**Nativity Worships**

**Ordinary Time Fall 2022**

**October 16, 2022**

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| Prelude | *Andante* | Beethoven |
| Opening Hymn | *Praise to the Living God* | H 372 |
| Sequence Hymn | *I to the hills will lift mine yese* | H 668 |
| Offertory Hymn | *Seek ye first the kingdom of God (Round)* | H 711 |
| Communion Hymn | *Help us, O Lord, to learn* | H 628 |
| Post Communion | *It’s me, it’s me, it’s me, O Lord* | WLP 797 |
| Postlude | *Sunflower House Rondo* | Joe Hisaishi |

**The Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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: Genesis 32:22-31**

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

**The Psalm: 121 *Levavi oculos***

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

**The Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

**The Gospel: Luke 18:1-8**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, `Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, `Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

**Prayers of the People**

We pray for our parish members: Jamie, Nancy, Marge, Donna, Dan, Nina A, Marian, Steve and our family and friends: Mary P, John, Miles, Deidra, Layla, Mary Lou, Seanna, Lauren, Ann, Linda, Kevin, Walter and Nancy Jane.

We pray for those who have died and those who mourn remembering especially those who have died in the war in Ukraine.

**Announcements**

The Nativity Mass, written by former Nativity Music Director, Craig Bonds will be performed at Grace Episcopal Church in St. Helena next week, October 23rd. Some parishioners will be going to Napa to hear it performed live. Others may wish to hear this beautiful mass written for us on the Grace Church [livestream here.](https://www.facebook.com/search/posts?q=grace%20episcopal%20church%2C%20saint%20helena) At 10 a.m. or anytime after the service.

Join the Kairos Outside Prayer Vigil next weekend. We will be praying for the women who are participating in the weekend and for all of the wonderful team members who are putting the weekend together. You can sign up for one or more 30 min prayer sessions from Friday at 4 p.m. through Sunday at 11:30 p.m. The sign-up is at the back of the church, or you can call Jean Heine or Penny Poteet.

Remember All Saints Day Memorial Garden Blessing and Commemoration on November 6th.

Nativity is looking for an Office Administrator. We are looking for someone outside our immediate parish who could work at the church for 10 hours a week (2 hours a day). See our website for the job description or speak with Rev. Kirsten about places to advertise. The job announcement is on our website.

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.