Nativity Worships

Season After Pentecost

**Worship Plan for Sunday, October 3, 2021**



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The Word of God

**PRELUDE** *Adagio from Sonata #9 by Beethoven*

**Entrance Rite**

**Entrance Hymn*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee (Hymn to Joy)* (H 376)**

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**Opening Acclamation (BCP p. 355)**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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|  | Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. |
| People | And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen. |

**Collect for Purity (BCP p. 355)**

*The Celebrant may say*

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. Amen.

**Opening Anthem or Song of Praise*S 277 Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Hurd)* (BCP p. 356)**

*The following is sung, all standing*

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**The Collect of the Day (BCP p. 357)**

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| Celebrant | God be with you. |
| People | And also with you. |
| Celebrant | Let us pray. |

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Lessons**

**First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

18The Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” 19So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. 21So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23Then the man said,   
 “This at last is bone of my bones  
  and flesh of my flesh;  
 this one shall be called Woman,  
  for out of Man this one was taken.”  
24Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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| Reader | The Word of the Lord. |
| People | Thanks be to God. |

*Silence may follow.*

**Psalm: Psalm 8**

*Remain seated.*

1O Lord our Governor, \*  
  how exalted is your Name in all the world!  
 2Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
  your majesty is praised above the heavens.  
 3You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
  to quell the enemy and the avenger.  
 4When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
  the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
 5What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
  the son of man that you should seek him out?  
 6You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
  you adorn him with glory and honor;  
 7You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
  you put all things under his feet:  
 8All sheep and oxen, \*  
  even the wild beasts of the field,  
 9The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
  and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.  
 10O Lord our Governor, \*  
  how exalted is your Name in all the world!

**Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

1Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, 2but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. 3He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.  
 2:5Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. 6But someone has testified somewhere,   
 “What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
  or mortals, that you care for them?  
 7You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
  you have crowned them with glory and honor,  
  8subjecting all things under their feet.”  
Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,9but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.  
  10It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, 12saying,   
 “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
  in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

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| Reader | The Word of the Lord. |
| People | Thanks be to God. |

*Silence may follow.*

**Sequence Hymn*For the beauty of the earth (Lucerna Laudoniae)* (H 416)**

*All stand.*

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**Gospel: Mark 10:2-16**

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| Deacon | The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark. |
| People | Glory to you, Lord Christ. |

2Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” 3He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” 4They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” 5But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. 6But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female. 7For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”  
  10Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. 11He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; 12and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”  
  
  13People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. 14But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. 15Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” 16And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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| Deacon | The Gospel of our Savior. |
| People | Praise to you, Lord Christ. |

**The Sermon  *The Rev. Kirsten Snow Spalding, preaching***

**The Creed (BCP p. 358)**

*All stand.*

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 [and the Son],

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.

**The Prayers of the People**

*All remain standing.*

I ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Diocesan Bishop, Marc; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for our members: Carissa, Marge, Juliette, Dan, Donna, Jim, Duane, Norma, Steve, Nancy, and Jamie, and our friends and neighbors; Katherine, Ed, John, Mary P., Nathaniel, Les, Eric and Julie, Bob, Ronald and Emily, Polly, Sylvia, Young, Kevin, Sarah, Tom and Jane, Robert B, Jayden, Polly, Linda, Sylvia, Sarah, Rachelle, Abbey, Diane B, Ed M, Jan and Janet L. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed especially Clair Grey and those who have lost their lives in natural disasters and places of war and violence. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present*

I ask your prayers for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

I ask your thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

**Closing Collect**

Hasten O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son as his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate.  Amen.

**Confession of Sin (BCP p. 359)**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

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. Amen.

**The Peace (BCP p. 360)**

*All stand.*

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| Celebrant | The peace of the Lord be always with you. |
| People | And also with you. |

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Announcements**

**Altar Flowers are given today** by Jean, Jason and Joye Walker in remembrance of John who died on this day 30 years ago.

**Next Sunday will be our Family Sunday and we will celebrate St. Francis of Assisi’s Feast Day with a Blessing of the Animals. Please bring your cats, dogs or other pets on leash or in cages. We will bless them as part of our regular service in front of the red doors in our 10 a.m. worship.**

Join us for an **Emergency Preparedness** forum after church today. We’ll be talking about what should be in your “to go” bag, making a plan for connecting with your family in the midst of an emergency, and how Nativity as a community can support members and neighbors with a parish map, a telephone tree and plans for support.

