

Nativity Worships
July 28, 2024
The Very Rev. Kirsten Snow Spalding, Presiding

Prelude	"Air"	C. Ph. E Bach
Entrance Hymn	Spirit divine, attend our prayers. [vv. 1 - 4]	H 509
Sequence	All who hunger gather gladly [1,2. then v.3 after Gospel]	WLP 761
Offertory Hymn	O food to pilgrims given	H 309
Communion	Bread of the world in mercy broken	H 301
Closing Hymn	I come with joy to meet my Lord	H 304
Postlude	Postlude <i>Litanei</i> ("Litany") with Dennie Mehocik, violin	song by F. Schubert

The Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament: 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

The Psalm 145:10-19 *Exaltabo te, Deus*

- 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.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due season.

- 17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

The Epistle: Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel: John 6:1-21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Prayers of the People

We pray for our parish members: Jamie, Nancy B., Dan, Nina A., Marian, Norma, Amanda, Duane, Ruth, and our family and friends, Miles, Bill L, Debbie K, Justin W, Georgia, David, John, Jay, Sarah, Violet, Aaron, Hudson and the people of Palestine and Israel who are living in fear.

We pray for those who have died and those who mourn remembering especially Gail Azevedo, and Jack Fritz, and those who have died in the wars in Israel, Palestine, Ukraine and Sudan.

Announcements

July Charity of the Month: Ritter Center Back to School Backpack Campaign.

Many low-income families simply do not have the means to purchase backpacks and school supplies for their children. In July through mid-August, Ritter Center raises money to provide gift cards so families can buy the essential school supplies their children need ensuring that their kids can start the school year prepared to learn and achieve scholastically.

Today is the last day to donate by dropping cash or a check in the Charity of the Month box at the back of the sanctuary or sending a check to Nativity with the memo: Ritter Center, Back to School Backpacks.

Summer Worship continues throughout July at Nativity with our 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services. In August, Rev. Kirsten will be in Massachusetts and we will be worshipping with St. Paul's. Carpools will be arranged from the Nativity parking lot. Look for NNO messages from Kim Bromley.

August 4th 10 a.m. choral Eucharist at St. Paul's, no 8 a.m. service.

August 11th 10 a.m. choral Eucharist at St. Paul's, 8 a.m. service with Rev. Scott at Nativity.

August 18th 10 a.m. choral Eucharist at St. Paul's, no 8 a.m. service. (Fred Goff will be the guest musician at St. Paul's).

August 25th 10 a.m. choral Eucharist at St. Paul's, 8 a.m. service with Rev. Scott at Nativity. Join St. Paul's for their end of summer BBQ after church.

September 1st Rev. Kirsten returns, 8 and 10 a.m. services at Nativity.

September 8th Welcome Back Sunday at Nativity (with celebratory lunch).

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.

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.