



HOLY NATIVITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Rite Two, Year A

Sunday, January 8, 2023
10:30 a.m.



Welcome to Holy Nativity!

Prelude "Morning Has Broken" (arr. by Gilbert Martin)
Opening Hymn "Brightest and best of the stars"

John Durgan, organist
Hymn #117

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,
5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,
4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,
5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;

1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,
4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,
5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,

1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.
3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

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.

*All who celebrate a birthday in January 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.

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

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lessons

The First Lesson Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth,
I tell you of them. *The Word of the Lord.*

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.**

9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

**10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Second Reading Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” *The Word of the Lord.*

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn "In Christ there is no East or West"

Hymn # 529

Unison or harmony

The musical score is written for three voices (1, 2, and 3) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with three parts and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C).

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

Words: John Oxenham (1852-1941), alt.

Music: McKee, Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and harm. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

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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 Matthew (3:13-17)
People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill

all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Steve Bates

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People: Form III

People may remain standing, kneel, or sit reverently.

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Silence*

Remember in Prayer

(Names stay on the list for 3 months. If someone needs to stay on longer, contact Madge Smith at madge@holy-nativity.org or 747-4000. Always get permission from the person before you add them.)

From our congregation: Alice Kinney, Carl Harris, Mary Troxell, Sarah Mason, Hannah Davis, Inge Churchill, David Burris, Liz Robin, Terry Jangula, Ursula Hixson, Jeannette Tremaine, Edyth Brown, Gerhard Klaassen, Florence Fortier, Corey and Brianna Kelly, Susan Nelson, Sue White, Nell Barnett, Margaret Young, Mary and Marv.

For our friends: Ernie Gentry, Anne Rockwell, Sandra Roose, Kathy Christian and her family, Denise, Robert Simpson, Dylan Wood, Charlie Mann, Bob and Debbie Snugg, Ted Haney, Rosa Kulik, Myrna McKinley, Sebi MacKay, Amelia Davis, Jason Moss, Tine Guida, Stephen.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. John's in Monroeville.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

We pray for all active duty in the Armed Forces serving in Bay County and throughout the world: Michael Darrah, Stacey Johnson, Christopher Landess, Joseph Railey, Jeremy Hough, Wes Eberhard, Stacey Holliday, Caleb Loveland, Robert Ice, Andrew Frye, Michael Keller, Rex Brown, Nicholas Longden, Marcus Duffy, James Cowart, Austin Johnson.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays: Jan. 8: Mitch Leonard, Carolyn Parell, Jan. 11: Nina Godwin, Jan. 13: Stacy Herring, Michelle Niziol, Katie Wattenbarger, Jan. 14: Jeffery Ice, Karen Seubert.

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries: Jan. 9: Johnny and Elizabeth Moore, Jan. 12: Alvin Peters and Cecile Scoon.

The Altar Flowers are given this Sunday are given Victoria Williams and Jim Dunham in celebration for John Dunham.

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

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

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture

Offertory “Passacaglia in C Minor” (*J. S. Bach*)

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

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	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

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 musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The piano accompaniment consists of block chords and simple harmonic lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score is divided into five systems, each with a vocal line and a piano line.

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

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

[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

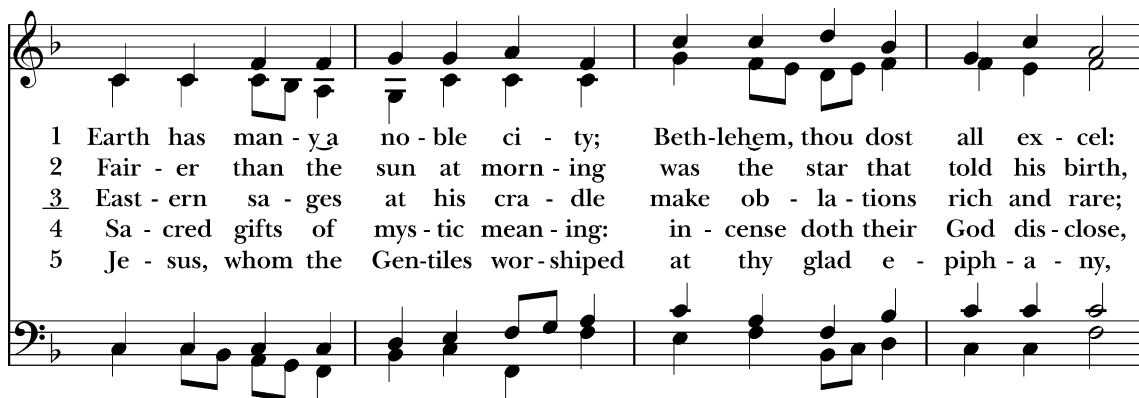
with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

