



Holy Nativity



The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
October 18, 2020

The Prelude

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

The Presider says.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Hebrew Scripture Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99

1 The Lord is King;

let the people tremble; *

he is enthroned upon the cherubim;

let the earth shake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion; *

he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *

he is the Holy One.

- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

A Reading from the New Testament 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



The Gospel

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew 22:15-22.

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

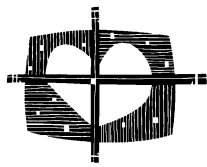
The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Judy Baldwin



The Prayers of the People

Lord God, with gratitude for all your goodness, we come to you in prayer – for our family and friends, for our sisters and brothers in faith, and for the world of nations you have made.

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying, Hear us, Lord. Hear us.

Remember those who are dear to us. Wrap your steadfast love around them, sustain them in times of trouble, and keep them always in your care.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord. Hear us.

Remember the church of Jesus Christ. Empower us to proclaim and live the gospel. Strengthen us in our conviction and make us imitators of the Lord. Keep us steadfast in your work of bringing justice and peace to our world.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord. Hear us.

Inspire the nations on our small planet that they need not be enemies but can work together to care for their people. Send out your Spirit to renew the earth. Let us care for the resources you have given us that they will be available for our children and our children's children.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord. Hear us.

Give us grace to welcome people into our land and into your house that your love will be known in all the world. Let those persecuted or abused find a safe home in our country. Let us share our plenty with those who have less.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord. Hear us.

Be with our nation as we vote for the direction our country will take in the years to come. Keep our citizens safe and lead us to vote in line with what you have taught.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord. Hear us.

We pray especially for Fr. Michael and his husband, Chad. Let this move be life-giving for them and for Holy Nativity. Help us to welcome them, and to support Fr. Michael in his ministry with us.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord. Hear us.

Officiant: Closing Prayer

The Confession of Sin

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God.

People: **God of all mercy,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Presider says

May God love you and have mercy upon you;
Through the cross of Christ, pardon you and set you free.
God forgives you. Forgive others. Forgive yourself.
In the name of the Source, the Word, and the Spirit. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome to Holy Nativity

*We welcome everyone to Holy Nativity
and announce upcoming events.*



THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Presentation Hymn

The Times They Are a-Changin'
Lyrics and Music by Bob Dylan

The Great Thanksgiving

*The Sursum Corda is a form of introduction to prayer.
Here begins the Great Thanksgiving.*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues.

Creative God, source of all life and ground of our being, you are the vibrant energy dancing at the center of the universe. Through us, you move; and through us, you are made known to the world. Co-creators with you, we are emboldened to move beyond ourselves to find courage to let go of old ways and welcome new life.

For by water and the Holy Spirit, you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

And so in concert with those of every generation who have been touched by your redeeming love, we lift our praise to you.

Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider continues.

Holy God, known and beyond all knowing, in your image you created us, male and female, giving the earth into our care. In our arrogance, we lost touch with the breath of God within us and the divinity of the creation, growing blind to its beauty and deaf to its harmonies. But through Christ, born of a woman, your deep abiding love reclaimed us and re-aligned us with the flow of the universe.

On the evening in an upper room, with his friends around him, our brother Jesus blessed the bread, broke it, and shared it with all who were gathered, saying, "This bread is my body, an offering of God's love for all. When you eat it, remember me."

Taking the cup of wine, he blessed it and shared it with all who were gathered, saying, "Take this wine. It is my blood. God's promise of new life for all. When you drink it, remember me."

God, in memory of Jesus, who healed people and washed disciples' feet, who loved children and honored outcasts, who fed people and turned water into wine, who died and rose to new and unending life - we ask that you breathe on this bread and this wine, filling them with the transforming power of the Christ.

All:

Breathe through us, God, that our bodies, minds, souls, and spirits may be filled with your life-giving presence. Make us again a holy people, strongly bound to you, firmly rooted in the earth, with eyes to see all life as sacred. Empower us to spread the light of Christ in our troubled and confusing world. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All:

**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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation

Presider: Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

Communion



The Post-Communion Prayer

God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life
and the cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another,
and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.
Now, send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life
of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Closing Hymn

Up Above My Head
Performed by Hovie Lister and The Statesmen Quartet

The Blessing and Dismissal

Presider: Go forward, knowing that you do not go this way alone. Nor do we have to be afraid, for the Word of God strengthens us and the Holy Spirit guides our path.

And may the peace that passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's son, Jesus Christ. May the blessing of God, our mother and father, and of Jesus, who redeemed us, and the Holy Spirit, who sustains us, be with us this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

Presider: Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Postlude

All Saints' Sunday
is just around the corner – November 1.
If you want names read during the Necrology,
please email first and last names to
holynativitylax@gmail.com by **October 28.**
Thank you.

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MISSION STATEMENT

**We are a community of people who share our joy
in the peace and love of God with our children and neighbors.
We support each other as we celebrate God's blessings in our
lives through worship, prayer, music, and service to others.**