**Season of Pentecost**

**Nativity Worships August 22, 2022**

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| Prelude | *Prelude in b minor* | Chopin |
| Opening Hymn | *I come with joy to meet my Lord* | H304 |
| Sequence Hymn | *O for a thousand tongues to sing* | H493 |
| Offertory Hymn | *Rock of ages, cleft for me* | H 685 |
| Communion Hymn | *Bless the Lord my soul* | WLP 825 |
| Post Communion  | *Heal me, Hands of Jesus* | WLP 773 |
| Postlude    | *Prelude in A major* | Chopin |

**The Collect**

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Old Testament**

**Isaiah 58:9b-14**

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;

you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;

if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;

if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;

then you shall take delight in the Lord,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;

I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

**The Psalm. 103:1-8. *Benedic, anima mea***

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*
and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins \*
and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave \*
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, \*
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The Lord executes righteousness \*
and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses \*
and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*
slow to anger and of great kindness.

**The Epistle Hebrews 12:18-29**

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

**The Gospel Luke 13:10-17**

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

**Prayers of the People**

We pray for our parish members: Jamie, Nancy, Marge, Donna, Dan, Nina A, Marian, Steve, Rebecca and our family and friends: Mary P, John, Miles, Deidra, Layla, Brigitte, Mary Lou, Seanna, Lauren, Karen, Cris, Andrew, Thomas, Jean, Rod, Ann and Linda.

We pray for those who have died and those who mourn remembering especially those who have died in the war in Ukraine, Marilynn Monahan and Carol Carson.

**Announcements**

Plans for the Fall! Please put in your calendars

* + Welcome Back Sunday with a Pancake Brunch on September 11th,
	+ St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals and “Nativity Goes to the Dogs”-hot dog BBQ and fundraiser party on October 2nd.
	+ All Saints Day Memorial Garden Blessing and Commemoration on November 6th

Memorial Wall: If you would like to purchase a plaque or if you know former members of Nativity who might like to purchase a plaque, brochures are available on our website or from Jane Hassinger today. First plaques on the wall will be unveiled at the All Saints Day blessing of the Memorial Garden.

Jong Lee’s UNESCO project: The 2019 International Young Adult Forum, the Asian American community in San Rafael and Women’s Rights and Peace of the Bay Area are campaigning to ask UNESCO to expedite the process of the registration of all the resources and historical documents pertaining to the issue of “Comfort Women”, victims of Japanese Wartime Military Sexual Slavery, in the UNESCO Memory of the World Program.  Jong Lee asks Nativity members to take a picture of themselves wearing a UNESCO Demand t-shirt at coffee hour and emailing it to wrapba@gmail.com. See Jong Lee for more details.

We will with thanksgiving receive offerings of Nativity pledges and plate today. You can contribute by sending a check to the church or by using the “Give” button on our website,[www.nativityonthehill.org](http://www.nativityonthehill.org).

All who participate in this Holy Eucharist virtually receive the full benefits of the sacrament by coming with the intention of being united with Christ and one another. (BCP 457).

Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband Richard by Rev. Rebecca Morehouse.