



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

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Our Mission: To transform lives with the love of God In Jesus Christ.

All are welcome! No Exceptions!



May 5, 2024 - The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Today's Celebrants

Holy Eucharist Rite I - 8 am - The Rev. Scot McComas, Rector

Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10 am - The Rev. Wayne V. Whitney, PhD., Associate Rector

All church activities may be internet streamed, video recorded, and photographed for church uses.

Entry on to the church campus or into any church building constitutes consent to be streamed, videotaped, or photographed for church purposes. Scent-Free Seating in the Nave - Because some folks have allergy issues, we have created a scent-free section in the front left part of the sanctuary. Please sit in that section only if you are free of scented items such as perfume, hairspray, after-shave, body spray, hand lotion, etc. It's an act of hospitality.

Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving for the Land

Acknowledging the people of the land, the Akimel O'odham, O'odham Jewed, Hohokam, and other indigenous people as original stewards of this land, we give thanks for our ancestors, our elders, and for all indigenous peoples. We commit ourselves to actively work alongside indigenous people for reconciliation and justice as we live into our Baptismal Covenant and respect the dignity of every person.

During the 8:00 service:

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Opening Acclamation

Song of Praise/*Alleluia*

Collect of the Day

Prayerbook 323

Prayerbook 356

Prayerbook 174

During the 10:00 service:

Lilacs Op 21 No 5, Rachmaninov

Hymnal 204 vs. 1-4

Prayerbook 355

Hymnal 178 vs. 1-2

Prayerbook 225

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Psalm 98 *Let us read it responsively by whole verse.*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 **With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.**
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 **He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 **Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.**
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 **Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.**
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 **In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.**

Second Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Sequence Hymn: *We know that Christ is raised* Hymnal 296 (vs. 1-2 before the Gospel, 3-4 afterwards)

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Sermon: The Rev. Scot McComas, Rector (*a few moments of silence follow the sermon*)

	<u>During the 8:00 service:</u>	<u>During the 10:00 service:</u>
Nicene Creed	Prayerbook 326	Prayerbook 358
Prayers of the People	Prayerbook 387	Prayerbook 387
The Peace		
Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Blessings		
Offering Anthem		<i>I Will Sing with the Spirit</i> , John Rutter Nativity Choir
Doxology	Hymnal 380 vs. 3 (<i>spoken</i>)	Hymnal 380 vs. 3
The Great Thanksgiving	Prayerbook 340	Prayer A - Prayerbook 361
The Sanctus	Prayerbook 341	Hymnal S129
The Lord's Prayer	Prayerbook 336	Prayerbook 364
Breaking of the Bread	Prayerbook 337	Hymnal S154

The Invitation to Communion

All who seek God are welcome to the Lord's Table to receive the Bread and Wine of Christ's Body and Blood. Even if you do not seek God, God seeks you. For those who would like to receive a gluten-free wafer, please cross your hands palms-down. If you would prefer a blessing instead of communion, fold your arms across your chest. Healing prayers and prayers of Intercession are available during the 10 am service in the Prayer Chapel during Communion.

	<u>During the 8:00 service:</u>	<u>During the 10:00 service:</u>
Communion Hymn		<i>One Bread, One Body</i>
Post-Communion Prayer	Prayerbook 339	Prayerbook 365
The Easter Blessing		
Closing Hymn		Hymnal 344
Dismissal		



*The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God,
in joyous celebration of Erik's 51st birthday
by Cheryle & Jan Dunkelberg*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nativity Church Legacy Committee

Sunday, May 5, you are invited to meet with attorney Dan Packard for a discussion of Wills, Trusts, and Planned Giving immediately following the 10 am Sunday worship service. Dan is a fellow parishioner and expert in Arizona probate law. All are welcome in the Holy Family Room for this event, so please welcome Dan and take advantage of this opportunity. Presented by the Nativity Church Legacy Committee.

Power Bible Study

Online Sunday Morning Power Bible Study with Dr. Wayne is available every week on the Nativity Scottsdale channel on YouTube. Access all of Nativity's content on YouTube via this URL:

<https://www.youtube.com/@thenativity2006>.

Creation Care Nativity

In honor of Earth Day, and Earth Day's educational roots, there are a couple of websites you might find helpful in exploring a wide range of ecological and climate based topics. You can subscribe to their newsletters: The Episcopal Churches Creation Care Newsletter <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/creation-care-subscribe/> Another organization with an outstanding source of information on current topics and concerns is: EarthDay.org. Both distribution lists send informational articles and materials that might be of interest.

Nativity Knitters

Knitters, if you are knitting hats for the Mesa Men's Shelter and you want to get them out of your closet....bring finished hats to church. There is a box on the wooden desk in the music room, labeled "men's hats." We will knit until November, with a goal of 90 hats. You can crochet or knit, any color or weight of yarn, any pattern. The more variety the better!

The next Creativity Class will meet on the FIRST Tuesday of May, the 7th, at 10 am in the Bethlehem Room. We will be creating an original design for a Birthday Card, using calligraphy, airbrush, stencil, paper cutting and folding. We will also make an envelope to match. This will be a chance for us to brush up on some techniques we have touched upon in the past, plus learning something new. Special equipment and supplies will be provided. Just bring your shoebox of gear (scissors, tape, etc). Any questions? Email Dawn at dawnkastaz@outlook.com.

May Ones and Twos

Ones and Twos is a social group of adults at the Episcopal Church of the Nativity, which meets about once a month. It is open to all members, visitors and guests. The next event is hosted by Tristan McManaman and Cyril O'Neal. Friday, May 10, from 6 - 8 pm. Their address is 29229 N 64th St. (between Dynamite and Dixileta Roads), Cave Creek AZ 85331. Parking is best on 64th street, both sides that are wide enough.

Food: Being catered as a TACO FIESTA and MARGARITA BAR! Also, Quesadillas, chips, salsa, guacamole, etc. Please bring your alternative beverage, if you prefer, and only desserts as shareables.

RSVP: Tristan@selectr.com or 310-503-3739 (Preferred to help catering numbers).

Movies and More

Join us May 17 at 6 at SOL Mexican Cocina in the Scottsdale Quarter (address: 15323 N Scottsdale Rd) for a discussion of the film *The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare*. See the film first and RSVP to Wesley Spencer at dwesleyspencer@gmail.com.

Nativity presents our 2024 Vacation Bible School

July 8 to July 12. From nine to noon. For more information please contact Haidee Williams at

haideeonly@gmail.com.