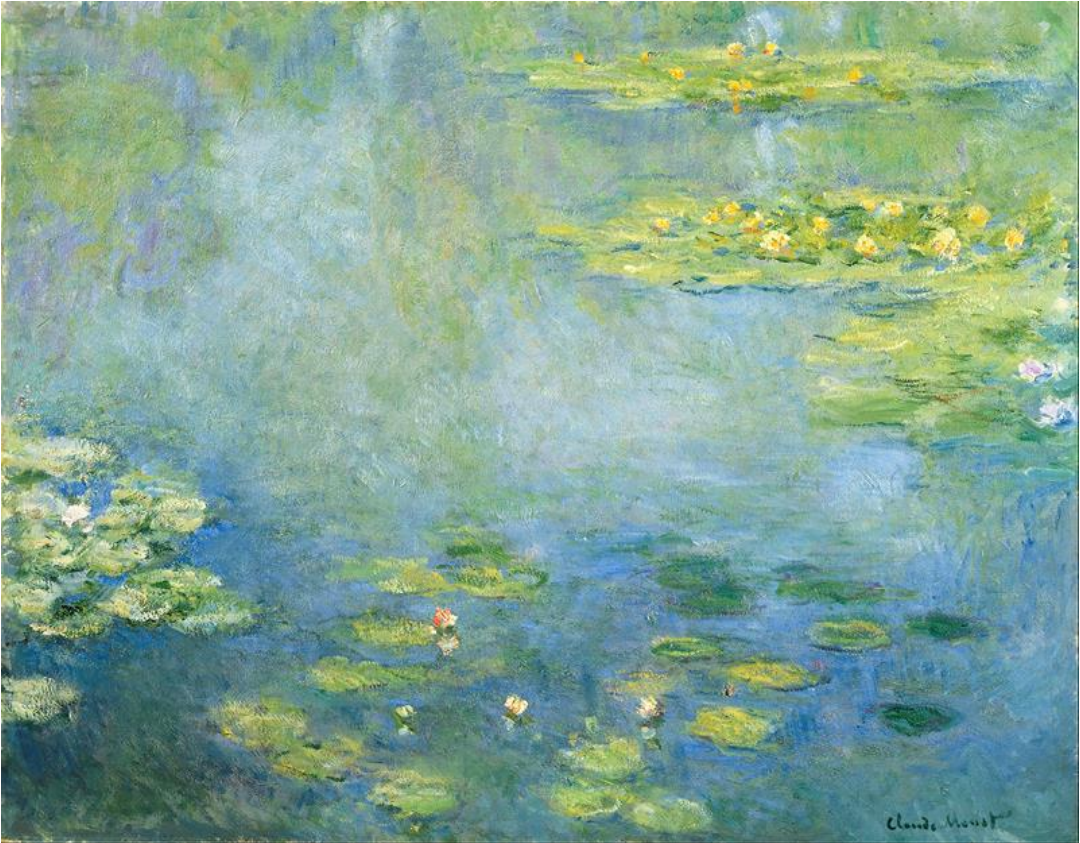


Order of Service for
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
THE NATIVITY**



Monet, Claude, 1840-1926. *Waterlilies*, ca. 1906.

May 5, 2024

10:30 A.M.

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

This service bulletin contains all that you need for our service. We invite you to participate fully in our worship. If you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Episcopal Church, simply allow the congregation to carry you in worship. At times you will be invited to stand but this is only an invitation and is not required.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

Processional: O Jesus, Crowned with All Renown

Hymnal 1982, #292

1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast
2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be
3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy

trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -
given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe
throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -

forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and
from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with
pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee

thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and
gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that
all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and

thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria: Glory to God

LEVAS #241

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to His peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly



Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our



prayer.

For



you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the

glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

The psalm is chanted together to the setting below (S415). The forward-slash indicates moving to the next note.



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- 1 Sing to the LORD a new /song, *
for he has done marvelous /things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy /arm *
has he won for himself the /victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his /victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the /nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of /Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our /God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you /lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and /sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the /harp, *
with the harp and the voice of /song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the /horn *
shout with joy before the King, the /LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is /in it, *
the lands and those who dwell there/in.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their /hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the /earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the /world *
and the peoples with /equity.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: Open Your Ears

Hymnal 1982, #536

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music with lyrics underneath. The first line has two vocal parts: a soprano part (1) and an alto part (2). The lyrics are: "1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple, 2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage,". The second line continues: "o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the". The third line ends with "roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you. way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word." and is marked "Fine". The fourth line: "God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!". The fifth line: "And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -". The sixth line: "jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,".

