

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Rite Two, Year A

Sunday, February 5, 2023 10:30 a.m.



Welcome to Holy Nativity!

Prelude "Prelude on Be Thou My Vision" (arr. Paul Fey)John Durgan, organist**Opening Hymn** "Songs of thankfulness and praise"John Durgan, organist



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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 February 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 saysBlessed 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*

PeopleThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus

Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

Old Testament: Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up vour voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God: they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the voke from among you. the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places. and make your bones strong: and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt: you shall raise up the foundations of many generations: vou shall be called the repairer of the breach. the restorer of streets to live in. The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1-9, [10] Beatus vir

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord * and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; * the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; * the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending * and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; * the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; * their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, * until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, * and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

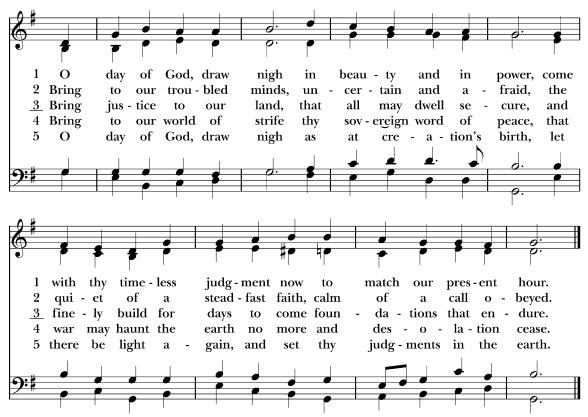
these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.] *The Word of the Lord*.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn "O day of God, draw nigh"



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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 (5:13-20)PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." *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: 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, Tim Phillips.

For our friends: Ernie Gentry, Anne Rockwell, Sandra Roose, Denise, Robert Simpson, Dylan Wood, Charlie Mann, Bob and Debbie Snuggs, Rosa Kulik, Myrna McKinley, Sebi MacKay, Amelia Davis, Jason Moss, Stephen, Earl Leavins, Ted Haney.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Agatha's in DeFuniak Springs.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Papua, New Guinea.

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: Feb. 5: Mary Mittiga, Feb. 6: Isaac Ward, Feb. 7: Everett Gladden, Dana Ledman, Feb. 9: Samantha Smith, Feb. 10: Michelle Kraut, Brian Leebrick, Feb. 11: Hannah Davis, Gene Miller, Susan Nelson, Hercules Pettis, Jeannette Tremaine.

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries: Ted and Ina Joy Conrad.

The Altar Flowers are given this Sunday are given by Joe and Sandy Ciccarelli in celebration of their daughter, Liz's birthday and also by Paula Hart in honor of Austin and Janae Syfrett for their birthdays.

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

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 "Concerto on Praise To The Lord" (arr. Paul Fey) 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 B

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

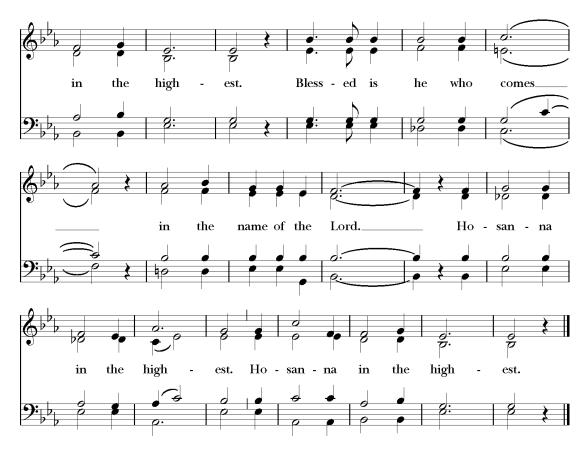
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 "Holy, holy, holy Lord" Celebrant and People





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.

