



# 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 14, 2026 Third 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 *Praise to the Living God* Hymnal 372 vs 1-3

Collect of the Day Prayerbook 230

*Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

#### **First Lesson: Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)**

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

**Psalm 116:1, 10-17**    *Let us read it responsively by whole verse.*

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

**10 How shall I repay the Lord \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?**

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

**12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people.**

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord \*  
is the death of his servants.

**14 O Lord, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.**

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

**16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people,**

17 In the courts of the Lord'S house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

### **Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-8**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

### **Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)**

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

Nicene Creed Prayerbook 358

### **Prayers of the People**

*Leader:* Holy God, you send us into the world as bearers of your word of peace. Open the hearts of those who receive us, that we might enter into relationship, friendship, and joy with all whom we encounter. Lord in your mercy,

*Leader:* We pray for this nation and our government, that each person in authority will search for the words of wisdom and guidance that will lead this nation and all people into safety, health and justice. Lord in your mercy,

*Leader:* We pray for the condition of all people and nations, that the Word, revealed to the world will bring abundant life to all people. We pray for relief for the persecuted, the starving, the diseased, the imprisoned and those who are desperately poor. Lord in your mercy,

*Leader:* We pray for the needs of our community, for reconciliation and the recognition of the dignity of all persons, for continuing awareness and effective action against the injustice of this world, and for those who have dedicated their lives to the well being of their neighbors. Lord in your mercy,

*Leader:* We pray for healing for all who suffer in any way, that they may know wholeness and peace. Especially we pray for for Susie, Kevin, Kimber, Norma, Clint, Jim, Nancy, Norma, Paul, Fred, Mack, Bill, Susan, Carole, Christie, Mary Ann, the Houshmand family, and the Graves family. Lord in your mercy,

*Leader:* We pray for the dying and for their entry into the light of your kingdom, and an awareness that our griefs are not our burden alone. 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. Peter’s in Casa Grande. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia. Lord in your mercy,

Finally, Lord, we pray for your peace to settle on us and remain with us throughout our trials and triumphs. Send us out and give us the courage and the will to live the life you call us toward. Help us to shed our need for preparation and instead inspire us to work boldly to further your kingdom. Bless us this day and always in your name in the name of your Son and Holy Spirit.

Offering Music *Precious Lord Take My Hand*, Trenton Halterman

Communion Music *Let Us Break Bread Together*, Hymnal 325

Closing Hymn *O for a thousand tongues to sing*, Hymnal 493 vs 1-3



*The altar flowers today  
are given to the glory of God,  
in joyous celebration of our 40th wedding anniversary  
By Mina Rafferty*



### 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](mailto:OctoberHill@octhill.com) phone 925-786-4400 or Kimber V. Narusis at [KimberNarusis@gmail.com](mailto:KimberNarusis@gmail.com) phone 815-861-9340.