

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

22405 N. Miller Rd., Scottsdale, Arizona 85255 | [www.NativityScottsdale.org](http://www.NativityScottsdale.org) | 480-307-9216

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

*All are welcome! No Exceptions!*



## **April 27, 2025 - The Second Sunday of Easter**

*Celebrant 8 am & 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

The Episcopal Church of the Nativity is situated on the ancestral land of the Huhugam and Salado people and present day O'odham, Yavapai, and Apache people who traveled throughout this land. We respectfully acknowledge and honor all Tribal communities - past and present - for their ongoing stewardship of this land. 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 service:

Opening Hymn

Opening Acclamation

Song of Praise

Alleluia,

Prayerbook 323

Prayerbook 324

#### During the 10 service:

*Come Ye Faithful,*

Hymnal 199 vs 1, 2, 4

Prayerbook 355

Hymnal #178 Alleluia,

During the 8 service:

Prayerbook 172

During the 10 service:

Prayerbook 224

Collect of the Day

*Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **First Lesson: Acts 5:27-32**

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

**Psalm 150** *Book of Common Prayer* p.807

*Let us read it responsively by whole verse.*

1 Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy temple; \*

praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 **Praise him for his mighty acts; \***

**praise him for his excellent greatness.**

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*

praise him with lyre and harp.

4 **Praise him with timbrel and dance; \***

**praise him with strings and pipe.**

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*

praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 **Let everything that has breath \***

**praise the Lord. Hallelujah!**

**Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4-8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel Hymn: *We know that Christ is raised* Hymnal 296

(vs. 1-2 before the Gospel, 3-4 afterwards)

## **Gospel: John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon: The Rev. Wayne V. Whitney, PhD., Associate Rector  
*(a few moments of silence follow the sermon)*

Nicene Creed	<u>During the 8 service:</u> Prayerbook 326	<u>During the 10 service:</u> Prayerbook 358
--------------	--	---

## **Prayers of the People**

*Leader:* Joyful in the light of your love and your invitation to abundant life in Christ, we offer to you now the prayers of our deepest longings and hopes saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Leader:* Lord, give us hands that reach out to the poor, the imprisoned, the hungry, the homeless, the sinful, the undesirable in the spirit of your love. Help our indifference. Lord in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Lord, give us voices to proclaim the good news of your justice to all the persecuted and persecutors of the world. Help our lethargy.

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Lord, give us leaders the work toward justice and life for all people and nations. Help our apathy.

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Lord, give us churches that welcome all your beloved and strive to walk your way of love. Help us desire to change.

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Lord, give us bodies, minds, and spirits that are hopeful and healthy. Help our sickness and our sin.

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Lord, give us the promise of eternal life in you. Help us to be your signs in the world, that we might impart peace to the dying and comfort to the grieving. Help our inadequacy.

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Heavenly Father you desire nothing but life in abundance for us. Give us courage to claim that life, and the conviction to proclaim your goodness in all we do. We ask this through your Son, our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

***People:* Amen.**

During the 8 service:

During the 10 service:

The Peace

Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Offertory Music

*Walk Together Children*

Moses Hogan,

soloist Logan Talarico

Doxology

Hymnal #380 v. 3

The Great Thanksgiving Prayerbook 340

Prayer A - Prayerbook 361

Sanctus Prayerbook 341

Hymnal #S341

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*

During the 8 service:

During the 10 service:

Communion

*Jesus Paid It All* J T Grape

Post-Communion Prayer Prayerbook 339

Prayerbook 365

The Easter Blessing

Closing Hymn

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Hymnal 481 vs 1, 2, 4

Dismissal

*The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God,  
in joyous celebration of Sam's 97th birthday &  
Cindy & Sam's 60th wedding anniversary!  
By Cindy & Sam Cohen*



## **Children's Ministry**

April 27      Creation Care yard, lot and garden clean up with  
                 Kay Blinn & Kathy Wasson  
May 4         Mother's Day card making with Dawn Kast

## **Purse Project Ends Today April 27!**

It was such a huge success last year with so many happy kids and moms; we had to bring it back. COLLECTION ITEMS: Gently Used Purses - Travel size hygiene items, perfume, and nail polish - Scarves and costume jewelry. START THE NEW YEAR WITH CLUTTER FREE CLOSETS! The big collection boxes are in Christopher Hall. For more information, contact Janyce Schneider at [janycecarroll6@cox.net](mailto:janycecarroll6@cox.net) or Kathy Graf at [kgraf518@aol.com](mailto:kgraf518@aol.com).

## **East Valley Men's Center**

Our next dinner to the East Valley Men's Center is scheduled for Tuesday **April 29**. We will be serving brats, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, dessert and soda. Please look for the sign up sheet in Christopher Hall and know if you want to just donate food and leave it at the church and not serve with us that's just fine.

We want everyone to be apart of this great ministry and enjoy an evening of doing God's work. Remember to save your receipts and you will be reimbursed. We meet at the Men's Center at 5:15 pm or see Tom if you wish to car pool from the church. Serving time is 6 pm and we're done by 7 pm. This is a fun way to serve God's children with awesome people. Please contact Tom Hackworthy at 715-377-2411 or [thackworthy@aol.com](mailto:thackworthy@aol.com) or Kathy Hackworthy at [kathy@woudaz.com](mailto:kathy@woudaz.com).

### **Women's Wine Night**

Wine Night is Thursday, **May 1**, at 5 pm at The Living Room in DC Ranch, located at the SE corner of Thompson Peak and Pima Rd (20751 N Pima Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85255). PLEASE RSVP to Kay Blinn by Wednesday noon at (316) 680-1073 or [kayblinn@gmail.com](mailto:kayblinn@gmail.com).

### **Men's Pub Fellowship**

Pub Fellowship is Thursday, **May 1**, at 5 pm at Liberty Station, directly across the street from The Living Room. The address for Liberty Station is 20825 N Pima Road in DC Ranch (20751 N Pima Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85255). Please contact Bob Blinn for more information [bob@robertblinn.com](mailto:bob@robertblinn.com).

### **Creation Care at Nativity**

Creation Care at Nativity has scheduled a Road Clean-up on Saturday morning **May 3** at 8 am. Nativity is the steward of Miller Rd from Deer Valley north to Pinnacle Peak. So come join us while we clean up our little corner of the world. Participants must be 13 years old. Sign up is required, please contact Donna Hartz at [dahartz@hotmail.com](mailto:dahartz@hotmail.com)

### **Sunday Flower Dedications**

The flower guild invites you and your family to honor loved ones in thanksgiving or in memory by providing flowers for our Sunday services. The flower guild provides the altar flowers each Sunday. These dedications will be included in our bulletins and will help to beautify our worship space.

A donation of \$50 per dedication is suggested. Dedication forms are available in the Parish Hall on the flower chart near the office door. Please provide the dedications to Mina Rafferty by either completing an envelope and leaving it in the office or via email at [minarafferty@thenativity.net](mailto:minarafferty@thenativity.net).