1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage,
o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O
they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the
roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.
way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word. *Fine*
God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!
And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -
jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,

Hal - le - lu - jah! And his words are
 To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, *Da Capo*
 words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!
 To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah!

“Torah ora” is Hebrew for, “The Law is our Light.”

Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Let us stand and confirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People Form IV

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those who are on our prayer list; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem: “The Beginning of Love”

Greg Gilpin (Pepper)

Doxology: Hymnal 1982 #380, Verse 3 (Old Hundredth)

Great Thanksgiving

BCP 361

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jêsus Christ our Lord; for he is the true

Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymnal 1982, #S128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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,

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.

Fraction Anthem: Christ Our Passover

Hymnal 1982, #S155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Ushers are available to help.

Communion Hymn: One Bread, One Body

LEVAS II, #151

One bread, one bod-y,
one Lord of all, one cup of
bless - ing which we bless. And we, though
man - y, through-out the earth, We are one
Last time
bod - y in this one Lord.
1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and
1. free, wom - an or man,
2. works, one in the Lord
3. grown, gath - ered to one
D.S.
1. — no more. One
2. — of all. One
3. — for all. One
⊕ CODA
Lord.

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

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 Celebrant gives a final blessing.

Recessional: The Great Creator of the Worlds

Hymnal 1982, #489

1 The great Cre - a - tor of the worlds, the sov - ereign God of heaven,
2 He sent no an - gel of his host to bear this might - y word,
3 He sent him not in wrath and power, but grace and peace to bring;
4 He sent him down as send - ing God; in flesh to us he came;
5 He came as Sa - vior to his own, the way of love he trod;

1 his ho - ly and im - mor - tal truth to all on earth hath given.
2 but him through whom the worlds were made, the ev - er - last - ing Lord.
3 in kind - ness, as a king might send his son, him - self a king.
4 as one with us he dwelt with us, and bore a hu - man name.
5 he came to win us by good will, for force is not of God.

6 Not to oppress, but summon all
their truest life to find,
in love God sent his Son to save,
not to condemn mankind.

Dismissal

Celebrant
People

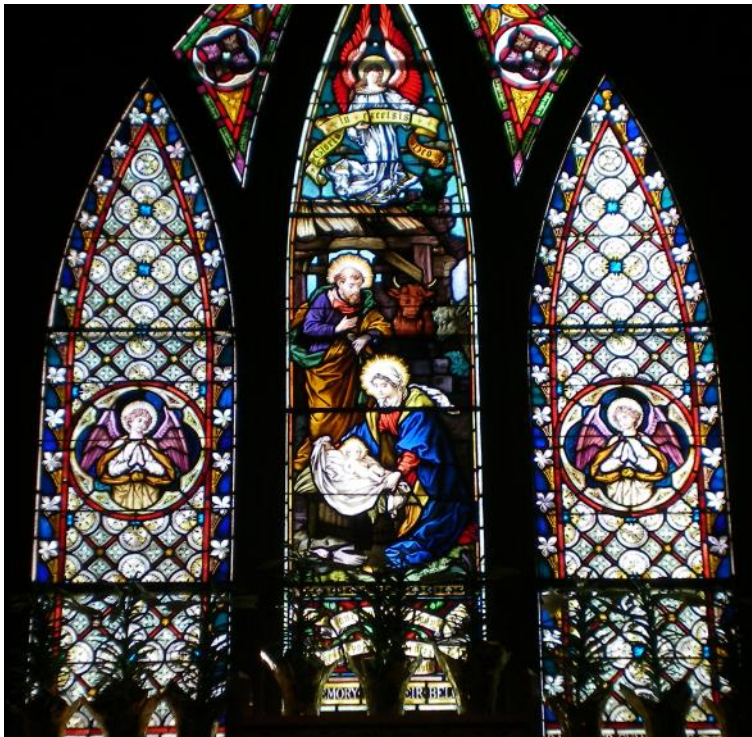
**Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us at Church of the Nativity this morning.

Our Open Table Communion is being served at the Altar, and is brought to those with limited mobility in the pews. We are using the Common Cup. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

- 1) In coming to the altar rail the ushers will indicate how many to go to the altar at a time.
- 2) At the altar rail you may stand or kneel as you prefer. To receive a gluten free wafer, place one hand palm down over the other.
- 3) When receiving from the Common Cup, please help to guide the Cup by gently holding the base of the Cup.
- 4) Those not wishing to receive the wine may cross their arms over the chest and respond to the words, the Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation, with “Amen”.
- 5) We are no longer using the practice of intinction (dipping the bread into the wine).



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