



Episcopal Church of the Nativity

Reaching beyond our Four Walls to the San Rafael Community

Sunday, January 25, 2026, The Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

We especially welcome visitors and newcomers today. Please join us for coffee hour after the service. For more information about Nativity, please visit <https://www.nativityonthehill.org/>

WORSHIP

Our service today starts on Page 355 of the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

Opening Hymn	Christ whose glory fills the sky	Hymn #7, verses 1&3
Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity		BCP p. 355
The Gloria		BCP p. 356
Collect of the Day		Service Leaflet
First Reading	Isaiah 42:1-9	Service Leaflet
Psalm	Psalm 29	Service Leaflet
Second Reading	Acts 10:34-43	Service Leaflet
Gospel Reading	Matthew 3:13-17	Service Leaflet
Nicene Creed		BCP p. 358
Prayers of the People with Confession	Form VI	BCP p. 392
Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP p. 361
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP p. 365

Closing Hymn

Lord, You Give the
Great Commission

Hymn #528 verses 1 & 5

LESSONS FOR THE EPIPHANY

The Collect

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

THE PSALM

Psalms 27:1, 5-13

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.

- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER, WE PRAY FOR: *WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY AND IGLESIA ANGLICANA DE CHILE*; IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER, WE PRAY FOR ST. PAUL’S, OAKLAND; ST. PAUL’S, BURLINGAME; ST. PAUL’S, SAN RAFAEL; ST. PAUL’S, WALNUT CREEK, AND ST. TIMOTHY’S, DANVILLE; FOR OUR MEMBERS: JAMIE, NANCY B, NINA A, MARION, NORMA, DUANE, AMANDA, STEVE K, DICK, BARBARA B, LESLIE AND KATY AND FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY, MILES, VIOLET & AARON, BY, JOHN B, LAURA, PHIL, GREG, NICK, PAT B, ERIN, KATHIE, MARY, KATHY R, JIM L, LINDA, JOHN S, SUZIE AND CATHY S.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting, February 1, after the 9 am service. We will review and vote on our 2026 Budget, gratefully acknowledge our outgoing Bishop’s Committee members, and install incoming Bishop’s Committee members along with Deanery Representatives.

Sunday, February 8, 3-5 pm; Jay Kelly, directed by Noah Baunbach, starring George Clooney and Adam Sandler.

Charity of the Month: The Canal Alliance

Please consider a gift to our neighbors who continue to recover from fire and displacement from their homes.