



HOLY NATIVITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 23, 2023
10:30 a.m.

HE IS RISEN
alleluia

Welcome to Holy Nativity!

Prelude "Freu Dich Sehr O Meine Seele" (*Siegfried Karg-Eert*) John Durgan, organist

Processional Hymn "We know that Christ is raised"

Hymn #296



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. _____
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. _____
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. _____
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows _____



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; _____
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life _____
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. _____
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. _____



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. _____
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. _____ Al - le -
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. _____
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: _____



lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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 #362, v. 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.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lessons

First Reading Acts 2:14a,36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God

calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 *Dilexi, quoniam*

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

**2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.**

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

**10 How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?**

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

**12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.**

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

**14 O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

**16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,**

17 In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. *The Word of the Lord.*

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn "Hail thou once despised Jesus!"

Hymn #495



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
 *4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
 to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710; harm. Roy. F. Kehl (b. 1935).

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (24:13-35).

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

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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 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.**

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, Sue White, Tim Phillips, Dianna Hawthorne.

For our friends: Earl Leavins, Ted Haney, Randy, Rosemary Martin, Lee Hardy, Brenda Wikins, Lauren Godwin, Zach Baird, Robert Shell, Connie Gillis, John and Barbara Daniel, Sandra Roose, Jason Moss, Rosa Kulik, Bob and Debbie Snuggs, Charlie Mann, Dylan Wood, Michelle Faircloth, Denise, Maddie, Katie.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church Cathedral in Mobile.

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

We pray for all active duty in the Armed Forces serving in Bay County and throughout the world: Wes Eberhard, Stacey Holliday, Marcus Duffy, James Cowart, Austin Johnson, Michael Darrah, Robert Ice.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays: Apr. 23: Lilly Grace Casady, Mandy Lark, Wyatt Syfrett, Apr. 25: Ella Cole, Robert Dozar, Apr. 26: Adam Cantrell, Apr. 27: Faith Smith, Apr. 28: Abram Jeffery, Apr. 29: Bailey Melzer, Madge Smith.

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries: Apr. 23: Edward and Mary Kathryn San Juan, Apr. 28: Stewart and Kaew Sumpton.

The Altar Flowers are given today by John and Peggy Vasta, Christina Jansenius and her family, Joe, Cole, and RJ in honor of their son's fifth anniversary of going to be with our Father on April 14, 2018. Also, by Austin and Janae Syfrett in celebration of Wyatt's birthday.

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 "Fugue in F Major" (*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 B

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

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

Hymnal #S-130

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 "He is risen, he is risen!"

Hymn # 180

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
 *3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
 ra - dian't brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680).

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 Rev. Tom Weller
Organist/Dir. Of Choirs	John Durgan
Chalice Bearers	Joe Ciccarelli and Kelly Roberson
Acolytes	Kate Leebrick, Grady and Finn Oenbrink, Charlotte Eberhard
Lector	Jenny Collier
Ushers	Ian Crelling and Daniel Melzer
Greeters	Jani Smith
Altar Guild	Gene and Kathleen Wicker, Joyce Dannecker, Melanie Cox
Dir. Of Video Production	A. J. Jeffery

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.

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events

April 30	Steak and Bake benefitting Wilmer Hall Children's Home (Sign up sheets on the Welcome Table)
May 6	Coronation Celebration Tea (Visit the table in the foyer)
May 7	Instructed Eucharist
May 14	Mother's Day Service/Honoring our Graduates/Acolyte Recognition
May 21	Bishop's Visit and Confirmation
Sept. 17	Shell Island Sunday

Instructed Eucharist: Everyone is invited to join Fr. Steve on May 7th at 9:15 am as he teaches us about the Eucharist and why we do the things we do during the service.

Honoring our Graduates! On May 14th, Mother's Day, we will be honoring our graduates. If you have a graduate in your home, please contact the church office at madgejsmith@gmail.com or 850-747-4000.

Steak and Bake for Wilmer Hall has been scheduled for April 30th. Sign up sheets are on the welcome table. This fundraiser is for our Diocesan Children's Home located in Mobile, AL. Go to wilmerhall.org to find out more about Wilmer Hall. **SIGN UP TODAY! WE NEED A COUNT SO WE CAN ORDER STEAKS.**

Confirmation Classes for Adults and Youth have been scheduled for April 16 and April 30, with a makeup class on May 7. If you or your youth would like to be confirmed into the Episcopal Church on May 21 when the Bishop is visiting, please contact the church office at madge@holy-nativity.org or 850-747-4000. Fr. Tom's class of "Episcopal 101" is open to everyone, not only folks interested in being confirmed, but anyone who would like to know more, or enjoy a refresher course about the Episcopal Church.

Bishop's Visit on May 21st: Bishop George Young will be visiting us on May 21st (Bishop Russell Kendrick will be on sabbatical) for our yearly visit. We will celebrate his visit and our confirmands with a brunch at 9:15 am. Please bring your favorite brunch food!

Coronation Celebration Tea

On May 6, 2023, please join us in Battin Hall for Holy Nativity Episcopal Church's "Coronation Celebration Tea." We will be celebrating the royal coronation of British King Charles III (Windsor-Mountbatten) which will take place at Westminster Abbey in London. Although the viewing time is not yet available, our tea is planned for 2 pm. Join us for tea, light food and sweets while celebrating the new king and head of the Church of England.

We are looking for twelve table-hosts and volunteers to provide tea sandwiches, scones, and sweets. Tea will be provided. Table Hosts will be responsible for decorating their table along with being the table host and will need to pay \$20. The sign up sheets are in the church foyer. Look for the Coronation Tea table.

Reservations are \$20.00 per seat with 12-tables and seven-seats-per-table. All proceeds will go to charity. There are 3 ways you can make a payment.

1. Write a check and note "Coronation Tea" on your check.
2. Pay cash and note on your envelope "Coronation Tea"
3. Pay online through our website, www.holy-nativity.org. After clicking the online giving tab, click on "other" or use the QR code.



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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)