



Episcopal
CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY

Reaching Out, Touching Hearts, Changing Lives

Information for Visitors and Guests

Thank you for joining us. We are delighted that you are with us in worship today and we pray that your visit to the Church of the Holy Nativity will be enjoyable, meaningful, and, especially, an encouragement to your spiritual life. If you're looking for a place to connect with people, make some friends, and grow closer to God, we hope you will join us again.

This booklet along with the Worship Insert contains our worship service from start to finish. There is another smaller bulletin that has information about the events and activities at our church. If you need assistance in any way please feel free to ask someone close to you and they will gladly assist you.

After our worship has ended, please join us in the parish hall (gym) for a time of fellowship over a great cup of coffee and snacks. Greeters (wearing name tags) will be there and also in the back of the church to help you with the times and locations of classes, programs and other activities offered at Holy Nativity.

May the Holy Spirit fill your hearts with the joy and peace of the Risen Lord!

Welcome

The Rev. Michael Canning

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Processional Hymn (*Stand*)

(*See Insert*)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA (*Say together*)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

The Gospel

Celebrant: The Lord be in your heart and on your lips that you may worthily proclaim His Gospel; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from
Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one
being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by
the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the
Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suf-
fered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the

Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *Amen.***

The Prayers of the People *(Responses in Insert)*

Followed by Concluding Collect

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

(Silence)

ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All: Amen

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

(We now invite you to offer some sign of Christ's peace to those around you.)

Offertory: We offer ourselves, our gifts and our talents to Almighty God.

Celebrant: All things come from You, O Lord

All: And from your own have we given You. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Easter

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Ascension

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Pentecost

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the Highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest.

Eucharistic Prayer A (Please stand or kneel)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.

(Celebrant continues:)

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Response: **AMEN.**

Eucharistic Prayer B (*Please stand or kneel.*)

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**All: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant continues)

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Response: AMEN.

Celebrant: And now, joining hands with someone close, let us pray as Jesus taught:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

(All those who come to God with open hearts are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. However, if you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and ask for a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available. Just ask when you come forward.)

Administration of Communion

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Blessings for Eucharist Ministers

(This is for licensed people who take the communion to those who can't be present at the service)

Celebrant We send you out to share our Eucharist with _____.

People *May you take the prayers of all of us as you deliver this sacrament of Christ's presence.*

Celebrant: May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

Let us pray. (*please stand*) ***Celebrant and People***

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing & Benediction+

Announcements (*please be seated*)

Recessional Hymn (*Stand*) (*See insert*)

Dismissal

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses everyone with these words.

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**