

The Third Sunday of Easter

Worship Aid for May 4th, 2025 at 10:15 am



Love God, Love People, Make Disciples

Nativity: an inclusive faith community, following the way of Jesus to nourish the body, mind, and spirit of the people of our south metro communities and beyond.

Nativity Episcopal Church is committed to practice the way of love. We follow Jesus' example of radical hospitality as we celebrate God's presence in all people.

We welcome all persons, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, education, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic or marital status. All are invited as full participants in the life and ministries of our community.

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Next Week: May 11th

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Usher (x2)	
Announcements	Michael Summerfield
Tech	

Flower Donations

Thanks to those who have donated to our flower fund to beautify the sanctuary for the Easter Season

Leland and Jamie Bigger

In thanksgiving for family

Kate Milliman

*In memory of Paul Milliman
and their parents*

Estelle Collymore

In memory of her parents

Kelly Casey

*In memory of Myra Woods
Judy Dahl*

In memory of Ray and Valeria

Linda Lange

In memory of Dan Lange

Linda and Bob Schissel

*In memory of Erv and Lorraine
Nerud and Connie and Inez
Schissel
Marlene Hayman
In memory of Brian Hayman
Nelson Family
In memory of parents and
grandparents
Flemming Family
In memory of Phyllis Thiel
Avelenna Melsha
In thanksgiving for family and
friends
Dorinda and Rich Ringhofer
In memory of Ronald J. and
other family members
In thanksgiving for family and
friends
Ray and Mary Ellingrud*

*In thanksgiving for their family
Anna Homuth
In thanksgiving for safety and
security
Bob and Barabara Hurwitt
In memory of parents and
grand parents
Margurite Kirchhoff
In memory of Susan Fiore
Dana, Michael and Nora
Strande
In memory of Amara
Lisa and Tim Elliott
In memory of Earl, Bob, Harry,
and Susan
In thanksgiving for family and
friends
Mary Feeney*

*In thanksgiving for
grandchildren
Sally and Doug Maust
In thanksgiving for their
granddaughter
Ruth Erickson
In thanksgiving for family and
friends
Diane and Steve Grier
In thanksgiving for their
grandchildren
Jim and Claudia Kinville
In memory of Aldema (Joe)
Kinville
Dennis and Christina
Kopischke
In thanksgiving for the
Fetherolfs and Kopischkes*

THE GREAT 50 DAYS OF EASTER

Easter is the primary feast of the church year, and such an important celebration that it doesn't just last one day – it continues for seven weeks, until the Feast of Pentecost (May 19 this year).

White is the liturgical color for the whole season, signifying purity, love, joy, and the Light of Christ.

Alleluia! We fasted from this expression of joy during Lent, and now Alleluia will fill our worship. **The Gloria** or other song of praise, near the beginning of our worship, also return after a Lenten hiatus.

Reading from Acts. During the Easter season, one of our scripture readings each Sunday is always from the Acts of the Apostles, drawing our attention to the establishment and growth of the church in the early days after Jesus's death, resurrection, and ascension.

No General Confession. We spent the season of Lent in self-examination and repentance. Easter is an assurance that we are forgiven and made right with God, not through our own goodness but by the death and resurrection of Christ. You are encouraged to continue personal confession as part of your daily prayers. But as a community we will emphasize that we are "Easter People" by omitting the general confession.

OPENING HYMN

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing (Hymnal 182)

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and



1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion



1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.*All:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***Presider:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.*All:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***Presider:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.*All:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Presider: 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.

All: **Amen.**

GLORIA

(Hymnal S278)

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
God the Fa-ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

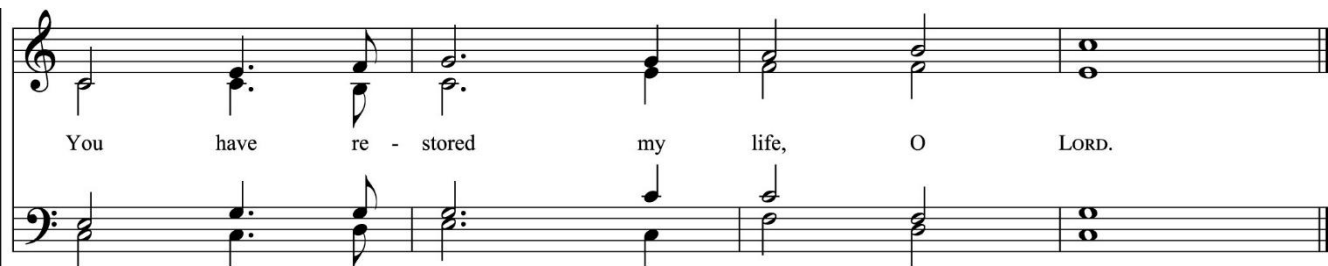
THE FIRST READING

Acts 9:1-6

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 30



- 11 I will exalt you, O LORD,
because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave. *Antiphon*
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning. *Antiphon*
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed. *
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear. *Antiphon*
- 9 I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- 11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
O LORD, be my helper." *Antiphon*
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever. *Antiphon*

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jesus Christ is Risen Today (Hymnal 207, verse 4)

Sing before and after the Gospel.

