



HOLY NATIVITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 8, 2022
10:30 a.m.

Mother's Day
Confirmation
Honoring our Graduates



Welcome to Holy Nativity!

Prelude "There Is A Fountain" (*arr. by Harold Decou*)

John Durgan, organist

Processional Hymn "Christ is alive! Let Christians sing"

Hymn # 182

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant says
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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 #S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lessons

The First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.
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Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

**2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

3. He restoreth my soul;
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

**4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no
evil;
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

**6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

The New Testament

A Reading from Revelation 7:9-17

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Russell Kendrick

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Bishop says

The Candidate(s) will now be presented.

Presenters I present *these persons* for Confirmation.

Or I present *these persons* to be received into this Communion.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate **I do.**

Bishop

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate

I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Bishop then says these or similar words

Let us join with *those* who *are* committing *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good
News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving
your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for *these persons* who *have* renewed *their* commitment to Christ.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open *their hearts* to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep *them* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

A period of silence follows.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in *these* your *servants* the covenant you made with *them* at *their* Baptism. Send *them* forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before *them*; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Confirmation/Reception

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over *these* your *servants*; let your Holy Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that *they* may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Mother's Day Prayer – Prayers of the People

All who gather here are sons or daughters.

We praise God for the women who gave us life.

For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace, we give God thanks and praise.

For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried, we pray for peace. For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy, we pray for healing.

We pray for mothers who have died, that live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories, and for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.

For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn we pray and weep with those with broken hearts.

For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary, we pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.

For those who are preparing emptier nests, we both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.

For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family, we pray for wisdom and patience.

For Grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again, we pray these caregivers have those who care for them.

For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled. We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.

For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others, we give God thanks and praise.

For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world. For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life. For women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others. For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ. For the caregivers, prophets, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers. For Moms, in their wide variety and many forms, we give God thanks and praise.

We pray for the church and especially this parish family and our stubborn persistence in trying to make a difference in this world.

Silence

We pray for our country.

Silence

We pray for the welfare of the world especially remembering those whose lives are impacted by conflict, war and oppression.

Silence

We pray for those who are sick and for the concerns of our community.

Silence

We pray for those who are suffering and those who are in any trouble that they may be delivered from their distress.

Silence

We pray for those we miss, remembering especially this day our brother, Lou.

Silence

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

(Adapted from a litany by <http://fatpastor.me> and used with permission.)

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

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

Greetings and Announcements HONORING OUR GRADUATES

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture

Offertory “Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us” (*arr. by Hal Hopson*) The Chancel Choir

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 B

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

People The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

A Proper Preface is said by the Celebrant.

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

Sanctus “Holy, holy, holy Lord”

Hymnal #S-130

Celebrant and People

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. 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 piano accompaniment features chords and melodic lines that support the vocal melody. There are some fermatas and slurs in the piano part, particularly in the second and third systems.

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,

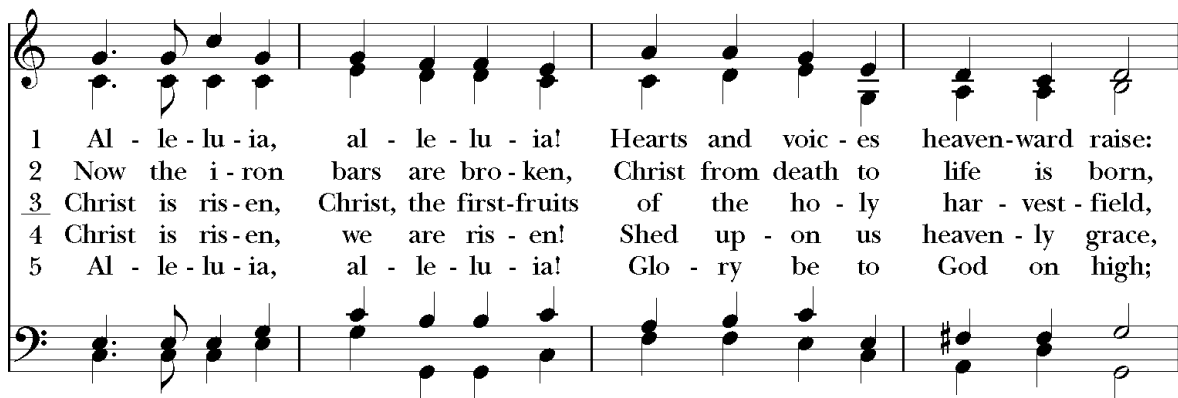
**you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**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.**

