



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 7, 2026 Second Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Celebrant -

Holy Eucharist - 9 am - The Rev. Wayne V. Whitney, PhD., Associate Rector

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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.

Opening Hymn

Holy Father, Great Creator Hymnal 368 vs 1-3

Collect of the Day

Prayerbook 229

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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: Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Psalm 33:1-12 *Let us read it responsively by whole verse.*

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 **Praise the Lord with the harp; ***
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
- 3 Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 **For the word of the Lord is right, ***
and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.
- 6 **By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, ***
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.
- 8 **Let all the earth fear the Lord; ***
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 **The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; ***
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.
- 11 But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age.
- 12 **Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! ***
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be."

He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well."

And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Sermon: The Rev. Gary Nicolosi (*a few moments of silence follow the sermon*)

Prayers of the People

Leader: God of patience, you have been steadfast in your love for us, hear us now and answer us as we say
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless your church, be our vision that we might follow where you lead, and guard us when we
stumble that we might return always to your path. Lord in your mercy,

Leader: Bless this assembly that we might be a place of refuge and refreshment; embolden us that we might
be advocates for Christ and agents of your love Lord in your mercy,

Leader: Give us all the foresight and willingness to be effective stewards of your creation, that we might
guard its abundance for all future generations. Lord in your mercy,

Leader: Be present to those who suffer, bring healing and wholeness to those who are sick or injured, lift up
those who are weighed down by the darkness in the world. Especially we ask on behalf of those
who have sought our prayers; for Susie, Kevin, Kimber, Norma, Clint, Jim, Nancy, Norma, Paul,
Fred, Mack, Bill, Susan, Carole, Christie, the Houshmand family and the Graves family,
Lord in your mercy,

Leader: Bless those who have died, welcome them into your eternal care, and grant that we and they may
arise again in your new age. Lord in your mercy,

Leader: 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,

Leader: In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. John's in Bisbee. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we
pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church. Lord in your mercy,

Leader: You have invited us to follow and waited patiently as we have stumbled along your pathway. Continue to be our guide and beacon as we seek to live ever closer to your desire for us. All this we ask in the name of Christ our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and always.

People: Amen.

Offering Music *Amazing Grace* Hymnal 671

Communion Music *My God, thy table now is spread* Hymnal 321

Closing Hymn *Christ for the world we sing* Hymnal 537



*The altar flowers today
are given to the glory of God,
in loving memory of my parents, Sue & JB Cohea
by Margaret Cohea*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.