



THE FEAST

Saturday, September 12, 2020
5 p.m.

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY
321 Wyandotte Street
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
The Diocese of Bethlehem
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Welcome

Welcome to “the Feast”! Welcome to this time of gathering around God’s table and sharing in Thanksgiving the meal where we find Christ present. The “Feast” is a Eucharistic celebration immersed in a Celtic tradition. The experience and discovery of Christ in the Celtic regions of the world were informed by deep devotion, risk-taking missionaries, a recognition of the holy in every pattern of creation and in every breath of life, and an embrace of the holy in the rhythms of creation and life.

Thanks must be given to St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Richmond, Virginia where a weekly celebration of Eucharist in the Celtic tradition takes place and has served partly as inspiration for this time. Thanks also must be given to Christ Church Cathedral in Houston, Texas, and to The Very Rev. Barkley Thompson, their Dean, who has shared with us the form we use tonight for our worship.

Following COVID protocols, the communion will be distributed as you leave worship this night. Please exit in an orderly and spaced fashion and the Priest will invite you to take the sacrament from a tray while delivering the words of administration.

Welcome.

**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Holy Eucharist**

THE VERY REV. ANTHONY R. POMPA
CELEBRANT

We welcome you to Nativity Cathedral. To learn more about the ministries we share in this place, we invite you to visit our website at www.nativitycathedral.org.

Worshippers are welcome to sit anywhere they are comfortable. You are invited to observe prayerful quiet.

GATHERING MUSIC

Joanna Mell, Harpist

The Word of God

Celebrant Welcome to this holy place.

People **Friend and stranger, saint and sinner, all who gather here.**

Celebrant Come all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness. Come with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning; come.

People **Generous God and generous Savior, touch us through your Spirit.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stay with us, Lord, since the day is far spent and the night is coming; kindle our hearts on the Way, that we may recognize you in the scriptures, in the breaking of the bread, and in each other. **Amen.**

INSTRUMENTAL

Joanna Mell

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE REFLECTION

Dean Pompa

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*The People may remain seated.*)

The Leader begins

As evening falls and courage sometimes falters, let us turn our hearts to God in Prayer.

Silence

We pray for those gathered here and all that lies heavy on our hearts. We pray that you would know our needs even before we recognize them. Grant us those good things for which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot, ask.

Silence

We pray for those in positions of leadership in the world, our nation, our state, and our city. Grant them the spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice, that they may promote the well-being of all people.

Silence

We pray for the sick, the bereaved, the oppressed, and the homeless, that they may be comforted by your Holy Spirit, who brings light to the darkest places.

Silence

We pray for the broken and torn fabric of the earth as it yearns for healing, trusting that you make all things new.

Silence

We pray for this and all communities of faith. We pray that you would open the hearts of your faithful to seek your truth and pursue it in love.

Silence

We pray that you would disturb us, Lord, when our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little; when with the abundance of things we possess we have lost our thirst for the water of life. Push back, we pray, the horizons of our hopes, and move us into your future in strength, courage, hope, and love.

Hear O Lord, our prayers offered to you this day.

Our Lord Jesus said, "Peace I give to you, my own peace I leave with you." Take not into account our sins, but the faith sown within. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins.

The People kneel or stand.

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Instrumental

Joanna Mell

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. With friend, with stranger, with young and old, be among us tonight.

People **Come close to us that we may come close to you. Strengthen us that we may strengthen one another. Renew us that where we have failed, we may begin again.**

The People kneel or stand.

In the beginning God made the world. The world flowed from God and God shaped it, filling it with light and life. God knew the world, but we chose not to know God. We turned from him, and though he sought us through patriarchs, matriarchs, and prophets, still we strayed. Our rebellion imperiled the fullness God intends for us, and when the world could bear no more, God sent Jesus, his Son. Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread, and, having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying, "This is my body which is given for you." In the same way he took wine, and, having given thanks for it, he poured it and gave the cup to his disciples saying, "This cup is the new covenant with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it." Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room, breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, that they may be heaven's food and drink for us, renewing, sustaining, and making us whole, and that we may be your body on earth, loving and caring for the world. Through, with, and for the love of Christ, we share this bread and cup in the unity of your Spirit, Father Almighty. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant This is the table of our Lord. It is made ready for those who love him
and for those who want to love him more.