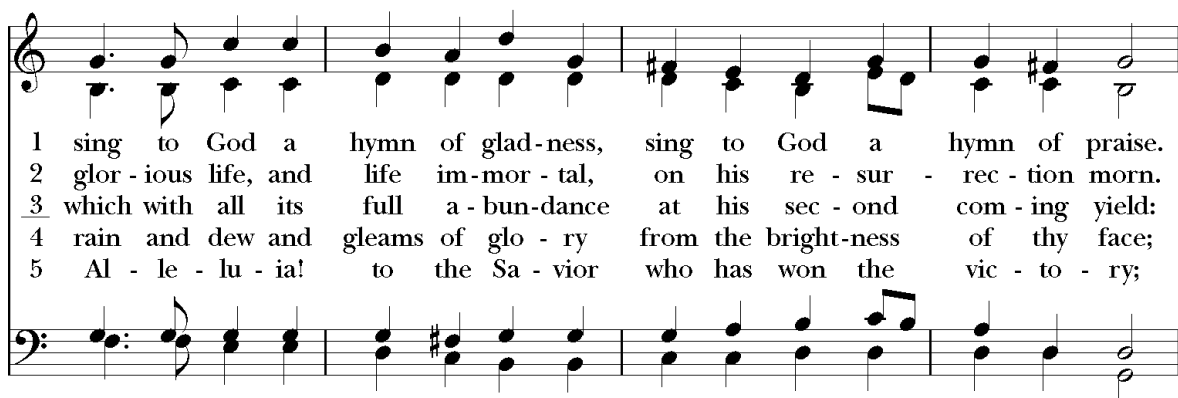
Benediction and Blessing

Closing Hymn "Alleluia, alleluia!"

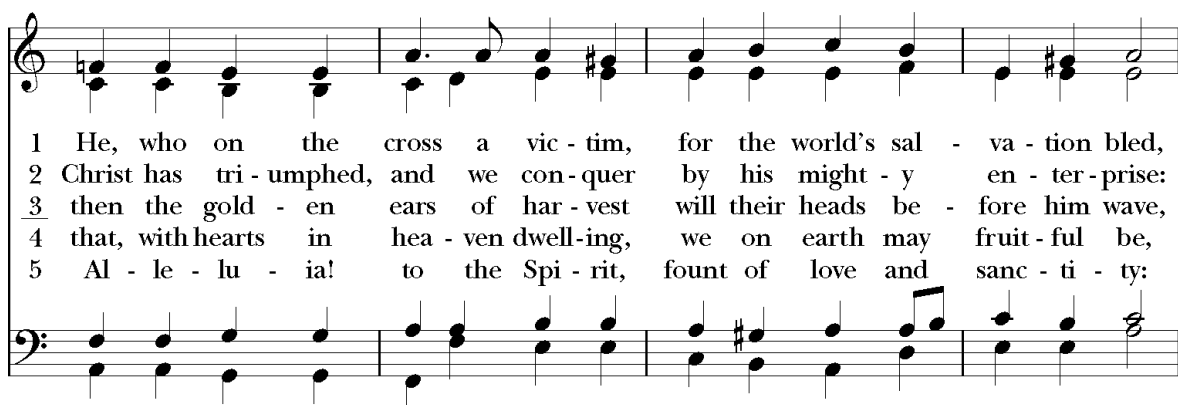
Hymn # 191



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven-ward raise:
 2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,
 3 Christ is ris - en, Christ, the first-fruits of the ho - ly har - vest - field,
 4 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us heaven - ly grace,
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;



1 sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
 2 glor - ious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his re - sur - rec - tion morn.
 3 which with all its full a - bun - dance at his sec - ond com - ing yield:
 4 rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of thy face;
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;



