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The Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

October 24, 2021

Nativity Church *in*
THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
of the Episcopal Church

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

BUILDING CLOSED TO ALL GROUPS, OFFICE BY APPOINTMENT

WEDNESDAY

10 AM Bible Study– “Walking with Luke” - Live on Zoom
Contact Rachel Manley

SUNDAY

8:30 AM Sunday Worship in the Nave
10 AM Sunday Worship Service, on Facebook LIVE

NEXT WEEK’S LESSONS:

Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Psalm 146
Acts 1:6-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Welcome and Parish Life Announcements

Entering God's Presence

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son & Holy Spirit

People: **And Blessed be his kingdom,, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect of Purity

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Hearing God's Word

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

A reading from Haggai 1

1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest: ²"Thus says the LORD of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD." ³Then the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, ⁴"Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? ⁵Now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. ⁶You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes. ⁷"Thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. ⁸Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the LORD. ⁹You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? declares the LORD of hosts. Because of my house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house. ¹⁰Therefore the heavens above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce. ¹¹And I have called for a drought on the land and the hills, on the grain, the new wine, the oil, on what the ground brings forth, on man and beast, and on all their labors."

The People Obey the LORD

¹²Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him. And the people feared the LORD. ¹³Then Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, spoke to the people with the LORD's message, "I am with you, declares the LORD." ¹⁴And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people. And they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, ¹⁵on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Response

Psalms 126

126 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

²Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."

³The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like streams in the Negeb!

⁵Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!

⁶He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.

The Epistle

Hebrews 7:23-28

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ²⁸For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: The holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

(Please be seated)

Responding to God's Word

(Please stand as you are able)

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

(Please kneel as you are able)

Celebrant: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Celebrant: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your name may be glorified by all people.

Celebrant: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Celebrant: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the Earth.

Celebrant: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Celebrant: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Celebrant: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Celebrant: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Confession of Sin

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Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

(Please stand)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer "A"

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The prayer continues...

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, Joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of Heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

The prayer continues...

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

The prayer continues...

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All: 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, the Power, and the Glory,
Forever and ever. **Amen.**

The prayer concludes...

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion.

All: Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and Glory. Now and forever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**People: Ordinary People empowered to live Extraordinary Lives!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

PARISH PRAYERS

Week of October 24, 2021

FOR THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, its members and mission:

The Most Revd. Michael Curry Presiding Bishop of TEC

Our Bishop, The Rt. Revd. Douglas Fisher

St. Stephen's Table, Pittsfield;

Episcopal Appalachian Ministries

Peter Vanacore serving with the Christian Association of Youth Mentoring

FOR THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, its members and its mission:

For the Rev. Chad McCabe, Karen and Ethan

FOR THE WELFARE OF THE WORLD:

Our nation, and all in authority.

Justice in our nation for people of all races and nations, particularly
in all our cities.

For those serving in our armed forces: The Rev. Chad McCabe, Dan Blair

(Jackie's Son), Eric Catalanotti, (Bruce and Kathy Reilly's nephew),

Tanner Audia (Brad & Phyllis Nutting's nephew), and Zach Loverin

(Cindy Loverin's grandson), Matt Hesek (Deb Hesek's son).

For those on the frontlines of the fight against the Covid 19.

Comfort for all those who are quarantined, alone and lonely, and for all those
suffering from depression. For all special needs children who are having a
hard time right now. For those who are struggling to make ends meet and
those who are trying to keep their businesses alive.

FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER, or are in any need or trouble:

Barbara Strom as she experiences health issues

Harriett Severance: Healing

Marilyn Perry: Healing

Deb Dwinell: Healing from cancer.

