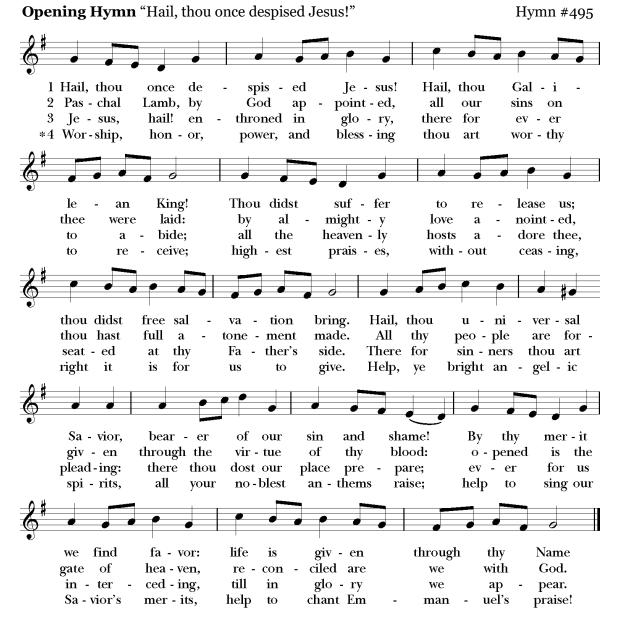


The Fifth Sunday in Lent Holy Eucharist, Rite Two Sunday, April 3, 2022



Welcome to Holy Nativity!

John Durgan, organist



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The Word of God

All who celebrate a birthday in April 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

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

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

Trisagion

Hymn #S-102

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the peopleThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The people sit.

The Lessons

Old Testament: Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise. The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126 In convertendo

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, * "The LORD has done great things for them."

4 The LORD has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, * like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Epistle: Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

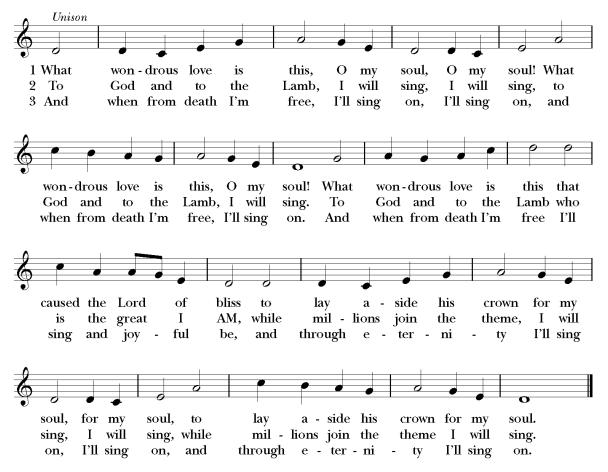
Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. *The Word of the Lord*.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn "What wondrous love is this"

Hymn #439



Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835 Music: Wondrous Love, from The Southern Harmony, 1835

Leader:The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
(1:1-8)People:Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about

to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." *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, Betty Grammer, Alice Kinney, Carl Harris, Tass, Mary Troxell, Sarah Mason, Lou Churchill, Malinda Kelly, Hannah Davis, Olivia Clemons, Tim Phillips, Pat Spangler, Inge Churchill, David Burris, Liz Robin, Kelly Roberson, George McInnis, Terry Jangula, Michael Gailfoil, Ursula Hixson, Brianna Kelley, Jeannette Tremaine, Karen Seubert, Joe Ciccarelli, Jim, Anna, Joyce Dannecker, Jerry Darnell.

For our friends: Shirley McNamara, Karen and Bruce Cox, Rose Leeth, Bob and Debbie Snuggs, Rosa Kulik, Ted Haney, Mary Johnson, Charlie Mann, Dillion, Alexandra, Mary Johnson and Cooper, Julia Phillips, Rosy Hong, Connie McKee, Dee Burdett, Sue Miller, Margaret Lord Wilde, Hannah, Maddie, Bay County Fire Fighters and First Responders, Don Cox.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. John's in Mobile and Immanuel in Bay Minette.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of Nigeria.

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, Nicholas Longden, Marcus Duffy, James Cowart.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays: Apr. 3: Avery Wattenbarger, Apr. 4: Alyssa Shores, Apr. 5: Mac Bonham, Mason Wattenbarger, Apr. 9: Anna McCord.

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries: Apr. 8: Joseph and Cristina Jansenius, Apr. 9: David and Madge Smith.