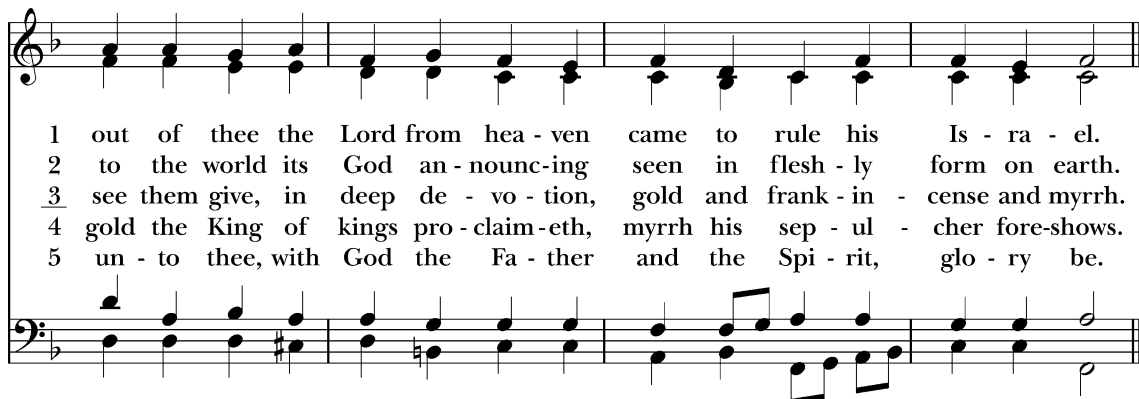
Benediction and Blessing

Closing Hymn: "Earth has many a noble city"

Hymn #127



1 Earth has man - ya no - ble ci - ty; Beth-lehem, thou dost all ex - cel:
2 Fair - er than the sun at morn - ing was the star that told his birth,
3 East - ern sa - ges at his cra - dle make ob - la - tions rich and rare;
4 Sa - cred gifts of mys - tic mean - ing: in - cense doth their God dis - close,
5 Je - sus, whom the Gen - tiles wor - shipped at thy glad e - piph - a - ny,



1 out of thee the Lord from hea - ven came to rule his Is - ra - el.
2 to the world its God an - nounc - ing seen in flesh - ly form on earth.
3 see them give, in deep de - vo - tion, gold and frank - in - cense and myrrh.
4 gold the King of kings pro - claim - eth, myrrh his sep - ul - cher fore - shows.
5 un - to thee, with God the Fa - ther and the Spi - rit, glo - ry be.

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410); tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt. Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. K. D. Smith (b. 1928). Harmonization by permission of K.D. Smith.

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 Rev. Steve Bates
Organist/Dir. Of Choirs	John Durgan
Chalice Bearers	George McInnis and Joe Ciccarelli
Lector	Rich Doran
Acolytes	Tyler Shores, Bailey and Will Melzer, Scarlet Jernigan
Ushers	Russell and Beth Brock
Greeter	Michael Fuller
Altar Guild	Joanne MacPhee, Kaew Sumpton, Alice Allen
Dir. Of Video Prod.	A. J. Jeffery

SAINTS ALIVE

This Week at Holy Nativity

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.

Holy Nativity's Annual Meeting will be January 22 at 9:15 am. Please come and hear about our church's year and we will be approving our budget for 2023. The staff will be providing breakfast.

Wonderful Wednesdays will resume Feb. 1, 2023! You don't want to miss the most fun night of the week!

5:30 pm: Church

6:00 pm: Supper is served

6:30 pm: Programs for all ages/Adult Choir Practice

Souper Bowl Sunday on Feb. 12! Bring your soup for the Backpack Ministry and wear your team colors for your favorite team, what ever the sport! Baskets will be set up in the foyer. Let's see who will win our Souper Bowl!

Looking ahead!

Feb. 21: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 5:30 pm

Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday services at 7:30 am and 6:00 pm

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The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate

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)

Wednesdays

5:30 pm *five-thirty* service
followed by dinner and
programs (Sept. – May)