Communion Music (please fill free to sing along)

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

2. When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. *(Refrain)*

3. And when I think that God, His son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. *(Refrain)*

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art. (*Refrain*)

Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees

1. Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. *(Refrain)*

3. Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. *(Refrain)*

Postcommunion Prayer

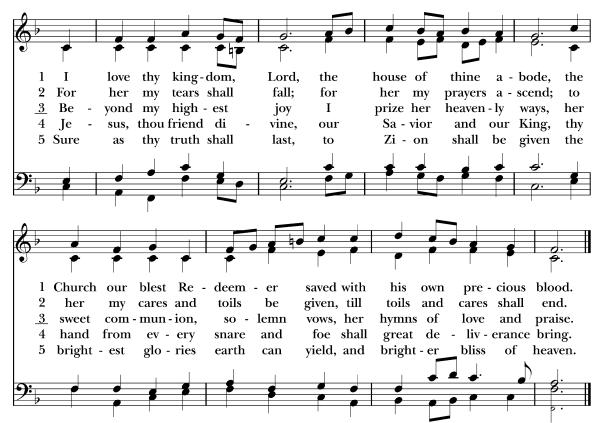
After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

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: "I love thy kingdom, Lord"



Words: Timothy Dwight (1725-1817). Music: St. Thomas (Williams), melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

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

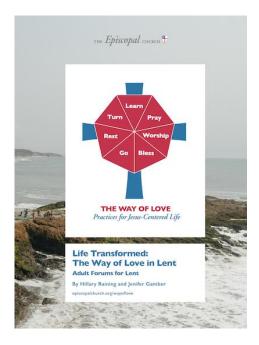
Postlude

John Durgan, organist

Today's Ministers

Preacher Celebrant Organist/Choir Dir. Chalice Bearers Lector Acolytes

Ushers Greeter Altar Guild Dir. Of Video Prod. The Rev. Tom Weller The Rev. Steve Bates John Durgan Kelly Roberson and Joe Ciccarelli Michael Lovchuk Kate Leebrick, Emma Crelling, Matheson Crelling, Carson Berry Charles and Mary Bonham Michael Fuller Gene and Kathleen Wicker, Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon A. J. Jeffery



Lenten Program 2023 The Way of Love in Lent Beginning March 1st Worship • 5:30 Soup Supper • 6:00 Program • 6:30

This Lent, you are invited to walk with Jesus in his Way of Love and into the experience of transformed life. Utilizing brief videos and discussion questions we will examine the 7 components of the Way of Love program developed by our Presiding Bishop. Note: There will be no Wednesday program on March 15th due to Spring Break.

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.

Wonderful Wednesdays have resumed!

You don't want to miss the most fun night of the week! 5:30 pm: Worship 6:00 pm: Supper is served 6:30 pm: Programs for all ages/Adult Choir Rehearsal

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!

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

We will feast on pancakes, sausages, and gumbo before Lent begins! Find the baby in the King's Cake and you will win reserved seating and parking on Easter Sunday! Donations will be accepted.

Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday services at 7:30 am and 6:00 pm with imposition of ashes. No Wednesday night supper or activities.

Laundry Love Sunday is Feb. 26, 2023!

Join us for this special Sunday where we will find out more about the Laundry Love Ministry! This important ministry needs volunteers! For donations, please note "Laundry Love" on your check or you can our website, holy-nativity.org and after you're in the online giving tab, click on "other". *Love Never Ends (Neither Does Laundry!)*

Dining Out Scheduled for Feb. 26: It's time! We will be gathering for another Dining Out soon! Join us at Olive Garden on Hwy 77, Sunday, February 26. We'll meet at 5:30 for cocktails then dinner at 6:00, dutch treat. This will also serve as the Supper Club Mixer and those who wish to be in Supper Club will receive their group info at that time as well. Join us for an evening out with good food & conversation and without kids, dogs or doorbells. Please contact Mary Ellen Pettis so that we can get a headcount and reserve enough space. You can sign up in the foyer, call/text at 850-628-4700 or email at <u>trespiscses522@gmail.com</u>.

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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)

Wednesdays

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