Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Aid for November 15th, 2026 at 10:15 am

NATIVITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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 22nd

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As November unfolds and the Church's liturgical year draws to a close, you may notice a change in our Sunday Scripture readings. The stories become more unsettling. Jesus speaks of judgment, uncertainty, and the coming of God's kingdom. We hear warnings to stay awake, to be prepared, and to consider how we are living our lives. These readings can sound frightening, especially when the world around us already feels so uncertain.

But the Church does not give us these readings to frighten us. Rather, they invite us to consider what matters most, where we place our trust, and how we are called to live in the time we have been given.

Throughout these final weeks, we are reminded that much of what we depend upon is temporary. The world changes. What once seemed certain becomes uncertain. Even the things we have worked hard to build may not last.

And yet, God's faithfulness endures.

The Christian understanding of the end times is not simply about destruction or endings. It is also about God's promise to bring healing, justice, and renewal to all creation. We are not called to live in fear of what may come, but to live faithfully in the present.

On November 22, we celebrate the Reign of Christ, the final Sunday of the liturgical year. We are reminded that Christ's reign is revealed not through earthly power or domination, but through love, mercy, justice, and care for the most vulnerable among us.

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN *Bring Forth the Kingdom*



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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**



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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen**

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES *Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18*

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 90:1-8, 12

There are 4 measures to the chant, spread out over 2 verses then repeated. The first note is held for most of the line until the underline signals moving to next note.



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1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to a-nother.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Go back, O child of earth."
4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep us away like a dream;
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7 For we consume away in your dis-pleasure;
we are afraid because of your wrathful indig-nation.
8 Our iniquities you have set be-fore you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
*12 So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

**When there is an odd number of verses, the final verse is sung to the 2nd half of the chant.*

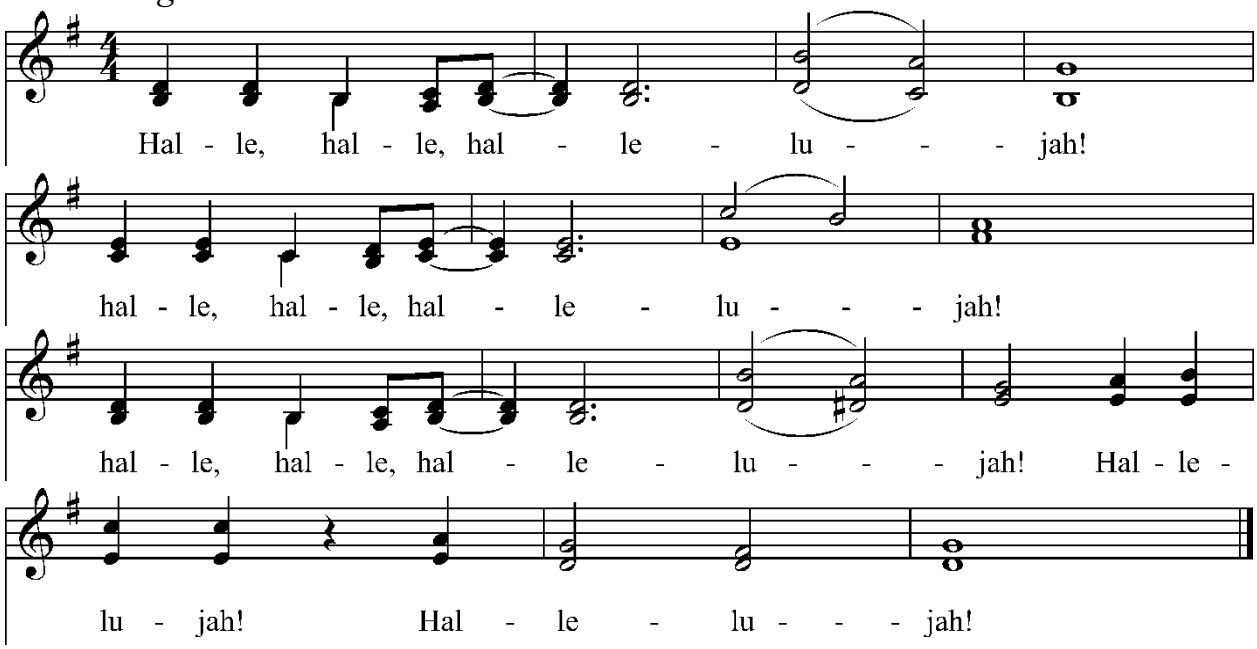
THE SECOND READING *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

Please sing twice.



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THE GOSPEL *Matthew 25:14-30*

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

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:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.

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
Who with the Father and the Son,
is worshiped and glorified.
Who 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.

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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 Chile. 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 *"Come Taste the Goodness of the Lord," by Jospeh M. Martin | Choir*

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. For by water and the Holy Spirit, you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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*



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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."

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.

