

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Aid for June 7th, 2026 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: June 14th

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Tech	

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, or confused. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers.

We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing,' just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're a regular church goer or haven't been to church since Christmas ten years ago. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome hockey moms, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like 'organized religion.' We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because granny is visiting, and you wanted to take her to church. We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as kids, or got lost looking for Buck Hill and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters... and you!

If you've been away for a while, welcome back. If you haven't been getting our weekly email, Nativity E-Notes, and would like to reconnect, please let the office know at Nativity@NativityMN.org.

If you need assistance during the service, please ask an usher or someone near you for help. Children of all ages are welcome to be present at worship. The noise and voices of our children are welcome here. Children are welcome to do quiet activities in the quiet space, we call the PrayerGround, at the left front of the church. We ask that you sit in pews near them. There are also activity bags with books and crayons available near the entrance to the sanctuary that young ones can take to their pews. If you like, we also encourage you to bring your children forward at the time of Communion to receive either Communion or a blessing.

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

The Reverend Dana Fath Strande, Rector

As we begin our season after Pentecost (aka summer at Nativity), you will notice a few changes to our worship aid. We are using both the Book of Common Prayer and Enriching Our Worship, approved sources in the Episcopal Church for worship. During summer, when our choir takes a well-deserved break from leading worship, we will speak the psalm and add back in our Confession of Sin.

PRELUDE
OPENING HYMN

Charlotte McLendon
All That is Hidden



1. If you would fol - low me, fol - low where life will lead:
2. If you would hon - or me, hon - or the least of these:
3. If you would speak of me, live all your life in me:
4. If you would rise with me, rise through your des - ti - ny:



do not look for me a - mong the dead, for I am
you will not find me dressed in fin - er - y. My Word cries
my ways are not the ways that you would choose; my thoughts are
do not re - fuse the death which brings you life, for as the



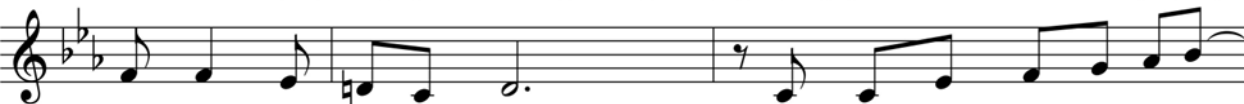
hid - den in pain, ris - en in love;
out to be heard; breaks through the world:
far be - yond yours, as heav - en from earth:
grain in the earth must die for re - birth,



there is no har - vest with - out sow - ing of grain.
my Word is on your lips and lives in your heart.
if you be - lieve in me my voice will be heard.
so I have plant - ed your life deep with - in mine.



All that is hid - den will be made clear. All that is



dark now will be re - vealed. What you have heard in the dark



pro - claim in the light; what you hear in whis - pers



pro - claim from the house - tops.

Text: Refrain based on Luke 12:2-3; Bernadette Farrell, b.1957
Tune: Bernadette Farrell, b.1957; arr. by Paul Inwood, b.1947
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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

All: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

OPENING PRAYER

Presider: We come together this morning, O God, to remind each other
To rest for a moment at the forming edge of our lives,
To resist the headlong tumble into the next moment,
Until we claim for ourselves awareness and gratitude,
Taking the time to look into one another's faces
And see there communion:
the reflection of our own eyes.
This place of laughter and silence, memory and hope
Is hallowed by our presence together.
May we be reminded here of our highest aspirations,
And inspired to bring our gifts of love and service.
May we know again that we are not isolated beings,
But connected, through your Son and Holy Spirit,
To the universe, this community and our own selves.

All: **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Hymnal 390, verse 4)

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The first staff is the vocal line, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second and third staves are piano accompaniment, with the second staff featuring a descending scale in the right hand. The fourth staff is a descant, marked with a double bar line and a repeat sign, featuring a more complex rhythmic pattern.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971). Descant, Copyright © 1953, Novello and Company Limited. Used by permission.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

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.

All: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 50:7-15

The psalm will be prayed responsively beginning with the pulpit side and alternating with the piano side.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:

"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.

9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, *
nor he-goats out of your pens;

10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, *
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

11 I know every bird in the sky, *
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, *
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.

13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and make good your vows to the Most High.

15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; *
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."

THE SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu -

- ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al -

- le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

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.

SERMON

The Rev. Ernie Ashcroft

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: Good and gracious God, see your people here before you in earnest and humble prayer. We lift our voices to you in hope that you will bless us and all those for whom we intercede today.

Silence may be kept.

