



NATIVITY CHURCH

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The Last Sunday After Pentecost

November 28, 2021

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

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 God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

A reading from Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.

And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Response

Psalm 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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 Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

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.**

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 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 November 21, 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

Pittsfield Council of Churches

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: 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 Heseck (Deb Heseck's son), and The Rev. Chad McCabe.

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.

Bob Roche: healing from cancer

Beckie Mangus: healing from cancer

Norma Brandt: healing from eye surgery

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:

Ed Kazarian, Jonathan Severance, Willy Terwedow, Peter Zipfel, Sara Cassidy

ALTAR FLOWERS:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of November 28, 2021

To be included in the Sunday bulletins, please send your News and Notes to Cherie at cplante@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 10 AM on Google Live.

Please contact Rachel Manley

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LIVING NATIVITY sign up is on going. Please contact Bill or Jenny Otto
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STEWARDSHIP "Ignite Your Light" Pledge

We are still collecting pledge cards; if you have not yet filled your out, please do so. You can mail them or place them in the collection plate on Sunday Morning.

REMINDER: The church building is closed but business continues as usual. Please remember to send your pledges. You may also choose to pay online with PayPal or a credit card. Go to the "Give" page (top right menu) on our website, www.churchofthenativity.org.

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Our Music Ministry

Rachel Manley, Praise Band Director,
Glen Campbell, Organist

Our Ministries

Acolytes	Cathy Terwedow
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	Open
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	Open
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	Paula Hanson
Youth & Families Director	Open

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

Year C
1st SUNDAY
in
ADVENT

This Sunday is the first Sunday in ADVENT. Advent is the beginning of a new Church year.

ADVENT means "coming." Advent leads up to Christmas, the time when we celebrate the coming of the Messiah. So in Advent we are getting ready for Christmas, and we are remembering how God's people waited and hoped for the Messiah to come. But Advent is more complicated than that. There is another coming that we are waiting for. We are waiting for the Messiah to come again, and finish his work, and set up his Kingdom!

THE MESSIAH WILL COME AGAIN

Luke 21:25-36

JESUS'S FRIENDS ASKED HIM TO TELL THEM ABOUT THE LAST DAYS, AND THE MESSIAH'S KINGDOM!



MANY PEOPLE WILL BE SCARED, BECAUSE THEY WILL THINK THE WORLD IS ENDING!



BUT INSTEAD OF AN ENDING, ALL THESE TERRIBLE THINGS ARE REALLY A NEW BEGINNING!



WHEN THESE THINGS HAPPEN, (LUKE 21:28)! EVERYTHING IN THE UNIVERSE WILL CHANGE, BUT MY WORDS WILL NOT CHANGE! SO ASK GOD TO HELP YOU BE READY, SO THAT YOU CAN STAND UP BEFORE THE SON OF MAN!

In Advent, we ask Jesus, the Messiah, to come and be our King forever. And we try to get ready for him to come!

JEREMIAH 33:
15 God says, "I will keep my promise: I will send you a great king to give you justice"

PSALM 25:4
"Lead me in your truth, O Lord, for you are my Savior. All day long I put my hope in you"

O COME
O COME
EMMANUEL...

1 THESSALONIANS
3:13 "Pray that God will find you living in love and holiness when Jesus comes again"

PEACE!
PEACE!
THE PEACE OF THE LORD!