



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 31, 2026 Trinity Sunday

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 *Holy God We Praise Thy Name* Hymnal 366 vs 1,2,4

Collect of the Day *Prayerbook 228*

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Canticle 13 *Book of Common Prayer* p. 90

Let us read it responsively by whole verse.

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *

you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *

on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *

in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Gospel Hymn: *Holy Spirit, ever living* Hymnal 511 vs. 1 before Gospel vs. 2 after the Gospel

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

Nicene Creed Prayerbook 358

Prayers of the People

Wondrous God, we offer our prayers to you in hope and confidence as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the whole church of God, that we might strive to be as one, as our God is one, that we might fulfill your call to ceaselessly give witness to the power of Christ's example and persevere in continuing his ministry of reconciliation and healing. Lord in your mercy,

Embolden us to hold our leaders accountable to the possibility of hope and transformation; grant them wisdom and courage to work for the greatest good for all people. Lord in your mercy,

For the creation, we might be effective stewards and use the abundant resources you have given us wisely and sustainably. Lord in your mercy,

For this assembly, that we might discern your will for us and deploy the gifts you have given us to build the kingdom of God through our daily lives. Lord in your mercy,

Bring healing to what is broken in our lives and in the lives of those important to us; help all who suffer that they may find release from their anguish and wholeness in their souls. Especially we pray for Susie, Kevin, Norma, Clint, Jim, Nancy, Norma, Paul, Fred, Mack, Bill, Susan, Carole, Christie, Leslie, Jennifer, Mary Ann, the Houshmand family, and the Graves family. Lord in your mercy,

Welcome the dying, comfort the grieving, and grant us entry into your eternal presence in the age to come. Lord in your mercy,

Create peace around the world where conflict abides: in the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and Africa; as well as in our own United States. Lord in your mercy,

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Raphael in the Valley in Benson. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Episcopal Church in Rwanda. Lord in your mercy,

God of mystery, God of love, surround us and fill us with your grace, embolden us to be your agents of love in a hurting world, and answer our prayers as may be best for us and always to your glory. All this we ask through Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Offering Music *King of Kings*, Hillsong Worship, Clara White
Communion Music *Holy, Holy, Holy*, Clara White violin, Owen Williams piano
Closing Hymn *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* Hymnal 460 vs. 1,4,5



*The altar flowers today
are given to the glory of God,
in memory of my parents Anne and Chet Teeple
by Christie Palmer*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Wine Night

Wine Night is Thursday, **June 4** 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 Russell Forbes by Wednesday noon at russellforbes@gmail.com.

Men's Pub Fellowship

Pub Fellowship is Thursday, **June 4**, at 5 pm at Flemings in DC Ranch (20751 N Pima Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85255). Please contact Kathy Graf for more information kgraf518@aol.com.

Summer Schedule - Beginning **May 24** through Labor Day we will have one service at 9 am. The choir is off for the summer yet we still will have music with a few singers and our pianist Owen Williams. The Rev. Wayne Whitney, PhD will continue to hold Power Bible Study after the 9 am service during the summer.

The Nativity Book Lover's Group will be taking a summer break and will meet again on **September 10**. We will be reading Ken Follett's most recent novel "Circle of Days" over the summer. Hope you have an opportunity to read it and join us for the discussion. Any questions, please contact Rubie Czerwinski at 402-578-6336 or rubiec@hotmail.com.

Neighborhood Rides? - Would you or someone that you know like to attend services but can't drive or are not able to drive? We are considering a new program to help with transportation to and from both the 8 am service and the 10 am service and would like your input. We would gather a list of people who need transportation and match them with parishioners that are willing to provide transportation. The match would be with the same person each Sunday if possible. If interested contact Susan Reynolds at OctoberHill@octhill.com phone 925-786-4400 or Kimber V. Narusis at KimberNarusis@gmail.com phone 815-861-9340.