

# Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Aid for June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 10:15 am

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*Love God, Love People, Make Disciples*

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*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: July 5<sup>th</sup>

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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](mailto:Nativity@NativityMN.org).

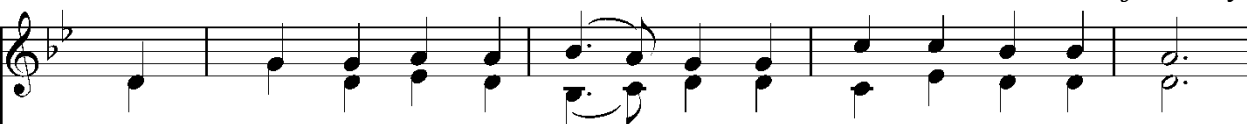
If you need assistance during the service, please ask an usher or someone near you for help. Children of all ages are welcome to be present at worship. The noise and voices of our children are welcome here. Children are welcome to do quiet activities in the quiet space, we call the PrayerGround, at the 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.

## OPENING HYMN

*O God of Every Nation (Hymnal 607)*

1 O God of ev - cry na - tion, of ev - cry, race and land,  
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that we may find re - lease  
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;  
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,  
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
 from pride of race and na - tion and blind-ness to your way,  
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;  
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray!  
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.  
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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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 begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music concludes with a double bar line.

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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

*Jeremiah 28:5-9*

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18

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

1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; \*

**from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.**

2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \*

**you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*

**I have sworn an oath to David my servant:**

4 "I will establish your line for ever, \*

**and preserve your throne for all generations."**

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! \*

**they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.**

16 They rejoice daily in your Name; \*

**they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

17 For you are the glory of their strength, \*

**and by your favor our might is exalted.**

18 Truly, the Lord is our ruler; \*

**the Holy One of Israel is our King.**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-23

*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 10:40-42

*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. Dana Fath Strande

# 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 Anglican Church of Southern Africa. We pray for the Episcopal Church: for Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop and for Craig Loya, our Bishop of Minnesota. 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+ family, created 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. 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

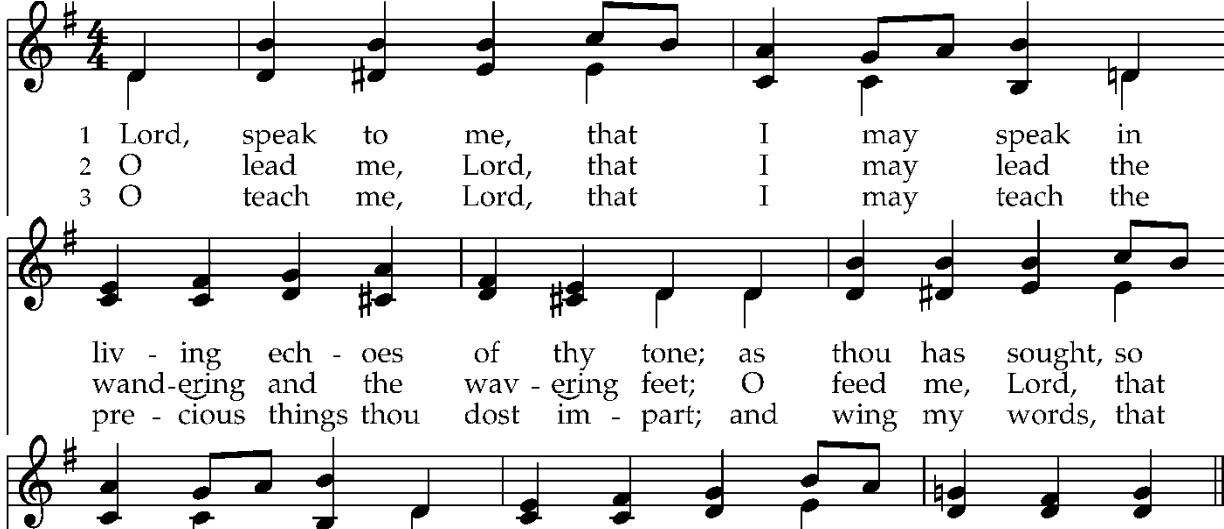
## OFFERTORY

*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

*Lord, Speak to Me*



1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in  
2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the  
3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the

liv - ing ech - oes of thy tone; as thou has sought, so  
wand - ering and the wav - ering feet; O feed me, Lord, that  
pre - cious things thou dost im - part; and wing my words, that

let me seek thy err - ing child - ren lost and lone.  
I may feed thy hun - gry ones with man - na sweet.  
they may reach the hid - den depths of many a heart.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836–1879).

Music: *Canonbury*, adapt. Robert A. Schumann (1810–1856), from *Nachstücke*, 1839; arr. from *Hymnal with Tunes, Old and New*, 1872.

## 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.

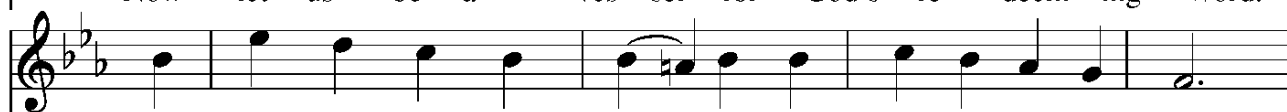
*All:* **Amen.**



1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,  
 2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.  
 3. We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty;  
 4. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent, our pur - pose is the same:  
 the stew - ard of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
 Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share  
 We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Words: Rusty Edwards (b. 1955). Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948).

## 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**

America's 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration

After Service – Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

Parish Potluck

After Service – Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

Sacrament of Healing

After Service – Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

