

Episcopal Church of the Nativity

Sunday, July 5, 2026

Sixth Sunday after Pentacost

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The Rev. Rebecca Morehouse, Deacon

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Collect of the Day

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you

with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Collect for July 4

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Psalm

Psalm 145:8-15

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
9 The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.
10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *

- and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Second Lesson

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Prayer List:

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER, WE PRAY FOR BAYVIEW MISSION, A SPECIALIZED MISSION OF THE DIOCESE PROVIDING NEEDED SERVICES, FOOD, AND SUPPLIES TO RESIDENTS OF BAYVIEW/HUNTERS POINT NEIGHBORHOODS IN SAN FRANCISCO; AND SOJOURN CHAPLAINCY AT SF GENERAL HOSPITAL OFFERING COMPREHENSIVE AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT. FOR OUR MEMBERS: FOR JAMIE, NANCY B, NORMA, DUANE, STEVE K, BARBARA B, AND DENNIE AND FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY, MILES, VIOLET & AARON, BY, PHIL, GREG, NICK, KATHIE, JOHN S, SUZIE, BILL, IVA, LYNN , CHRIS, STEVE, SUE, RUSS AND AIDA. WE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF NINA ANDERSON AND COMFORT FOR HER FAMILY.

Announcements

Charity of the Month, July & August 2026

Ritter Center

August is Back to School time and since we will be worshipping at St. Pauls in August we are devoting July & August to helping school children in Marin who need a little more support. [Ritter Center](#) (formerly known as Ritter House) is one of our long-term partners and we are honored to support their back-to-school program. You can donate directly to the [Ritter Center](#) or drop a donation in the Charity of the Month box at the back of the sanctuary.

Sunday, July 5, 9:00 am Morning Prayer with Deacon Rebecca Morehouse.

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her father, Bob Robinson, by Ruth Baney.

The Tea Party is right around the corner. **Save the date, September 12** at 2:00pm. If you can help with set-up, clean-up, cooking, or Raffle prizes – please contact Katy Kenny or Ruth Baney. They can also take reservations.

Sunday, July 12, 9:00 am Worship with Rev. Tom Poynor and Music with Enid Albedi. Coffee hour followed by an Introduction to Anglican Rosary Beads by Rev. Rebecca.