".

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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)