Come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who
have been here often and you who have been here long, you who
have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those
who want him should meet him here.

All are welcome and encouraged to receive Communion, whatever one's Christian tradition.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Celebrant and People

My Jesus, I believe
that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.
I love you above all things,
and long for you in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though you have already come,
I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you;
never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Joanna Mell

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*The People may remain seated.*)

Celebrant and People

Eternal Light, shine in our hearts. Eternal Power, be our strength. Eternal Wisdom, guide us as we serve you. Eternal Goodness, you have drawn us to your heart and united us in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now grant that with all our heart, mind, and strength, we may evermore seek your face in all those we meet in the world. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God

INSTRUMENTAL

Joanna Mell

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Those who are in need of healing – Lillian Lewis, Anne, Wes Vogel, Richard Benske, Bob Willey, Robert, Jonathan, Amy Wilson, Fred Dronenburg, Susan Kelley, Jennifer Madera, Susan Mast, Julie Goodman, Carol Arcario, Carol Czechowski, Beryl Reader, Andrew and Kae Romeril; Lakina Campbell, Carol Rabenold, Debra Daniel, Debbie Fields, Belinda Tomar, Kevin Thomas Fitzpatrick, Caitlin, Laveenus Jalaluddin, Anne Buckingham, Martha Golfphin, Jon Knauss, Jeffrey Simprini, Kim Gencarelli, John Iander, Diane Kuczynski, Eliese Blalock, Oscar Duarte, Jim Flader, Lindsay Kessler, Betty Roach, Bill Krueger, Blanche Case, Raymond Arcario, Jacqueline Reader, Mary Mulder, Tom Brennan, James Reader

NEWS and INFORMATION for the Week of September 13, 2020

Adult Forum: “To Serve and Guard the Earth” is a 6-week exploration into the connection of the creation story found in the book of Genesis and some related environmental concerns that we confront today. Join Nativity's Creation Care Committee virtually on Thursday evenings September 17th through October 22nd from 7-8PM. The link to the Zoom meeting and the Participant's Guide can be found on Nativity's website (under Connect & Grow tab you will find Adult Formation). No registration required. Come to any or all weeks as you are able. If you have any questions or would like more information, you can contact the committee members at creationcare@nativitycathedral.org.

Hagiography: Celtic Saints Join us virtually beginning September 24 through October 15 at 7-8PM as Dean Pompa leads us in exploring Celtic Hagiography and the lives and miracles of the Celtic Saints. Over the 4 weeks, you will enjoy the study of the saints and medieval writings that recounted the saints' lives, deeds and miracles, and martyrdom. Videos will be posted on our website. at nativitycathedral.org/celtic.html. Registration required: https://www.celticfest.org/hagiography_celtic_saints

Bethlehem Emergency Shelter is preparing to open on a limited basis beginning in November. Homeless men and women find shelter and food in a caring environment. To find out more and to help contact Deacon Rodney at deaconrodney@cathedral.org

Card Shower Betty Roach, a long-time parishioner of our church, will be celebrating her 99th birthday on September 26. She is a resident at Moravian Hall Square in Nazareth. Due to COVID-19, there cannot be a celebration for her so we would like to shower her with cards or notes. It would be helpful to let her know that you are from the church because she might not be familiar with all the names. I'm sure it will make her heart feel happy that she has been remembered on this very important birthday. Her address is: Moravian Hall Square, Apt. 2202, 175 W. North St., Nazareth, PA 18064.

Better Buy Thrift Shop Revised Hours Now open in Sayre Hall Wednesday to Saturday 10 AM to 1 PM. Donations are only accepted during shop hours.

