

HOLY NATIVITY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Second Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
Sunday, March 13, 2022



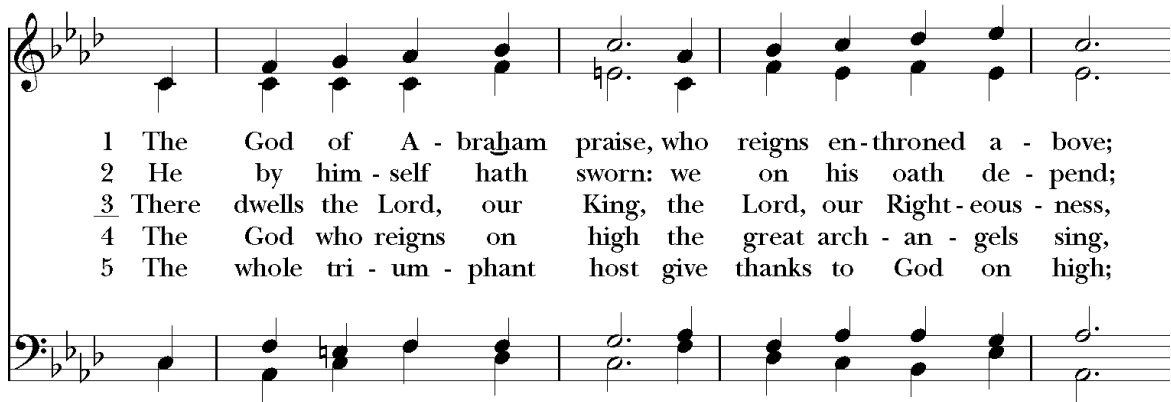
Welcome to Holy Nativity!

Prelude Music "Prelude" (Frank Cesar)

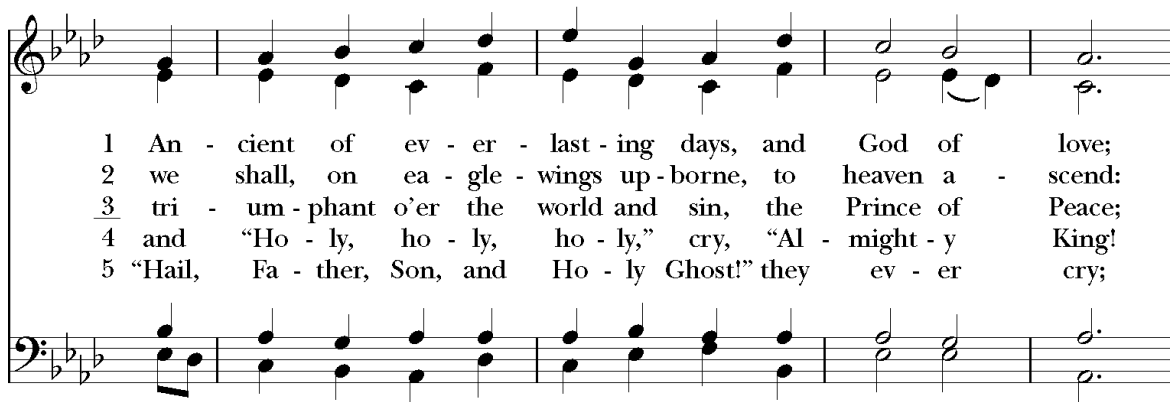
John Durgan, organist

Opening Hymn "The God of Abraham praise"