4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

THE GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel is read.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE TIME

All children and youth are invited to go with a Children & Youth ministry volunteer during the sermon and prayers.

SERMON

Rev. Kathleen Brusco

NICENE CREED

Presider: Let us declare our faith in God.

Presider and All:

**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 suffered 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon: In this season of Easter, we rejoice in God's mighty act of raising from death his only Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. In faith, then, let us pray for Christ's church and for the needs of the whole world.

Silence may be kept.

Leader: We glory in the resurrection of the crucified Christ and pray for his whole church. In the Anglican Communion we ask your blessing on the Church of Ireland. We pray for the Episcopal Church: for Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop, for Craig Loya, our bishop. We ask your blessing on all of us at Nativity. Watch over our ministries, care for our faithful, and guide our work in Building Our Future that we may carry forth the redemptive work you have given us to do. Risen Christ,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For leaders of nations and all in authority, that they may resolve divisions and work humbly for the good of all people. Risen Christ,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray and give thanks for the great gift of your redeemed and renewed creation, for this earth, our home, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it. Risen Christ,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for all who doubt the mercy of God, the power of faith, and their own image and likeness of God. Risen Christ,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of Healing,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send us Lord, as you sent your disciples, into the world to proclaim the good news of new life and the forgiveness of sin. Risen Christ,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Precious Lord, you offer peace. Let us now pray for those who yearn for peace, for those blinded and embittered by injustice, for those suffering in sickness, sorrow, or any other trouble. We pray for healing and support for...are there others?

The people may bring their own petitions.

Leader: Risen Christ,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us remember those who have died in your faith and fear, that they may rise in glory and share with all your saints in your eternal joy. We remember today...are there others?

The people may bring their own petitions.

Leader: We ask for a holy and peaceful death for all whose life is ending...are there others?
The people may bring their own petitions.

Leader: Risen Christ,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: Holy God, you made us worthy of your kingdom by the great gift of your only Son, Jesus Christ, let every eye see his glory and partake of his redeeming act. This we ask through the same Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

All: **And also with you.**

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, OR ANY OTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR A BLESSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

The Presider invites the gifts of the congregation, with these or other words

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Come Let Us Eat,” arr. Moglebust (Handbells)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Presider: 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:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Hymnal S128)

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Presider: 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.

Presider: 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.”

Presider: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Presider: 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.

All: **AMEN**

Presider: And now, as our Savior, Christ, has taught us, we are bold to say;

Presider and 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,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

I Myself Am the Bread of Life

Refrain

I my-self am the bread of life. You and I
are the bread of life, tak-en and blessed, bro-ken and
shared by Christ that the world might live.

INVITATION

Presider: So come to this table,
you who have much faith
and you who would like to have more;
you who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time;
you who have tried to follow Jesus,
and you who have failed;
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With



gift of fin - est wheat; Come give to us, O



sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.



1. As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They
2. With joy - ful lips we sing to you Our
3. Is not the cup we bless and share The
4. The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, No
5. You give your - self to us, O Lord; Then



know and heed his voice; So when you call your
praise and grat - i - tude, That you should count us
blood of Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one
mor - tal tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
self - less let us be, To serve each oth - er.



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.
wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
in your name In truth and char - i - ty.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and All:

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

BLESSING

Presider: Almighty God, who through the resurrection of Christ has given us victory, give you joy and peace and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim (Hymnal 535)

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
 4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;
 and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.
 All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
 fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

WEEKLY AT NATIVITY

Community Café

5-6pm – Wednesdays

Handbell & Choir

5 & 6pm – Tuesdays

Children's Worship and Response

During Sermon and Prayers

UPCOMING

Parish Potluck

After Service – May 18th

Building Light Boxes for Ukraine

After Service – May 18th

Graduation Sunday

10:15am – June 8th

SNEAKER DRIVE

Your Creation Care Team asks you to donate tennis shoes for reuse or recycling. A box for the shoes will be found in the Narthex. Must be dropped off before May 31st!

No Keds or any other shoes besides tennis shoes please!!



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A Sneaker Recycling Organization

