

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 7, 2023 Rite Two 10:30 a.m.



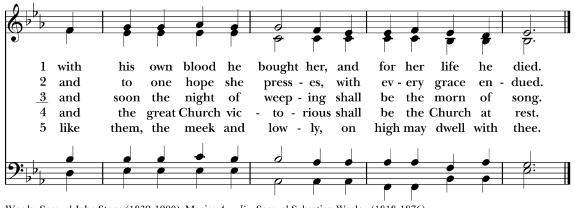
Welcome to Holy Nativity!

Prelude "Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing" (arr. Harold DeCou)

John Durgan, organist

The Church's one foun - da - tion 1 is Je - sus Christher Lord; na - tion, yet E lect from ev - ery 2 _ one o'er all the earth, 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed, toil and 4 Mid tri - bu - la - tion, and tu-mult of her war 5Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One, 1 she is his a - tion by and the word: new cre wa - ter -2 her char - ter of va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth; sal 3 schi - sms rent sun - der. bv her - e - sies dis - tressed; by а she waits the con-sum - ma-tion of peace for 4 ev - er more; those whose rest 5and mys - tic sweet com - mun-ion with is won. from heaven he came and sought her be his ho - ly bride; 1 to 2 ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, one saints their watch are keep - ing, their long?" 3 cry goes up, "How yet till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long-ing eyes are blessed, 4 5 ho - ly! Lord, 0 hap - py ones and give us grace that we

Processional Hymn "The Church's one foundation"



Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: Aurelia, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

The Word of God

All who celebrate a birthday in May 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.

Children's Time

All children are invited to come up for children's time. After, they will follow the cross out to participate in children's church, to return during announcement time.

The people standing, the Celebrant says 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! 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 peoplePeopleThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lessons

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died. *The Word of the Lord*.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 In te, Domine, speravi

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; * deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; * make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; * for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, * for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, * for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand; * rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, * and in your loving-kindness save me.

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner",

and

"A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."

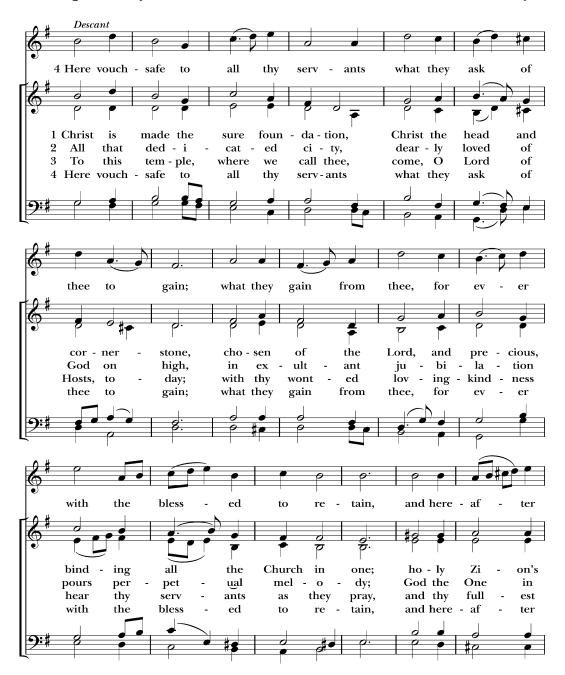
They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

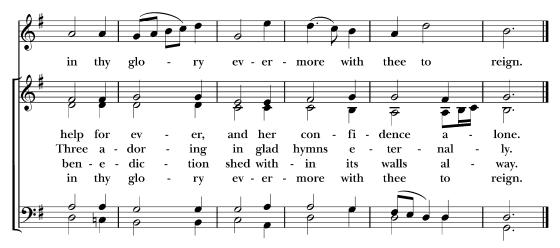
But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn "Christ is made a sure foundation"





Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt. Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929). Descant by permission of Church Society, London.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (14:1-14). *People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my

name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it." *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 holv 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, Sue White, Tim Phillips, Dianna Hawthorne, Joyce Dannecker.

For our friends: Earl Leavins, Ted Haney, Randy, Rosemary Martin, Lee Hardy, 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 St. Monica's in Cantonment.

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

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: May 9: Hayden Henneberg, May 12: Jimmy Calton, Natasha Lithway, May 13: A. J. Jeffery.

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries: May 12: Denis and Lora Healey.