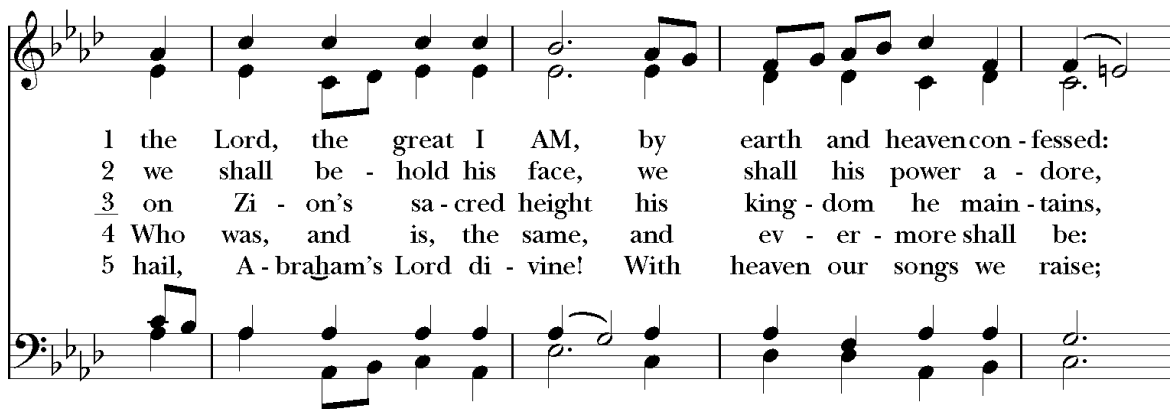
Hymn #401



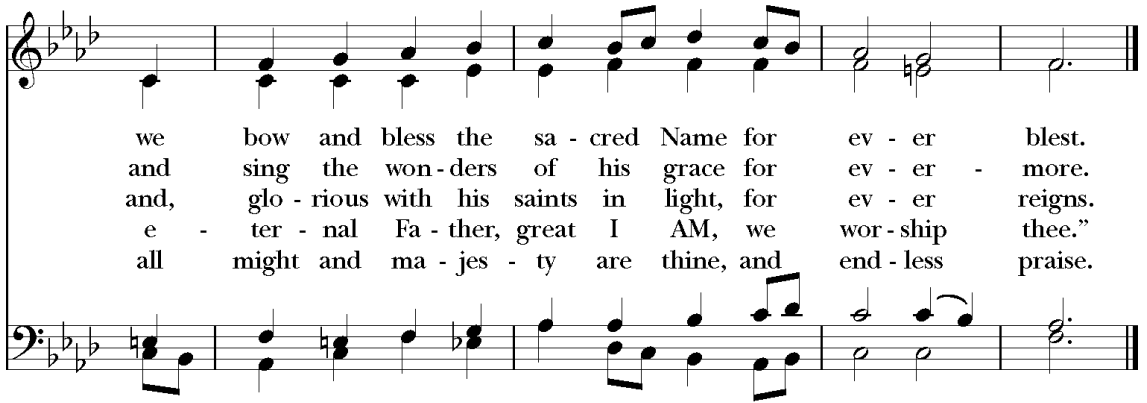
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - mighty King!
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

The Word of God

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 people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lessons

Old Testament: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates." *The Word of the Lord.*

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27 *Dominus illuminatio*

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

**2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.**

3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

**4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.**

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

**6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.**

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe
in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.

**8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.**

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

**10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.**

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

**12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

**14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the LORD will sustain me.**

15 Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

**16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.**

17 What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!

**18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the LORD.**

The Epistle: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. *The Word of the Lord.*

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn "Singing songs of expectation"

Hymn #527



1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his
 3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as



goes the pil - grim band, through the night of
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict,



doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.
 gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:
 one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:



Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and
 one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the
 one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the



burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we
 faith which nev - er tires, one the ear - nest
 far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -



march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.
 look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
 might - y Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
(13:31-35)

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

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'" *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.

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, Ken Shockley, Margaret Lord Wilde, Hannah, Maddie, Bay County Fire Fighters and First Responders.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Holy Cross in Pensacola and St. Mary's by the Sea in Coden.

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

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: Mar. 14: Russell Brock, Noah Patterson, Mar. 15: Lauren Presser, Mar. 18: William Cramer, Mar. 19: Boyd Faison.

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries: Mar. 15: Jimmy and Sue White.

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 “Prelude on Jesus Loves Me” (*arr. Dale Wood*)

John Durgan, organist

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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

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 “My faith looks up to Thee”

Hymn #691

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887) Music: *Olivet*, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

The Deacon, or a Priest, dismisses the people.
The People respond **Thanks 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	Joe Ciccarelli and Lisa McLendon
Lector	Tom Ledman
Acolytes	Ashtyn Williams, Esteban Pereira, Nicolas Pereira
Ushers	John Thompson and Chris Mills
Greeter	Ian Crelling
Video Production Director	A.J. Jeffery
Altar Guild	Gene and Kathleen Wicker, Barbara Knowles

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

Parish Family Retreat at Camp Beckwith! This is the time to sign up!

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 .

Bishop's visit and Confirmation Classes: It's not too late to join a class!

Bishop Russell will be here on Mothers Day, May 8th for his visit and for confirmations at the 10:30 am service. Confirmation Classes started March 6th at 9:15 am. Please call the church office at 850-747-4000 or email Madge at madge@holy-nativity.org. Youth and adults will have their own classes.

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.

Attention Church Ladies, we are delighted to announce that we are bringing Bunko back for all the ladies at the church to enjoy. The celebration committee will be hosting a get together once a month for bunko, or a cooking lesson, or an arts and crafts tutorial on the third Tuesday of every month. Please mark your calendars for our first Bunko game on **Tuesday, March 22 at 5:30pm**. Fun, fast, and easy. Don't worry, we'll teach you how to play in two minutes. The cost is \$30 and a bottle of wine. Pizza and salad will be provided. Please reserve your spot early by calling or texting Nina Godwin (850-814-9282) or Jennifer Ethridge (850-960-6050).

Wildfire Funds: All of us have watched with great concern, the wildfire emergency in our area. Please be in prayer for all those affected and for our first responders. I'm discovering that many who have been evacuated have no idea what they'll be facing once they're able to return to their homes. I'm also being made aware of so many who were given little notice to evacuate and have only the clothes on their backs. Just yesterday we were able to provide housing to a family of five until they are able to get back in their neighborhood and see what they're up against. As you become aware of specific needs, please contact me or the church office. We will help as we can. If you would like to assist monetarily, you can make donations on-line or at church. Please note "wildfire funds" on your donation. All funds will go to those in need.

God love you, Steve+

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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)