**Episcopal Church of the Nativity**

**Worship Plan for Tuesday, November 2, 2021**

Commemoration of All Faithful Departed

**Service of Light**

**Greeting (BCP p. 109)**

*All stand*

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| Officiant | Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord. |
| People | Thanks be to God. |

**Short Lesson (BCP p. 109)**

If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,” darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. Psalm 139:10-11

**Prayer For Light (BCP p. 110)**

*The Officiant says*

Let us pray.

O Lord God Almighty, as you have taught us to call the evening, the morning, and the noonday one day; and have made the sun to know its going down: Dispel the darkness of our hearts, that by your brightness we may know you to be the true God and eternal light, living and reigning for ever and ever. Amen.

**Candle-Lighting**

**Phos hilaron (BCP p. 112)**

O gracious Light,

pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,

O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,

and our eyes behold the vesper light,

we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,

O Son of God, O Giver of life,

and to be glorified through all the worlds.

**Psalm: Psalm 130**

 1Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.
 2LORD, hear my voice!
 Let your ears be attentive
 to the voice of my supplications!
 3If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
 LORD, who could stand?
 4But there is forgiveness with you,
 so that you may be revered.
 5I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
 and in his word I hope;
 6my soul waits for the LORD
 more than those who watch for the morning,
 more than those who watch for the morning.
 7O Israel, hope in the LORD!
 For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
 and with him is great power to redeem.
 8It is he who will redeem Israel
 from all its iniquities.

*At the end of the Psalm is sung or said*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

**First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

 6On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
 of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
 7And he will destroy on this mountain
 the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
 the sheet that is spread over all nations;
 8he will swallow up death forever.
 Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
 and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
 for the LORD has spoken.
 9It will be said on that day,
 Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
 This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
 let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

*Silence may follow.*

**First Canticle (BCP p. 119)**

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary

Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*

the Almighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \*

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*

and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, \*

to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

13But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

*Silence may follow.*

**Second Canticle (BCP p. 119)**

Canticle 17: The Song of Simeon

Nunc dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*

to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*

whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, \*

and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**Third Reading: John 5:24-27**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from John.

24Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life.
25Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. 26For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; 27and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

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

*Silence may follow.*

**The Apostles’ Creed (BCP p. 96)**

*Officiant and People together, all standing.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

**Salutation (BCP p. 121)**

*The people stand or kneel*

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| Officiant | Hear our cry, O God. |
| People | And listen to our prayer. |
| Officiant | Let us pray. |

**The Lord’s Prayer (BCP p. 121)**

*Officiant and People*

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.

**Suffrages (BCP p. 121)**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

**Prayers for the Departed**

*Please add your prayers in the comments on the facebook livestream or aloud in the service.*

Bob Cowart

Rastam Bhujwala

Rebecca Riggs

Therese Owen

Mary Hennen, Chick Hennen

Emma Spalding

Liz Flagerman

Bud Donaldson

Mary Aversano

Sybil Skinner

Myrna Snyder

Phil Sandahl

Tom White

**Rest Eternal**

Celebrant.          Rest eternal grant them O lord;

*People.               And let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Celebrant            May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through themercy of God, rest in peace.  Amen.

**Collects**

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers:  Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your son; that on the day o f his appearing they may be manifested as your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  Amen.

O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive: receive our humble petitions, for the souls of they servants who have bidden to depart of this world;  deliver them not into the hand of the enemy, neither forget them forever, but command your holy angels to receive them and bring them into the country of paradise; that, as they hoped and believed in you, they may not suffer any more pains, but possess the joys of eternal life.  Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  Amen.

**Prayer For Mission (BCP p. 124)**

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The General Thanksgiving (BCP p. 125)**

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks

for all your goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,

that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,

not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up our selves to your service,

and by walking before you

in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom (BCP p. 126)**

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

**Concluding Versicle (BCP p. 126)**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Concluding Sentence (BCP p. 126)**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

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