# **The Second Annual Fall Follies** Fundraiser Happens October 22 at 5 p.m. If you missed it last year, don't make that mistake again. To participate, you can create a three-minute performance video. You can also ask your talented friends and family members to contribute performance videos. Keep in mind that the definition of "performance" can be pretty broad. We love singing, dancing, or playing your instrument. But we've also had cooking demonstrations, gymnastics, painting, even a tutorial about raising lambs. Contact Susan Pick at susanrows@yahoo.com for more details about how to submit your (and your friends) and family's videos.

**Bible Study** meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., via [Zoom](https://nativityonthehill.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b5c898c53d72904fec86a1326&id=dd53513761&e=a28f91e05a). We are reading Holy Envy by Barbara Brown Taylor.

**Join us for Coffee Hour** following our service this morning on the patio. If you are newcomer or returning for the first time, please introduce yourself and add your name to our mailing list so that we can keep in touch. If you would like a call from clergy or the welcome committee, just note on the newcomer form.

# **New Prayer Groups, Study Groups and Discipleship Groups** are forming. If you would like to have some faithful companions, people to meet with every week to pray together, support one another's ministries, grow and ask questions about faith, or read the bible together, this is the time start something new.  Six week groups are starting the week of September 19th and will run through the end of October. Send a note to [Nativityonthehill@gmail.com](https://nativityonthehill.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b5c898c53d72904fec86a1326&id=55c90322de&e=a28f91e05a) if you would like to learn more.

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).

The Holy Communion

**Offertory Sentence (BCP p. 376)**

*The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

**Offertory Hymn*Love divine, all loves excelling (Hyfrydol)* (H 657)**

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**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Sursum Corda*EOM1 11 Lift up your hearts Sursum corda (Hurd) Music for the Eucharist***

*The People remain standing.*

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| Celebrant | The Lord be with you. |
| People | And also with you. |
| Celebrant | Lift up your hearts. |
| People | We lift them to the Lord. |
| Celebrant | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. |
| People | It is right to give our thanks and praise. |

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**Proper Preface**

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| Celebrant | It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. |

For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being: and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

**Sanctus*WLP 858 Holy, holy, holy (Folk/Pruner) (American folk melody)***

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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**Words of Institution**

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God,

creator of the universe and giver of life.

You formed us in your own image

and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care

that we might be your faithful stewards

and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image

in one another and in ourselves;

we would not see your goodness in the world around us;

and so we violated your creation,

abused one another,

and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us,

and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah

you called us into covenant with you.

You delivered us from slavery,

sustained us in the wilderness,

and raised up prophets

to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time,

you sent your eternal Word,

made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family,

and dwelling among us,

he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross,

he triumphed over evil,

opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,

Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,

and when he had given thanks to you,

he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

“Take, eat:

This is my Body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all

for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,

do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

**Epiclesis*S 142 Conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer and Amen***

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection,

we now present to you from your creation

this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us

the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts

may be filled with the Holy Spirit

and live as Christ’s Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage

of your daughters and sons,

that with [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints,

past, present, and yet to come,

we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

to you be honor, glory, and praise,

for ever and ever. AMEN

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**The Lord’s Prayer (BCP p. 363)**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**Fraction Anthem*S 151 Christ our Passover (Peregrinus/Hurd)* (BCP p. 364)**

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**Invitation (BCP p. 364)**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Distribution (BCP p. 365)**

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

**Post-Communion Prayer (BCP p. 365)**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,

you have graciously accepted us as living members

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,

and you have fed us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,

and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you

with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Blessing (BCP p. 366)**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

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. Amen.

**Birthday Blessing**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we  
pray, on your servant N. as he begins another year. Grant  
that he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his  
trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Post-Communion Hymn*Surely it is God who saves me (Thomas Merton)* (H 679)**

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**Dismissal (BCP p. 366)**

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|  | Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. |
| People | Thanks be to God. |

**Postllude** *Presto from Sonata #9 by Beethoven*

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