

Worship at  
**NATIVITY**  
**CATHEDRAL**

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



10 September 2023  
8 & 10:45 a.m.

*Our Mission:  
to know Christ, to make Christ known,  
to serve all people according to Christ's example.*

*Conflict is a part of relationships and life in a community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.*



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*We welcome all of you this day to Nativity Cathedral. If you would like more information about our life and our mission, we encourage you to fill out a visitor card found in your pew or please check us out and request more information.*

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*May God's Spirit rest upon you this day and every day!*

**Children at Nativity:** Children are welcome throughout the entire service. There is a "soft space" available on the right side of the Sanctuary with comfortable seating especially for children and extra space to stretch and move. Of course, you are welcome to sit with your children wherever you would like in our Sanctuary.

Nursery is available for children under 3 during the 10:45 Service. If you need help finding the nursery, an usher will be happy to help you. Children in the nursery will need to be picked up by their parents.

**Privacy Notice:** ATTENTION - Audio and video from this service is being recorded and live streamed online. If you do not wish to appear on our broadcast, please find a seat in the pews to the far left or right of the Cathedral. Please ask the usher for assistance if you need to find a place to sit.

**Parking in the lower lot is reserved for handicap only** – Access the elevator at the double doors there. Parking is available in the upper lot, in the New Street Garage at 324 S. New Street, at the Fourth and Wyandotte lot **until 1:00 PM**, and on street along Fourth Street and in the 400 block of Wyandotte Street.

# Gathering

<b>Prelude</b> (10:45)	Pastorale on “Forest Green”	Richard Purvis
<b>Processional</b> (10:45)		Hymn 376
<b>Opening Acclamation</b>		BCP 355
<b>Gloria</b>		S278
<b>Collect of the Day</b> (Proper 18)		BCP 233

## Liturgy of the Word

<b>The First Reading</b>	Exodus 12:1-14
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A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the

morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

*Reader:*      The Word of the Lord

*People:*      **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm:**

Psalm 119:33-40

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.

Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.

Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and not to unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me life in your ways.

Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.

Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.

## **The Second Reading**

Romans 13:8-14

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

**Sequence** (10:45)

Hymn 593

## **The Gospel**

Matthew 18:15-20

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

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

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon** The Rev. Maryann Philbrook Sturges

**The Nicene Creed** BCP 358

**Prayers of the People (Form III)** BCP 387

**Announcements**

**Anthem (10:45)** Teach me, O Lord Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord,  
the way of Thy statutes,  
teach me the way of Thy statutes;  
and I shall keep it unto the end.

**Doxological Hymn (10:45)** Hymn 380, vs. 3

**The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)** BCP 361

<b>Sanctus</b> (10:45)		S130
<b>Fraction Anthem</b> (10:45)		S169
<b>Communion Motet</b> (10:45)	Ave Verum Corpus	Wolfgang A. Mozart
<p><i>Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer,      Born the Virgin Mary's Son,      Who up on the Cross a victim man's      salvation won,      From whose side, which man had      pierced,      Flow'd the water and the Blood,      By thy sacred Body broken Be in life      our food,      be in Thou life and death our food.</i></p>	<p><i>Ave, ave verum Corpus      natum de Maria Virgine:      Vere passum immolatum      cruce pro homine.      Cuius latus perforatum unda      fluxit et sanguine:      Esto nobis praegustatum in      mortis examine, in mortis      examine.</i></p>	
<b>Prayer after Communion</b>		BCP 365
<b>Sending Hymn</b> (10:45)		Hymn 347
<b>Dismissal</b>		
<b>Postlude</b> (10:45)	Trumpet Tune	Frederick Swann
<p><i>Thank you for your generosity and support of the work of our Cathedral and for staying current with your pledge. As always, your offering may be made on line at <a href="http://www.nativitycathedral.org/donate.html">www.nativitycathedral.org/donate.html</a> or by credit card via text at 610-981-2378. Enter the amount of your gift and await instructions.</i></p>		

## **PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**

Celebrant	The Very Rev. Jon Stratton
Preacher	The Rev. Maryann Philbrook Sturges
Deacons	The Rev. Charlie Barebo (8AM) The Rev. Rodney Conn (10:45AM)
Acolyte	Kathy Kucey, Stephen Kucey
Chalice Bearer	Joe Tramontana (8AM) Sarabel Conn (10:45AM)
Verger	Joe Mozingo
Lectors	Catherine Alling, Barbara Beal
Ushers	Michael Evans, Preston Smith
Welcome Team	Cathy Bailey (8AM) Barbara Beal, Lee Beal (10:45AM)
Organist	James Derr
Altar Guild	Carol Yale (Chair), Angelica Baez Linda Hafich, Sue Snyder
Flower Arranging	Ellie Sifford

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who are in need of healing** – Lillian Lewis; Robert; Susan Mast; Carol Czechowski; Bebe Lockwood; Dolores Cauller; Peggy Hilgert; Marion Chapman; Martha Golfphin; Emilia Isaacs; Tracy Kehoe; Carol Trexler; Jon Knauss; Cornelia Miller; Judith Warner; James Reader; Lois Turner; Madeline Orellana; Cameron Arcario; Carl Chegwidden; The Rev. Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril; Kate Sukla; Barry Bowman; Tim Peetz; Judy Trickey; Anne Nicodemus; Loretta Lockner; Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; Jan Beer; Bill Cauller.

