



**HOLY NATIVITY**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Seventeenth Sunday after  
Pentecost: Proper 20  
Sunday, September 19, 2021  
10:30 a.m.

*Welcome to Holy Nativity!*  
*Our diocesan policy requires masks for all indoor activities.*

## **The Word of God**

**Opening Music** “Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us” (*arr. by 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.*

*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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 Proverbs 31:10-31**

A capable wife who can find?

She is far more precious than jewels.

The heart of her husband trusts in her,  
and he will have no lack of gain.

She does him good, and not harm,  
all the days of her life.

She seeks wool and flax,  
and works with willing hands.

She is like the ships of the merchant,  
she brings her food from far away.

She rises while it is still night  
and provides food for her household  
and tasks for her servant-girls.

She considers a field and buys it;  
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

She girds herself with strength,  
and makes her arms strong.

She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.  
Her lamp does not go out at night.

She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her hands hold the spindle.

She opens her hand to the poor,  
and reaches out her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid for her household when it snows,  
for all her household are clothed in crimson.

She makes herself coverings;  
her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Her husband is known in the city gates,  
taking his seat among the elders of the land.  
She makes linen garments and sells them;  
she supplies the merchant with sashes.  
Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
and she laughs at the time to come.  
She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
She looks well to the ways of her household,  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
Her children rise up and call her happy;  
her husband too, and he praises her:  
“Many women have done excellently,  
but you surpass them all.”  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.  
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,  
and let her works praise her in the city gates.  
*The Word of the Lord.*

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

### **Psalm 1 (KJV)**

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,  
nor standeth in the way of sinners,  
nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.  
But his delight is in the law of the Lord;  
and in his law doth he meditate day and night.  
And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,  
that bringeth forth his fruit in due season;  
his leaf also shall not wither;  
and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.  
The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff  
which the wind driveth away.  
Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.  
For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous:  
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

## **The Epistle: A Reading from James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. *The Word of the Lord.*

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

# The Sequence Hymn "I sing a song of the saints of God"

Hymn #293



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 They loved their Lord so \_\_\_\_\_ dear, so dear, and \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who \_\_\_\_\_ toiled and \_\_\_\_\_ fought and \_\_\_\_\_  
 his love \_\_\_\_\_ made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for \_\_\_\_\_  
 hund - reds of thou - sands still, the \_\_\_\_\_ world is \_\_\_\_\_ bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And \_\_\_\_\_  
 Je - sus' sake, the \_\_\_\_\_ whole of their good lives long. And \_\_\_\_\_  
 joy - ous saints who \_\_\_\_\_ love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -  
 one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was \_\_\_\_\_ slain  
 meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,



herd - ess on the \_\_\_\_\_ green: they were all of them saints of \_\_\_\_\_  
 by a fierce wild \_\_\_\_\_ beast; and there's not an - y rea - son -  
 or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of \_\_\_\_\_ God are just



God— and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.  
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.  
 folk like \_\_\_\_\_ me, and I mean to be one too.

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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 (9:30-37)

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

*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, 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, Ursula Hixson, Krista Niziol, Tommy Harding, 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.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for Immanuel in Bay Minette and The Commission on Affirmative Aging.

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

**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:** Sept. 19: Rob Doll, Sept. 20: Lucy Dozar, Anne Harris, Sept. 22: Eric Berry, Sept. 23: Powell Ennis, Sept. 25: Donna Jangula.

**We pray for those celebrating anniversaries:** Sept. 21: Trey and Angie Hutt.

**The Altar Flowers are given this Sunday** are given by The Berry family in honor of Eric's 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.*

## **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** “Trumpet Tune” (*Carson Cooman*)

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*

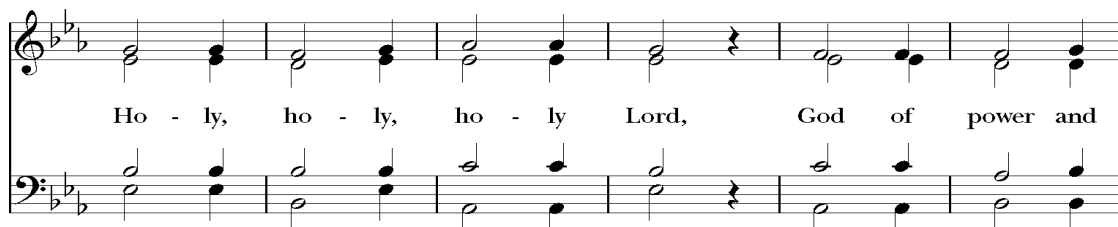
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*A Proper Preface is said by the Celebrant.*

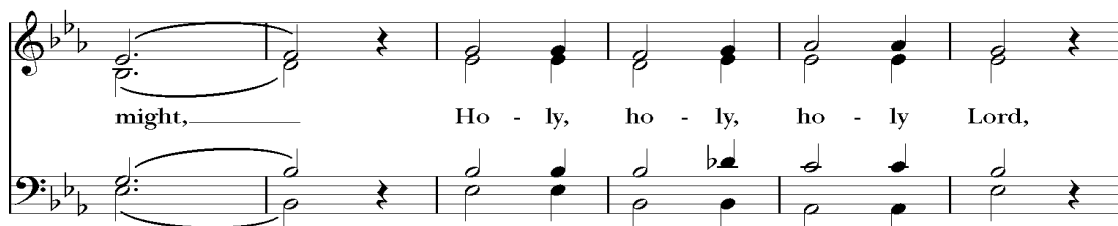
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus “Holy, holy, holy Lord”**

Hymnal #S-130



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



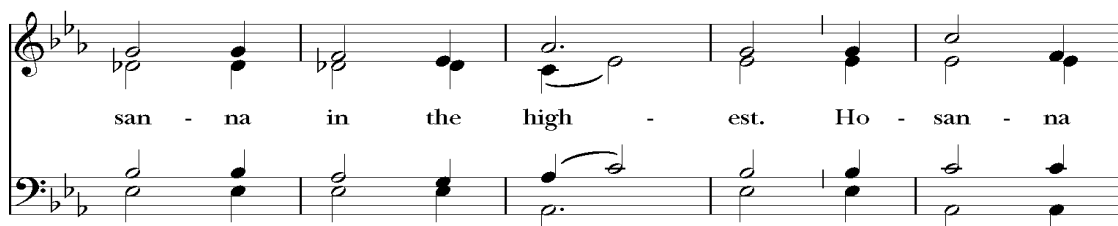
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



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. Tom Weller
Organist/Choir Director	John Durgan
Chancel Minister	Kelly Roberson
Acolyte	Shelby Roberson
Lector	Tom Ledman
Ushers	Max and Joyce Dannecker
Altar Guild	Tim and Monica Phillips, Mary Mittiga and David Burris
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.

### **Mark your calendars!**

October 6<sup>th</sup>: 5:30 pm: Blessing of the Animals  
With a cookout afterwards.

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

### **Pig Roast for Camp Beckwith Scheduled! October 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm**

Come out to benefit a great cause, enjoy a great meal, and spend some quality time with your family and friends.

Sign up sheets are in the back of the church and on the welcome table. The deadline to turn them in is Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. Don't be late! Directions for payment and reservations are included on the sheet.

**Hurricane Ida donations:** We are collecting donations for St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in 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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The Rev. Steve Bates, Rector  
The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate

### **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)