**Easter Season**

**Nativity Worships May 29, 2022**

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| Prelude    | *Prelude* | JS Bach |
| Opening Hymn | Alleluia! sing to Jesus! | H 460 |
| Sequence Hymn | All hail the power of Jesus’ name! | H 450 |
| Offertory Hymn | Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest | H 306 |
| Communion Hymn | We are all one in mission | WLP 778 |
| Post Communion Hymn | Hail, thou once despised Jesus! | H 495 |
| Postlude    | *Fugue* | JS Bach |

**The Collect**

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson: Acts 16:16-34**

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

**The Psalm: 97 *Dominus regnavit***

1 The Lord is King;
let the earth rejoice; \*
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him \*
and burns up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; \*
the earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, \*
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, \*
and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! \*
Bow down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*
because of your judgments, O Lord.

9 For you are the Lord,
most high over all the earth; \*
you are exalted far above all gods.

10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; \*
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, \*
and give thanks to his holy Name.

**The Epistle: Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21**

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."
And let everyone who hears say, "Come."
And let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

**The Gospel: John 17:20-26**

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

**Prayers of the People**

We pray for our parish members: Members: Jamie, Nancy, Marge, Donna, Dan, Nina A, Marian, Penny, Judy, Steve, Juliette, Rebecca and our family and friends: Mary P, John, Miles, Deidra, Layla, Brigitte, Mary Lou, Seanna, Lauren, Karen, Cris, Andrew, Thomas, Elizabeth, Kurt, Hudson, Emi, Harry and Jean.

We pray for those who have died and those who mourn remembering especially those who have died in the war in Ukraine and those who died in the Buffalo, NY and Uvalde, Texas shootings.

We pray for those preparing for Baptism this Easter Season, especially Adeleine Page, daughter of Jen and Cait, sister of Everett, and Adeleine’s godparents Sky and Dylan and Marigold Avis daughter of Allison and Lance and Goldie’s godparents Elizabeth and Salim.

*O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Spirit through the teaching of your*

*Son Jesus Christ: Make the hearts and minds of your servants ready to receive the blessing of*

*the Holy Spirit, that they may be filled with the strength of his presence; through Jesus*

*Christ our Lord.* Amen.

**Announcements**

Join us for a joyful house blessing and housewarming party after worship on June 12th. We’ll celebrate the completion of the Clergy Apartment above the kitchen and honor those who made it possible with donations to the capital campaign. Rev. Scott has moved in. We are so grateful to the Vestry, Kathy Schlegel (project manager) and our wonderful architect and contractors who have made a home for present and future Nativity clergy.

Flowers are given today in celebration of Alex’s 21st birthday by Charlie and Susan Pick, by Duane Johnson in memory of Kay, and in loving memory of her husband, Walter, by Jane Hassinger.

Please send names and photos of 2022 graduates. Also send a note about the graduate’s favorite charity and we will honor them by making a donation in their name. We welcome graduate names from kindergarten through graduate school. Our grad celebration will be on June 19th.

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)