Club Kitchen Reno The Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem offers many programs and activities helping, as their mission statement says, "To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible individuals." The Club's Fritz Drive location is an amazing building with spaces for everything from doing homework to sports and activities. Downstairs, the kitchen is used for a weekly cooking class, and to produce daily meals. That's where we here at Nativity Cathedral come in. We know God is calling us to care for the kids of our greater neighborhood! The Club Kitchen needs serious sprucing. New flooring, sanded and restained cabinets, deep cleaning, and strategy for storage and organization. Our September/October 2020 fund drive is to raise the money to sponsor the reno the Club Kitchen so badly needs. Our goal is to raise *at least* \$6,000 by Sunday, October 4. To donate, send a check designated for the Club Kitchen to the parish office, or give online through nativitycathedral.org. Questions? Canon Grandfield dgrandfield@nativitycathedral.org. Thank you for your faithful generosity in making the Club Kitchen another little sign of God's love in our world!

Cypress House Bakery Cypress House at St. Luke's is a newly affiliated 501(c)(3) non-profit organization of St. Luke's Church, Scranton. The inaugural program of Cypress House will be a bakery which will serve as a prison re-entry program. The goal of Cypress House is to develop a viable business run entirely by those re-entering society. In addition to job training, the program will be directed by a social services professional highly skilled in counseling, as well as vocational training in a culturally sensitive manner. Actual apprenticeships will be awarded by a licensed baker. Through Cypress House, we hope to live more deeply into God's call to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being. Please help us support this inspired ministry by sending a check payable to: Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem, note on the memo line: Cypress House Bakery and send to: Diocesan House, 333 Wyandotte St., Bethlehem, PA 18015. The ECW and Cypress House thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

Cathedral Connections A great way to re-connect this summer and beyond. Join in small groups with other like-minded Cathedral folk for a time of connecting and enjoyment. Groups of 8-10 will meet virtually. Choose the group(s) you wish to participate in by the interest you have! Visit nativitycathedral.org for more details and to sign-up.

**** Additions or changes to the Bulletin should be submitted to the Office by 5 PM on Tuesday. ****

The week beginning September 13, 2020

<u>Sunday:</u>	8:45 a.m.	321 Contact Worship – Nativity Platz & Virtual Kick-off Celebration immediately following
	10:00 a.m.	Principle Worship – Cathedral & Virtual
	12:30 p.m.	Spanish Worship – Cathedral & Virtual
<u>Monday:</u>	No Staff in Office – Staff working remotely	
<u>Tuesday:</u>	9:00 AM	Staff in office until 2:00 PM (No visitors without appointment)
	1:00 PM	Al-Anon – Nativity Platz
	5:30 PM	Heart Rhythm Meditation – Virtual on Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting – Zoom
<u>Wednesday:</u>	9:00 AM	Staff in office until 2:00 PM (No visitors without appointment)
	10:00 AM	Thrift Shop open until 1PM – Sayre Hall
	7:00 PM	Mindfulness Meditation – Facebook
<u>Thursday:</u>	9:00 AM	Staff in office until 2:00 PM (No visitors without appointment)
	10:00 AM	Thrift Shop open until 1PM – Sayre Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Formation – Virtual
<u>Friday:</u>	No Staff in Office – Staff working remotely	
	10:00 AM	Thrift Shop open until 1PM – Sayre Hall
<u>Saturday:</u>	9:00 AM	Altar Guild Prep – Cathedral
	10:00 AM	Thrift Shop open until 1PM – Sayre Hall
	5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist – Cathedral & Virtual

** Not listed are the many groups meeting virtually and the Cathedral Connections. Visit nativitycathedral.org for more details. **

WORSHIP AND FORMATION SCHEDULE

SUNDAY:

8:45 AM 321 Contact Worship – Nativity Platz & Virtual
10:00 AM Principle Worship – Cathedral & Virtual
12:30 PM Spanish Worship – Cathedral & Virtual

THURSDAY: 7:00 PM Adult Formation – Virtual

SATURDAY: 9:30 AM Spanish Formation – Zoom
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist – Cathedral & Virtual
2nd Saturday of the Month
5:00 PM Celtic Eucharist – Cathedral & Virtual
Last Saturday of the Month
5:00 PM Celtic Spirituality Night – Cathedral & Virtual

HOLY DAYS AS ANNOUNCED

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