The Altar Flowers are given today by Colton McCoy in celebration of Genevieve's birthday and by Inge Churchill in memory of Lou.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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 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 "Tuba Tune" (C. S. Lang)

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

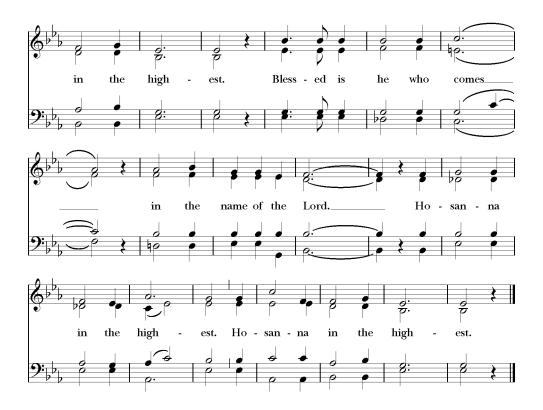
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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





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

Bread of the World

1. Bread of the world I mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead:

2. Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed; and be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.

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)*

For The Bread Which You Have Broken

1. For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

2. By this pledge that you do love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.

3. With our sainted ones in glory seated at the heavenly board, may the church that's waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

4. In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.

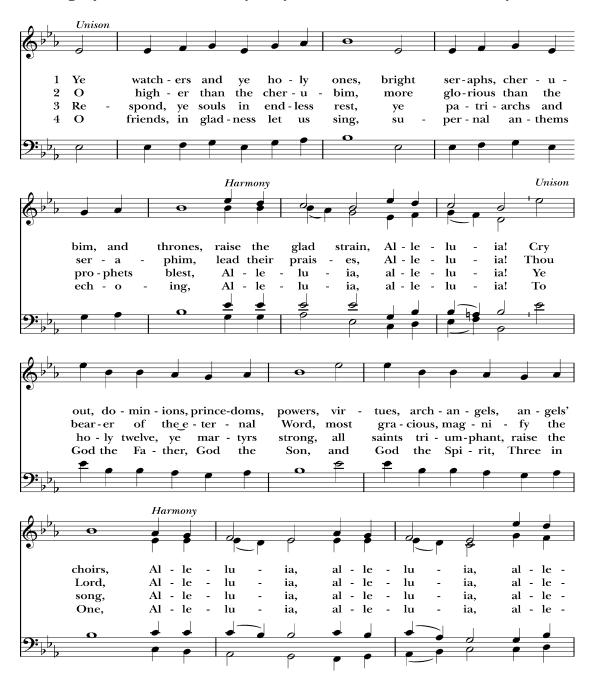
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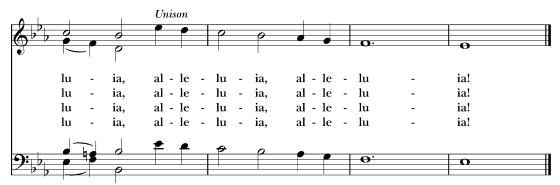
After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

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 "Ye watchers and ye holy ones"





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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 Organist/Dir. Of Choirs	The Rev. Steve Bates John Durgan
Chalice Bearers	Brian Leebrick and Joe Ciccarelli
Acolytes	Jackson Lee, John, Alex, and Tom Moore
Lector	Daniel Melzer
Ushers	Charles and Mary Bonham
Greeters	Jenny Collier
Altar Guild	Rhonda Miller, Victoria Williams, Nancy Breland,
Dir. Of Video Production	Boopie McInnis 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

May 7Instructed EucharistMay 14Mother's Day Service/Honoring our Graduates/Acolyte RecognitionMay 21Bishop's Visit/Confirmation/Parish BrunchSept. 17Shell 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.

May 10th: Wednesday Night Blowout! Join us for our last Wednesday Night of the season! 5:30 pm: Worship, 6 pm: Cookout with hamburgers, hotdogs, and oysters! Kids: bring your swimsuit for the waterslide!

May 14th: Mother's Day, Honoring our Graduates, and Acolyte Recognition! 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.

Bishop's Visit on May 21st: Bishop George Young will be visiting us on May 21st (Bishop Russell Kendrick is 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!

Attention Backpack Ministry Volunteers! Join us May 23rd at 4:30 pm for our final packing of the year followed by happy hour and refreshments. We will raise a glass and toast our successful year!

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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)