Episcopal Church of the Nativity

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Rev. Scott G. Sinclair, Presiding & The Rev. Rebecca Morehouse, Deacon

Opening Hymn	"The Church's One Foundation"	Hymn #525 v1-3
Gloria		BCPp. 356
Collect for the Day		Service Leaflet
First Reading	Acts 17:22-31	Service Leaflet
Psalm	Psalm 66:7-18	Service Leaflet
Second Reading	1 Peter 3:13-22	Service Leaflet
Gospel Reading	John 14:15-21	Service Leaflet
Sermon		
Nicene Creed		BCP p. 358
Prayers of the People		
Confession of Sin		BCP p. 360
The Peace		
Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP p. 361-363
The Lord's Prayer		BCP p. 364
The Breaking of		
Post Communion Prayer		BCP p. 365
Birthday Prayer		BCP p. 830
Blessing		
Closing Hymn	"Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"	Hymn #344 v1-3

Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 **Acts 17:22-31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Psalm **Psalm 66:7-18**

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

The Second Reading **1 Peter 3:13-22**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into

heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Gospel **John 14:15-21**

Jesus said, ”If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

”I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Prayer List:

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER, WE PRAY FOR DIOCESAN CAMPS AND RETREAT CENTERS: ST. DOROTHY'S REST, THE BISHOP'S RANCH, AND ST. COLUMBA RETREAT HOUSE, AND SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH. FOR OUR MEMBERS: FOR JAMIE, NANCY B, NINA A, NORMA, DUANE, STEVE K, BARBARA B, DOYLE, DIANE, IAN, JEAN AND ROSE **AND FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY**, MILES, VIOLET & AARON, BY, PHIL, GREG, NICK, KATHIE, JOHN S, SUZIE, BILL, IVA HOLLY, LYNN , CHRIS, RUSS, KATHERINE AND ADAM..

Announcements

Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Mother's Day and her mother, Hazel Robinson, by Ruth Baney.

Next Movie Day is May 24, 3-5 pm. We will be featuring ***Rental Family*** directed by Hikari, staring Brendon Fraser.

Flower Chart: There are plenty of empty spaces on the Flower Chart needing volunteers.

Charity of the Month, May 2026
May is Mental Health Awareness Month. This May our Charity of the Month will be Buckelew. Buckelew Programs is the North Bay's largest nonprofit provider of mental health and substance use treatment services, including supported housing and suicide prevention. Since 1970, thousands have turned to Buckelew to begin healing, find stability, and build more independent lives.

The Garden is open for business!
If you'd like to rent a garden box, it is $50 for the year. Please contact us here if you are interested!