

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Aid for October 25th, 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.

Notice that our service is livestreamed and you may be visible on the camera.
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Next Week: November 1st

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GOODNESS OVERFLOWS

A Season of Stewardship at Nativity

Stewardship is about more than money.

It is about how we receive the life God has given us - and how we choose to live it.

Throughout this season, we are invited to notice the goodness that surrounds us: the people who walk beside us, the gifts we have been given, the community we share, and the ways God is at work among us.

And then we ask:

How might the goodness we have received overflow into the lives of others?

Over these weeks, we will reflect together on what it means to be stewards of all God has entrusted to us - our lives, our relationships, our resources, our community, and our future.

We invite you to participate.

Come to worship. Listen to the stories. Join the conversations. Notice where goodness is growing. Consider the gifts God has placed in your hands. Pray about how God may be inviting you to participate.

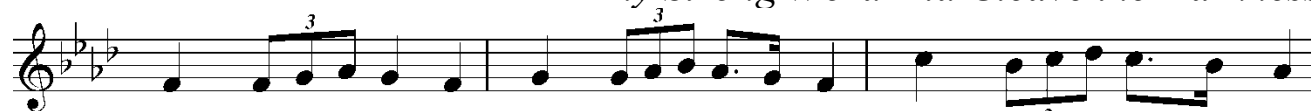
Stewardship begins with gratitude.

And when gratitude takes root, **goodness overflows.**

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness (Hymnal 381)



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and
3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own
4 God the Fa - ther, Light - Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and



it was done; for cre - at - ed light we thank thee,
deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,
ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,
hon - or be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,



while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
and our lives our hopes con - fess: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly; Ho - ly Spi - rit, Light - Re -



lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
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lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

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

Gloria



The musical score for the Gloria is written for a single melodic line in treble clef. It begins in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score includes a key signature change to B minor (two flats) for the middle section, which begins with 'Lord Je-sus Christ'. The final section returns to D major. The piece concludes with a final Amen.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
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: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen**

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1



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- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows a-way.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - - jah!

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-46

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.

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE TIME

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dana Fath Strande

NICENE CREED

Deacon: Let us declare our faith in God.

Deacon 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: Heavenly Father, we are gathered here today to glorify you and to ask for your ear as we pray for this community and for those who are far from us. In this season of beauty and harvest, awaken our senses to behold the wonders around us. We pray for your church and the world.

Leader: For the whole Church of God. For the Anglican Communion, for Sarah Archbishop of Canterbury and for the Anglican Church of the Province of Central Africa. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop and Craig, Bishop of Minnesota. Here in our Nativity community, we ask your blessings on all who worship with us. Guide the important work of Building our Future. Bless our loving clergy. Strengthen us all in your purpose, dear Lord, that we may daily answer your call. Gracious God,

All: **Be with your church.**

Leader: For the leaders of nations, for those whose calling it is to care for your children, for those who hold the fate of many in their hands, may they be mindful of the trust that is placed in them and of the precious souls in their care. Gracious God,

All: **Make them humble.**

Leader: Incarnate God, we sing in praise of your creation. You have provided for our needs and blessed us with the bounty of this earth. Make us care for all you have made and treat your world with reverence. Gracious God,

All: **Teach us.**

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those who are in danger in any part of this world, that they find peace and safety. We pray for those on our hearts and our Nativity prayer list...are there others?

The people may bring their own petitions.

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

The people may bring their own thanksgivings.

Leader: Comfort those whose life is ending and give strength to those who care for them...are there others?

The people may bring their own petitions.

Leader: We pray for all who have died that they may peacefully rest with the resurrected Christ...are there others?

The people may bring their own petitions.

Leader: Lord of the universe, look with love upon all your people and

All: **Hear our prayers.**

Deacon: God of all, receive our prayers today, offered by your people on behalf of all your creation. Give us understanding of the world we inhabit and show us how to live our faith and profess your word. This we ask for the love of our Savior Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon: We also pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and all:

**Have mercy upon us,
most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live
and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor
and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Presider: 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

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

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

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 who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est!

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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.

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."

Presider: 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:

Presider and all:

Christ has died.

Christ has 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. 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

Taste and See

The musical score for the Fraction Anthem is written for three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 3/2 time signature. The lyrics are: "Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "of the Lord, O taste and see. Taste and". The third staff concludes the phrase with the lyrics: "see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord." The music features various note values, including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some measures containing rests or longer note values indicated by horizontal lines.