Leader: In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury and for the Scottish Episcopal Church. We pray for the Episcopal Church: for Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop, for Craig Loya, our Bishop of Minnesota, for St Columba's parish in White Earth. In this Nativity community, we ask for blessings and care for all who worship here. We pray for Building our Future, for our tireless workers, and for our loving clergy. Guide us all in your purpose, dear Lord, that we may daily answer your call. God of our every day,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God and ruler of all, grant wisdom to the leaders of all nations and communities of every kind, that they will take up their roles with humility and compassion and look upon all your many children with love and respect.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We thank you for this precious earth, and all your creatures upon it. Show us a way to preserve and care for all that you have made. God of every living thing,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Give us grace to endure the trials that await us, O Lord. Keep us in your care. Strengthen all who suffer from any physical or mental unease, especially...are there others?

The people may bring their own petitions.

Leader: And we ask your care for all who live in poverty, fear, and oppression; look lovingly upon your LGBTQ+ children, made in your image and bless all those of our brethren in whom we behold your face. God of every mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We offer you our thanks for your many blessings, especially those given to all that we now name silently or aloud...

The people may bring their own thanksgivings.

Leader: Welcome into your everlasting care those who have died, especially...are there others?

The people may bring their own petitions.

Leader: And we ask for a holy and peaceful death for those whose life is ending...are there others?

The people may bring their own petitions

Leader: Gracious God, comfort all who mourn. God of eternal life,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: God of heaven and earth, hear our prayers today. Make us one with you. Let us know you as our beginning and our ending. Bless your LGBTQ+ children, fearfully and wonderfully made, as they always bless us with their presence in your Church and with their work in the world. Help us to find in you our meaning and purpose. We ask this in the Name of your Son Jesus Christ who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God now and always.

All: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and all:

**God of all mercy, we confess
that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness
in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

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 HYMN

We Are on Our Way

1 We are on our way to the prom - ised land.
2 A - bra - ham went for a walk with God, who was his friend.
3 I nev - er thought it pos - si - ble, not in a thou - sand years.

We are on our way to the prom - ised land.
God said, "Look up at all the stars - you can - not see their end.
But God per - formed a mir - a - cle and took a - way my fears.

Our God will lead and guide us, he will
And can you count the grains of sand on the
He took a - way my bit - ter - ness and

walk a - long be - side us, our God will lead and
shore or in a des - ert land? So ma - ny shall your
now I laugh and sing for joy, so dance with me and

guide us as we go to the prom - ised land.
chil - dren be - so ma - ny you can - not count."
sing with me; sing a new song of praise and joy.

Words: based on *Genesis 12:1-2, 15:5, 17:19, 21:1-2*, adapted Helen Walter.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Presider: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na, ho -
san-na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he,
bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Music: *Beneath the Tree of Life*, Marty Haugen, © 2000, 2001, GIA Publications, Inc.

Presider: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed, and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and all:

Dying you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in Glory!

Presider: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and all:

Blessed are you now and forever. 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

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

The musical notation consists of three staves. The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the first line of music. The second staff is in 3/4 time and contains the second line of music. The third staff is in 4/4 time and contains the third line of music. The lyrics are: "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."

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1998
Tune: BICENTENNIAL, CM with refrain; Robert E. Kreutz, 1922-1996
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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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider and all:

**In deep gratitude for this moment,
this meal, and for these people,
we give ourselves to you, most holy God.
Take us out into the world,
to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us, expect much from us,
enable much by us,
encourage many through us.
May we dedicate our lives to your glory.
Amen.**

BLESSING

Presider: The Wisdom of God, the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, and the Blessing of the Holy Trinity, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always.

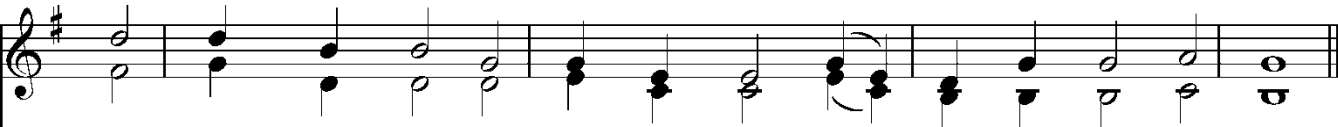
All: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Hymnal 493)



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!
 6 Glory to God and praise and love
 be now and ever given
 by saints below and saints above,
 the Church in earth and heav'n.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

WEEKLY AT NATIVITY

Coffee Hour

After Service – Sundays

Community Café

5-6pm – Wednesdays

UPCOMING

Hat Sunday

During and After Service – Sunday, June 14th

Parish Potluck

After Service – June 14th

Sacrament of Healing

After Service – June 14th

Nativity visits Omni Brewery

4:30-10pm – Thursday, June 25th

All ages welcome! There are pizzas and non-alcoholic beverages available as well