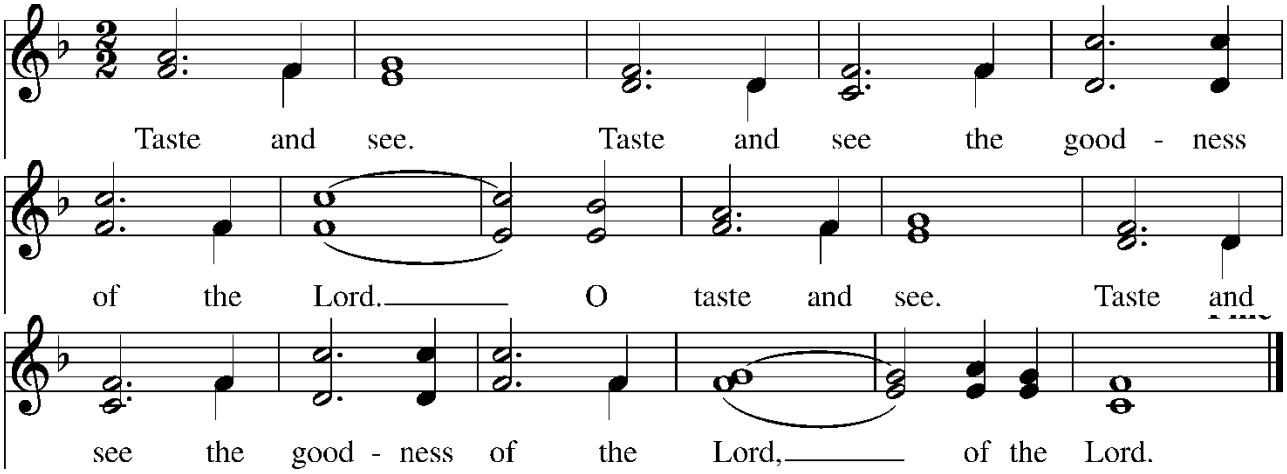
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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*



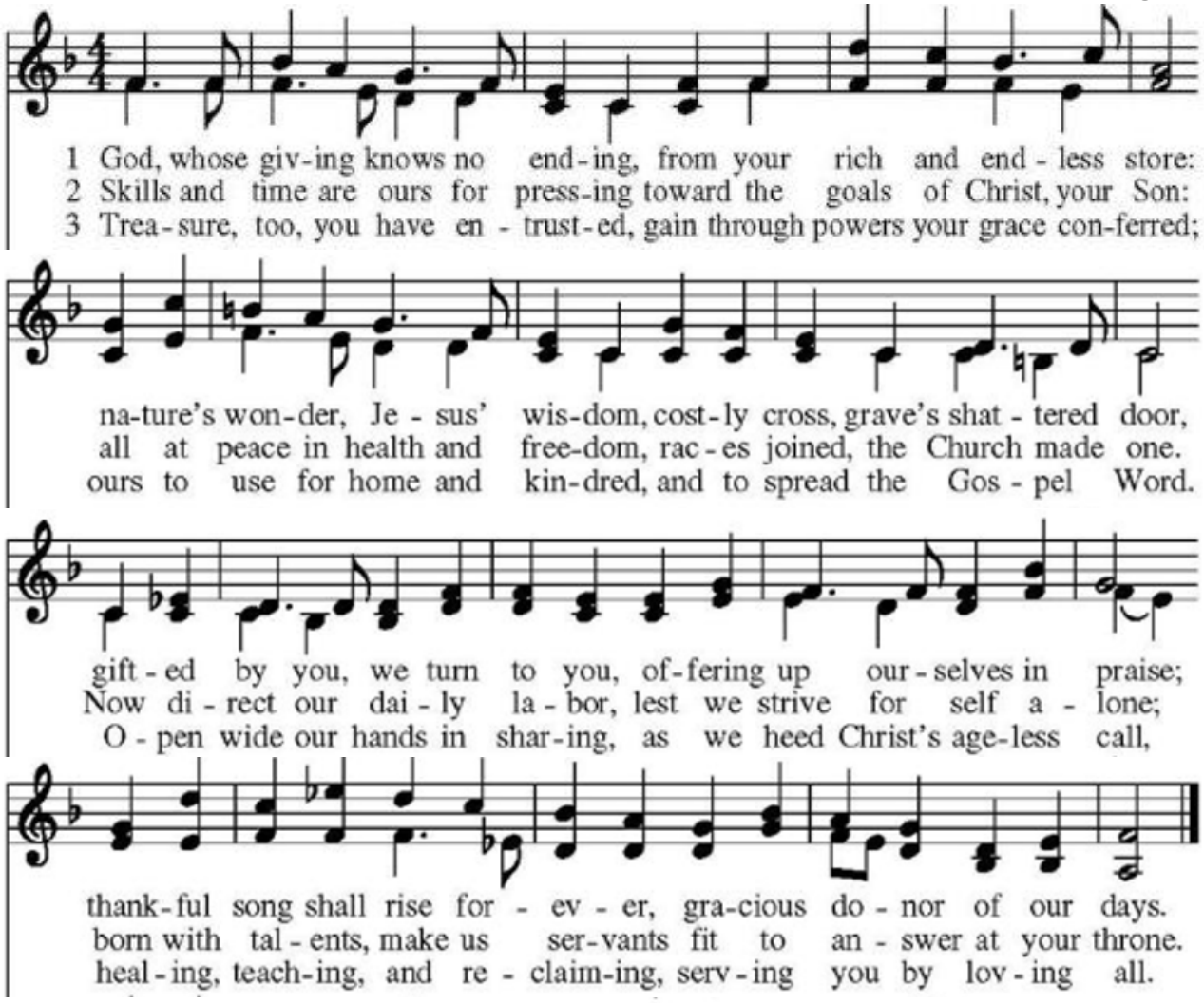
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INVITATION

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 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*



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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.**

CLOSING HYMN *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (Hymnal 490)*



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DISMISSAL

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Mid-week Eucharistic Service
1pm – Wednesdays

UPCOMING

Thanksgiving Service
7pm – Wednesday, November 25th

Intergenerational Advent Event
After Service – Sunday, November 29th

Advent Adult Forum
9-9:45am – Sundays Nov. 29th, Dec. 6th & 13th