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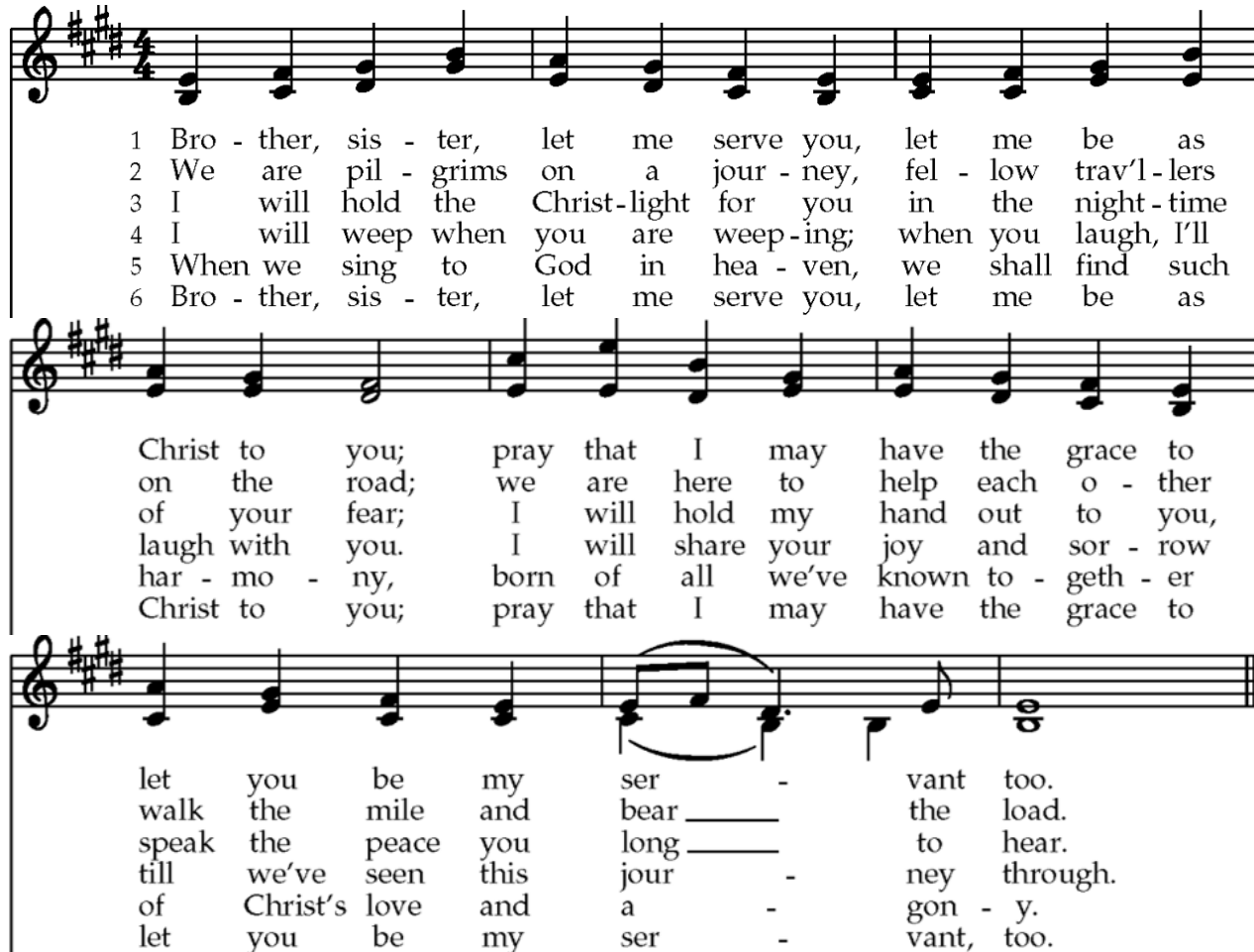
INVITATION

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.

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 HYMN

The Servant Song



1 Bro - ther, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, fel - low trav'l - lers
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll
5 When we sing to God in hea - ven, we shall find such
6 Bro - ther, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as

Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each o - ther
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to - geth - er
Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
of Christ's love and a gon - y.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

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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, in the name of the Holy Trinity, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always.

All: **Amen.**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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

TODAY AT NATIVITY

Trunk or Treat

After Service – Sunday, October 25th

Wear your costumes to service!

WEEKLY AT NATIVITY

Children's Worship & Response

During Service – Sundays

Coffee Hour

After Service – Sundays

Youth Faith Formation

11:30am – Sundays

Bell Choir & Choir

5 & 6:15pm – Tuesdays

Community Café

5-6pm – Wednesdays

UPCOMING

All Saints' Day & Pledge Blessing

During Service – Sunday, November 1st

Small Groups

Sign up by Sunday, November 1st

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More information online and in Nativity Notes

Mid-week Eucharistic Service

1pm – Wednesdays

Beginning November 4th

