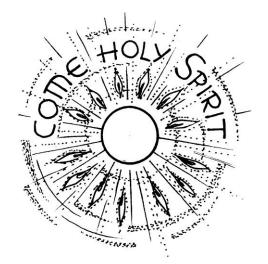


# The Third Sunday after Pentecost Proper 6

Sunday, June 18, 2023 Rite Two 10:30 a.m.

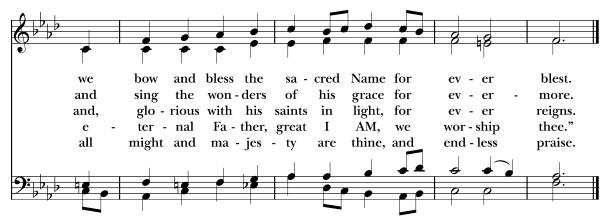
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



Welcome to Holy Nativity!

John Durgan, organist





Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, alt.

# 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.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

# CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd 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**

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.

Hymn #362, v. 1

# The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the peopleThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

The people sit.

# The Lessons

# First Reading: Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh." [The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."] *The Word of the Lord*.

# People Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 116:1, 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.

# 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!

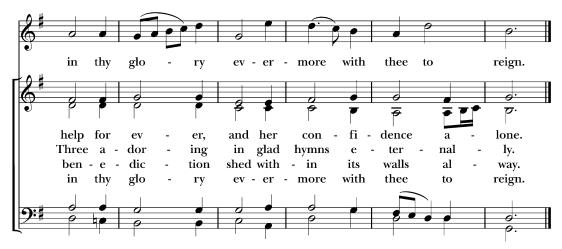
# The Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. *The Word of the Lord*.

People Thanks be to God.

#### The Sequence Hymn "Christ is made the 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 Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23).PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for

laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."] *The Gospel of the Lord.* 

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

#### The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Ashley Freeman

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, Sue White, Tim Phillips, Dianna Hawthorne, Joyce Dannecker, Al Tremaine, Mike Gailfoil, Ann Watts.

**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, Pat Rowan, Shawn and Barbara Walsh.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for St. Cyprian's in Pensacola, and the Commission on Racial Justice and Reconcilliation.

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

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:** June 18: Mary Ellen Harding, June 20: Kan Davis, Greg Gladden, June 23: Lauren Berry, Taylor Bradley, June 24: Zachary Cox.

**We pray for those celebrating anniversaries:** June 18: George and Boopie McInnis, June 20: John and Joy Thompson, June 22: Russell and Beth Brock, June 24: Gordon and Pattie Akst, Mark and Nina Godwin.

**The Altar Flowers are given today** by Gordon and Patti Akst in celebration of their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and by Nancy Phares in memory of Robert Phares.

### **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 people

The 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 Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture

**Offertory** "Sinfonia from Cantata #29" (J. S. Bach) John Durgan, organist

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings (Old 100th)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures, here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

# **Holy Communion**

# 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.

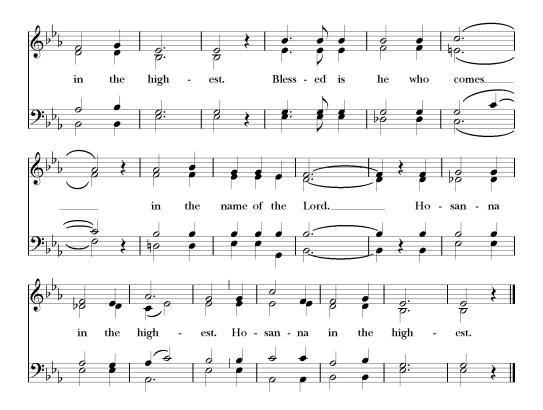
*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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.

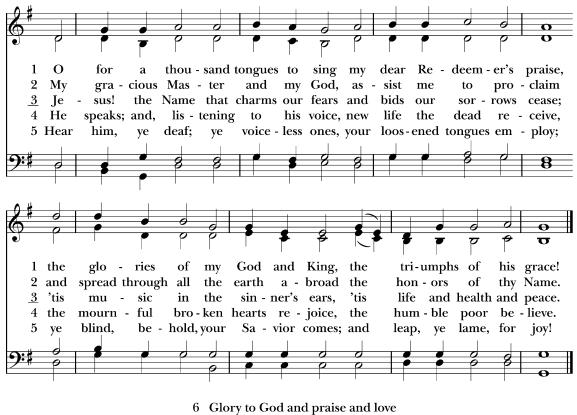
#### **Postcommunion Prayer**

*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 "For a thousand tongues to sing"



be now and ever given by saints below and saints above,

the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

#### 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 Assisting Organist/Dir. Of Choirs Chalice Bearers Lector Acolytes Ushers Greeters Altar Guild Dir. Of Video Production The Rev. Canon Ashley Freeman The Rev. Tom Weller John Durgan Ian Crelling and George McInnis Daniel Melzer Grady Oenbrink, Jackson Lee, Wyatt Syfrett John Thompson and Chris Mills Jani Smith Joanne MacPhee, Kaew Sumpton, Alice Allen 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.

**It's time to update the Church Directory!** There will be copies of the church directory on the welcome table for you to check your contact information. Please make corrections if needed.

#### Rally Day and Blessing of the Backpacks: August 6, 2023

Join us for this fun Sunday! Lay Ministry Fair all morning. Blessing of the Backpacks during the 10:30 service. Parish Potluck after the 10:30 am service. Meat will be provided. Kids: bring your swimsuits for the waterslide.

#### Shell Island is scheduled for September 17th!

Service at 11 am at the island. Both regular services will be held at the church. Come in your own boat, hitch a ride with a friend, or sign up to ride the ferry. A display will be out in August in the foyer.

Parish Picnic after the service. Bring a side dish and meat will be provided. Please bring your own beverages. Fellow Holy Nativity Parishioners,

As most of you know Father Steve has announced his intention to retire effective May, 2024. In response, the Bishop has asked Father Steve and he has agreed that we consider a new model for Father Steve's retirement and our next search process. This model allows us to begin the search process immediately, while Father Steve continues to serve as our Rector, and minimizes our time of having an interim Rector.

The vestry is now in the process of forming a search committee. We request that you prayerfully consider serving on this committee. To serve on this committee, you must be a member in good standing, be willing and able to commit to attend frequent meetings to assist in the preparation of the Congregational Self-Assessment and Parish Profile and evaluate prospective candidates and be able to travel on weekends to visit the churches of the prospective candidates who make the "short list". Ultimately, the search committee is responsible for selecting and recommending to the vestry the candidate they feel should be called to serve as our next rector.

If you have any interest in serving on the search committee, please discuss this with one of your vestry members. If you do not feel that you can commit the time to being on the search committee but are willing to assist the search committee in such tasks as gathering and compiling data for the Congregational Self-Assessment and Parish Profile, please also discuss this with a vestry member.

Ivan Pereira Senior Warden

Terry Jangula Junior Warden

#### Your Current Vestry Members

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#### SERVICES

#### Sundays

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite One 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)