

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!*



June 8, 2025 Day of Pentecost

Today's Celebrant - Holy Eucharist - 9 am
The Rev. Wayne V. Whitney, PhD., Associate Rector

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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.

Opening Hymn *Hail thee, festival day!* Hymnal 225 vs 1-4
Collect of the Day Prayerbook 227

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' “

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 *Let us read it responsively by whole verse.*

- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 **Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, *creatures both small and great.**
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 **All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.**
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 **You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.**
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 **May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.**
- 35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 **Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!**

Second Lesson: Romans 8:14-17

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Gospel Hymn: *Holy Spirit, ever living*

Hymnal 511 vs. 1 before Gospel vs. 2 after the Gospel

Gospel: John 14:8-17

Philip said to Jesus, "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.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

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

Prayers of the People

Leader: On this day we give thanks for the power of the Holy Spirit that moves through our lives and leads us further along the way of Christ. Hear and answer the prayers of your people as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant us a spirit of reverence for your glory and bless your church that it may always follow you into the world with our fear to share your Good News. Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lodge the spirit of justice in our hearts and in the hearts of all who hold authority over others in this world, that we may all strive for a more perfect human society. Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Grant us a spirit of commitment that we might give ourselves wholly to Christ's invitation to walk his way and continue his mission of healing and reconciliation. Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Grow in us a spirit of wisdom that we might be effective stewards of your creation, ensuring the abundant and diversity of the natural world for generations to come. Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: May the spirit of merciful generosity be ours to embolden and encourage us to respond to the needs of our neighbors and to build a community where every person has the opportunity to thrive. Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send your healing spirit to all who suffer or are in distress. Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: And we ask that your spirit of forgiveness and love be extended to all who have died, that they and we may someday rise in your new kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Glorious, loving and creating God; you have never abandoned us and have always offered the lighted path out of our own darkness. Hear and respond to our prayers and may your Holy Spirit blow mightily in our own lives.

People: **Amen.**

Offering Anthem: *Panis Angelicus*, C. Frank, Jenny Madruga Chavez

Communion Music *Come down, O Love divine* Hymnal 516 vs 1-3

Communion Music *Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove* Hymnal 510 vs 1-4

Closing Hymn *We Are All One in Mission* WLP 778

*Cvijeće za oltar danas je dano na slavu Bogu,
u radosnu proslavu svih ljudi koji danas slave svoj
rođendan, od strane obitelji Rafferty*



(Croatian - English)

*The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God,
in joyous celebration of all the people enjoying their
birthday today, by the Rafferty Family*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nativity Book Group

The Nativity Book lovers are taking a summer break and will be reading Ken Follet's novel, *Never*, to be discussed at our September gathering. We meet the second Thursday of each month at Nativity 10 am. All are welcome and we would love for you to join us. Any questions, please contact Rubie Czerwinski Cell 402-578-6336 or email rubiec@hotmail.com.

Clergy Coffee Conversations

During these slower summer months, your clergy want to invite you to reach out to schedule coffee or tea so we can get to know each other on a deeper level. There's no agenda to these conversations other than to listen to your story. To arrange a time to meet, please contact me directly at 704-779-6113

or scotmccomas@thenativity.net.

--The Rev. Scot McComas

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