Jackie Blair: Healing

Madaliso Labaj: Healing

For safety, health, and strength for Karen Zacher's family, including

Cheyenne, Loreal, her grandsons, and her niece Mandy Johnson, who is a
doctor at UMASS Medical Center

For those who do not know Christ's love

Peace for those who die alone and for their families left behind

IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

MEMBERS OF THE NATIVITY FAMILY:

Nancy Kimball, Becky Krebsbach, Elizabeth Krouse, Don, Titani, Madaliso & Tembani Labaj, and Beth Lewis.

FOR THOSE WITH BIRTHDAYS:

Alyssa Moncrieffe, Kathy Clausen, Belinda Gagnon, Austin Miller IV, Jen Flanagan, Mark Fournier, and Charlene Stolberg

FOR THOSE WITH ANNIVERSARIES:

Julia & Carl Kinkel and Melissa & Michael Lajeunesse

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Church of Nativity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of October 24, 2021

To be included in the Sunday bulletins, please send your News and Notes to Chad at cmccabe@churchofthenativity.org **by end of day on Mondays** at the latest.

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES ON FACEBOOK: SUNDAYS 10AM

BIBLE STUDY—"WALKING WITH LUKE":

Wednesdays at 10AM on Google Live. Please contact Rachel Manley

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Our Music Ministry

Rachel Manley, Praise Band Director,
Glen Campbell, Organist
Cara Ting, Choir

Our Ministries

Acolytes	Open
Altar Guild	Karen McCabe
Bread Baking	Karen Taylor and Lois Macek
Christian Formation Director	Open
Clerk (Vestry)	Cathy Terwedow
Community Meals	Kathy Reilly
Easter Egg Hunt	Deb Hesek
Fall Festival/Applefest	Jim Baker
Finance Committee	Open
Flower Guild	Theresa Hoberman
Funerals	Sue Roche
Healing Prayer	Betsy Hummel
Junior Warden	Howard Gelles
Kitchen	Open
Living Nativity	Bill Otto
Outreach	Bruce Reilly
Pledge Treasurer	Cathy Terwedow
Prayer Chain	Lynn DeAngelis
Prayer Shawl	Bette Ann Whynot
Reader/LEM/Coffee Host	Beckie Mangus,
Senior Luncheon	Priscilla Gagnon and Karen Taylor
Senior Warden	Deb Hesek
Simple Social	Becky Krebsbach and Mary Brown
Spiritual Direction	Betsy Hummel
Stewardship	Jeannie Hebert
Sunday School	Deb Hesek & Jenny Otto
Tech Team	Larry Engholm
Treasurer	Henry Terwedow
W.A.R.M.	Betsy Hummel
Welcome Team	Cathy Terwedow
Worcester Fellowship	Yvonne Boutte
Youth & Families Director	Cindee Morin

Our Vestry:

Rev. Chad McCabe, Deb Hesek (Senior Warden), Howie Gelles (Junior Warden), Cathy Terwedow (Clerk), Henry Terwedo (Treasurer), Debbie Burke, Janet Wilcox, Tom McDonald, Aaron Ting, Jeannie Hebert & Ted Flanagan.

THE SUNDAY PAPER

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PROPER
22 TRACK
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Jesus told people what God is like, and what God wants us to do. The things he said surprised and upset many people, but they were not really new ideas. Almost all of Jesus's teachings are also found in the OLD TESTAMENT, the part of the Bible that had already been written before Jesus was born. People knew the Bible stories, and told them to their children, just as we do today.

HOW SHOULD WE LIVE?

Mark 10:2-16

THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS WERE ALWAYS ASKING JESUS QUESTIONS!



The Bible tells us how to live, but it does this in different ways. It includes laws and wisdom and promises, but most of all, it includes stories. Jesus used stories to answer people's questions. And Jesus's whole life is the biggest story of all. It is the story of God's Son, living and dying as one of us!

JOB 2:1-10

(The story of a good man who experiences terrible suffering)



PSALM 26:7

"I will sing thanks to God, and tell the story of his wonderful deeds!"



HEBREWS 2:11

"Jesus, the Son of God, became human like us, and now we are his brothers and sisters"



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