THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
NOVEMBER 15, 2026
8:45AM AND 11:00AM

Quiet in the nave before the service helps us to mark sacred space and time.
We invite you to use this time to prayerfully prepare for worship.
Please remember to silence your cell phone.

Voluntary *Nun danket alle Gott, BWV 657* Johann Sebastian Bach

The Word of God

Hymn 551, *Standing, sung by all* *Rise up, ye saints of God!* FESTAL SONG

The Opening Acclamation
Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Gloria, *Sung by all* *Missa 'Sine Nomine'* Peter Jewkes
This music may be found in the hymnal insert
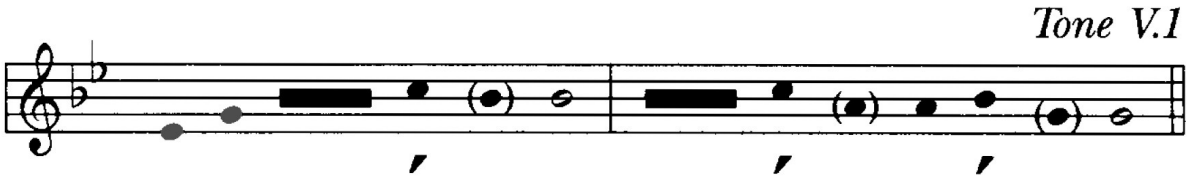
The Collect of the Day
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.
Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading, *Seated* **Judges 4:1-7**
The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten

thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

Psalm 123, *Please join in singing the bold portions of the Psalm*



1 To you I lift / up my eyes, *
to you en-/throned in the heavens.
2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their / masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the / hand of her mistress,
3 So our eyes look to the / Lord our God, *
until he / show us his mercy.
4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have / mercy, *
for we have had more than e-/nough of contempt,
5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent / rich, *
and of the de-/rision of the proud.

The Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Hymn 596, *Standing, sung by all* *Judge eternal, throned in splendor*
KOMM, O KOMM, DU GEIST DES LEBENS

During the sequence hymn, children aged 4 through 4th grade are invited to follow the children's cross to Children's Chapel. Parents are always welcome to attend. All will return during the Peace.

The Holy Gospel **Matthew 25:14-30**

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev. Michael Goldsmith

The Nicene Creed, *Standing* 358

The Prayers of the People, Form V, *Standing or kneeling* 389

The Confession and Absolution 360

The Peace, *Standing* 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

8:45am *A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester* L. J. White

O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother. May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly. Amen.

—attr. St. Richard of Chichester, 13th cent.

11:00am *Der Herr denket an uns und segnet uns, BWV 196ii* J. S. Bach

Der Herr denket an uns und segnet uns. Er segnet das Haus Israel, er segnet das Haus Aaron.

The Lord thinks of us and blesses us. He blesses the house of Israel, he blesses the house of Aaron.

—Ps 115:12

Presentation Hymn 397, st. 1, *Standing, sung by all* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices, who wondrous things hat done, in whom his world rejoices, who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth….Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus, *Sung by all* *Missa 'Sine Nomine'* Jewkes

The music may be found in the hymnal insert

Standing or kneeling

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word

spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

The Lord's Prayer, *Said by all* 364

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name: thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem, *Sung by all* *Missa 'Sine Nomine'* Jewkes
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The Invitation to Communion

Regardless of the denomination of your baptism, you are invited to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. If you are interested in being baptized please speak with a clergy person after the service or contact the church office. Gluten free wafers available upon request.

Music during Communion *Domine quinque(11am only)* Plainsong
Master, you gave me five talents; behold, I have made five talents more. Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master. *Ps.* Happy are they whose way is blameless: who walk in the law of the Lord. (Matt 25; Ps 119)

Hymn 598 *Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth* MIT FREUDEN ZART

Hymn 655 *O Jesus, I have promised* NYLAND

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take communion to the sick or homebound, the following is offered:

Celebrant We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Postcommunion Prayer, *Said by all, standing or kneeling* 365

Celebrant 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.**

The Blessing

Hymn 680, *Standing, sung by all* *O God, our help in ages past* ST. ANNE

The Dismissal
The Deacon offers a dismissal followed by:
People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary *Pièce d'orgue, BWV 572* Bach

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Palmer Colin Dingess by Anne Carter.

CELEBRANT The Rev. Rose Veal Eby
PREACHER The Rev. Michael Goldsmith
ASSISTING The Rev. Dr. Melissa M. Hartley
DEACON The Rev. Dn. Dr. Robert A. Serio
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