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 peopleThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd 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 "Passacaglia" (Henry P. Cross)

John Durgan, organist

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings (Old 100th)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures, here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

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

0 0	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

Hymn # S-129

Celebrant and People Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand, kneel, or sit reverently. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, then we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus

Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

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.

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

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

or with these words The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction and Blessing

Closing Hymn "When I survey the wondrous cross"

Hymn #474



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: Rockingham, from Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807)

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The Deacon, or a Priest, dismisses the people.The People respondThanks be to God.

Postlude Music

John Durgan, organist

Today's Ministers

Preacher	The Rev. Tom Weller
Celebrant	The Rev. Steve Bates
Organist/Dir. Of Choirs	John Durgan
Chalice Bearers	George McInnis and Lisa McLendon
Lector	Jenny Collier
Acolytes	Brody Fuller, Bailey and Will Melzer, Carson Berry
Ushers	Russell and Beth Brock
Greeter	Michael Fuller
Video Production Director	A.J. Jeffery
Altar Guild	Marla Churchill, Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon

SAINTS ALIVE

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

Lenten Soup Suppers and Lenten Series The Footsteps of Jesus

Join us on Wednesdays during Lent for a virtual pilgrimage of the Holy Land led by the staff of St. George's College in Jerusalem. A couple of years ago several of us from Holy Nativity travelled to Israel as part of the "Footsteps of Jesus" course. It was my hope that we could do this again this summer but until the pandemic is further behind us, the timing didn't seem right. This virtual pilgrimage features many of the sites we visited and is led by the faculty who led our course. Hopefully another trip can be planned for next year. If you have any potential interest in a Holy Land Pilgrimage, you won't want to miss this. Each video is approximately 15 minutes long which will leave us time for questions, discussions and of course, fellowship. Steve+

> March 9th – Jerusalem March 16th – No programs or worship (Spring Break) March 23rd – Bethlehem March 30th – Nazareth and Galilee April 6th – Jesus: Death, Resurrection and Ascension

> > Each Wednesday Worship – 5:30 Soup Supper – 6:00 **Soup Sign up sheet is in the foyer** Program – 6:30

OVER

Palm Sunday Clean Up Day! Join us on April 10th for a church clean up day! After the 10:30 am service, we will spruce up the campus for Easter Sunday. Bring your gloves and yard tools.

Parish Family Retreat at Camp Beckwith!

The Deadline to sign up is April 10th! Friday, April 22-Sunday, April 24, 2022 \$120 per person. Includes room, activities, and 5 meals. (Accommodation Upgrades and Downgrades Available) Contact Tricia Berry 407-456-0232 or TNE1025@hotmail.com to register or sign up on the sign up sheet in the foyer .

Steak and Bake for Wilmer Hall: Join us May 1st at 5:00 pm for hot off the grill steaks, baked potatoes, and fixin's that you'd expect. Come on 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 foyer. Please fill out and put in the offering plate. The cost is \$25/adults and youth and \$10/children. You can write a check or pay online through our website. Just note "Steak and Bake". The deadline is April 24th. More info on your sign up sheet.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2022

Palm Sunday (service begins in the courtyard) Apr 10 Holy Eucharist Rite One 8:00 am Adult Sunday School 9:15 am Holy Eucharist Rite Two with Children's Chapel 10:30 am (Live on Facebook) Apr 11-13 Morning Prayer at 7:30 am Join us in the church Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning for Morning Prayer. A great way to start your day during Holy Week. Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm Apr 13 A devotion consisting of prayers and meditations observing the final hours and events of the Passion of Jesus. Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00 pm (Live on Facebook) Apr 14 This service of Holy Eucharist will commemorate the last supper that Jesus shared with His disciples. The service ends with the stripping of the altar. Good Friday Service at 12 noon (Live on Facebook) Apr 15 This is a solemn service to recall Christ's crucifixion. Communion will be offered from reserved sacrament. **Easter Sunday** Apr 17 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite One Easter Brunch (Bring your favorite Easter Food!) 9:15 am Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite Two (Live on Facebook) 10:30 am

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SERVICES

Sundays

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite One (Nursery provided)
9:15 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite Two (Children's Christian Education & nursery is provided)

- 5:30 pm *five-thirty* service followed by dinner and programs (Sept. – May)
- 6:00 pm SummerTime: Evening Prayer followed by dinner (June –August)