1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
 2 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y en - ter - prise:
 3 then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,
 4 that, with hearts in hea - ven dwell - ing, we on earth may fruit - ful be,
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty:

1 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
 2 we with him to life e - ter - nal by his re - sur - rec - tion rise.
 3 ri - pened by his glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.
 4 and by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be ev - er, Lord, with thee.
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885) Music: *Lux eoi*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

The Deacon, or a Priest, dismisses the people.
The People respond **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

John Durgan, organist

Today's Ministers

Preacher /Celebrant	The Rt. Rev. Russell Kendrick
Assisting	The Rev. Steve Bates, The Rev. Tom Weller
Organist/Dir. Of Choirs	John Durgan
Chalice Bearers	The Children of Holy Nativity, Scott Clemons and Brian Leebrick
Acolytes	Brody Fuller, Kate Leebrick, Alex Moore, Carson Berry
Lector	Children of Holy Nativity
Ushers	Children of Holy Nativity
Greeters	Children of Holy Nativity
Altar Guild	Joanne MacPhee, Kaew Sumpton, Alice Allen
Dir. Of Video Production	A. J. Jeffery

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, Malinda Kelly, Hannah Davis, Tim Phillips, Pat Spangler, Inge Churchill, David Burris, Liz Robin, Kelly Roberson, Terry Jangula, Michael Gailfoil, Ursula Hixson, Brianna Kelley, Jeannette Tremaine, Karen Seubert, Joe Ciccarelli, Jim Dickey & Anna Fomina, Joyce Dannecker, Jerry Darnell, Edyth Brown.

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, Sue Miller, Margaret Lord Wilde, Hannah, Maddie, Don Cox, Anne Rockwell, Ernie Gentry, Johnny Jernigan, Sandra Roose, the family of Eathan, Kathy Christian and her family.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Holy Nativity in Panama City and Episcopal Church Women.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Rwanda.

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: May 9: Hayden Henneberg, May 12: Jimmy Calton, Natasha Lithway, May 13: A. J. Jeffery, Grayson Williams, May 14: Ella Ennis.

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries: May 12: Denis and Lora Healey, May 14: Hansson and Melanie Henneberg.

The Altar Flowers are given this Sunday by Colton McCoy in celebration of Genevieve's birthday and for our graduates, mothers, and everyone who will be confirmed and received into the Episcopal Church today.

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.

Parish Brunch/Bishop forum: Join us at 9:15 am for our parish brunch as we congratulate our confirmands, our graduates, and welcome Bishop Russell to Holy Nativity. We will be having a forum with the Bishop during the brunch in Battin Hall.

Confirmations: Lauren Berry, Evan Cox, Zachary Cox, Benjamin Lee, Anna McCord, John Moore, Ashley Shores.

Receptions: Jamie Dunham, Mancy Lark, Will Lark

Shell Island Sunday Rescheduled to June 12th

It's become apparent over the last couple of weeks that so many of our folks (in fact, over 50 people) who normally participate in Shell Island Sunday are unable to attend this year due to scheduling conflicts. Shell Island Sunday is too important a part of our parish life to force it on a date when so many can't attend. The 11th Annual Shell Island Sunday has been rescheduled for Sunday, June 12th. We realize there is no perfect date, that weather might be "iffier" then and that some will have started their vacation season. But hopefully, this will be a more convenient time for most people. If you've signed up for the shuttle, you're still signed up unless you remove your name. We're working to re-open t-shirt sales. Please help spread the word to those who you know planning to attend who may not receive Church emails.

Wonderful Wednesdays on May 11th!

4:30 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal

5:30 pm: Wednesday Eucharist

6:00 pm: Supper is served

6:30 pm: Programs for all ages

Adult Choir Practice

Last Wednesday Night Celebration on May 18th: Join us as we celebrate our last Wednesday Night for the season. We will cookout, have oysters, have a waterslide for the kids, and Bishop Russell and Eleanor Reeves will be here to talk about the Diocesan Capital Campaign, Go Forward. Check out the welcome table area in the foyer for more info on the Go Forward campaign.

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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)

6:00 pm SummerTime: Evening
Prayer followed by dinner
(June –August)