**Those serving in the military and places of danger** – Nicole Albertson; Carlos Xavier Orellana; J.D.; Oriana Marcial

**Parish Cycle of Prayer** – Matthew, Britney, Benjamin, Philip, Maureen Schenkel; Robert III, Hunt, Robert Jr. Schenkel; Fred Schuler; Adam, Emily, Meg Seltzer; Elizabeth Shields.

**The Church and the World** – St. Luke's Cathedral Portland, Maine; St. John's, Palmerton and the Constitution & Canons Committee; Kajo Keji, St. Paul Bori Parish; The Church of Ireland; the outreach ministries of Nativity, especially Gideons and all who work for biblical literacy throughout the world.

**For our Partner Cathedral** – Emmanuel Cathedral in Romogi, for Pianaleh their Dean, and for the people of that Cathedral church, that we may grow stronger in our partnership and in our faith.

**The Altar Flowers** this morning were designed by Twisted Tulip.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Edward A. Gilbert.

## NEWS and INFORMATION for the Week of September 10, 2023

**Covid Level GREEN** — Masks optional. We have been following the CDC's guidance for masking recommendations based on Covid-19 Community Levels. The Community Level in Lehigh and Northampton counties is now LOW, or level GREEN. At this level, people may mask at any time depending on your personal circumstances. Please remember to stay up to date with Covid 19 vaccinations. See our website [nativitycathedral.org](http://nativitycathedral.org) for complete guidelines.

**Set up a one-on-one meeting with Fr. Jon** - During his first year at Nativity, Fr. Jon is looking to meet one-on-one with as many parishioners as he can. This is a great opportunity to get to know our new Dean as well as share your own story with the Cathedral's newest pastor. If none of the times listed



work for you, feel free to email Jon to set something up. He can be reached at [dean@nativitycathedral.org](mailto:dean@nativitycathedral.org) To set up a meeting [click here](#) or scan the QR code.

**Meet with Reverend Maryann** - Want to chat? Need to talk about something?

Book a meeting with our curate, the Rev. Maryann Sturges. To set up a meeting [click here](#) or scan the QR code.



**Bible Study** - Join the Nativity Bible Study! Our Fall Bible Study will start on Tuesday, September 12 at 9:15 am. The Bible Study will be led by Rev. Maryann. We will be reading the book of Romans. Please contact her at [mps@nativitycathedral.com](mailto:mps@nativitycathedral.com) for more information.

**Artist Gathering:** Mark your calendars! The Cathedral Artists are hosting an artist gathering on **Wednesday, September 20, from 6:30-9pm in Room 22** above Sayre Hall. Bryana Beaird will be leading us in a relaxed master study painting session based on one of Georgia O'Keefe's abstract artworks. Bring your own art supplies (paints, brushes, painting surface, etc.) and feel free to invite a few friends. *If you'd like to come, but are a beginner and don't have any supplies, we'd love to have you! Just reach out to Bryana at [bryanajoystudio@gmail.com](mailto:bryanajoystudio@gmail.com) so we can make sure we have some extra materials on hand for you.*

**Nativity Altar Guild** - Our Altar Guild is looking for additional members. You can learn how to set up the Eucharist and how we keep the services going smoothly. Please reach out to our contact person, Catherine Alling, by email [cba\\_nj@yahoo.com](mailto:cba_nj@yahoo.com) or let Dean Stratton or Rev. Maryann Sturges know that you are interested in volunteering.

**The LGBTQIA Spirituality Group** - Are you looking to connect with others on the common ground of queerness and Christianity? The LGBTQIA Spirituality Group meets on the last Thursday of each month at 7P in the Dining Room! For more info and to stay in the loop, reach out to Vinny at [vincentchreptart@outlook.com](mailto:vincentchreptart@outlook.com)

**Plastic bag recycling** - The Creation Care Ministry at Nativity is DISCONTINUING our plastic bag recycling ministry. Please continue to recycle your plastic bags using the recycling bins at most local grocery stores. For questions or comments contact Cathy Bailey [cathybaileynnp@gmail.com](mailto:cathybaileynnp@gmail.com).

**Creation Care TIP of the week:** Moving? Or getting a new refrigerator? Call PP&L to recycle your old refrigerator; they will pick it up and send you a check for \$35!

**Lost and Found:** Please contact the Director of Administration Christa Warda via email at [admin@nativitycathedral.org](mailto:admin@nativitycathedral.org) or by calling the Cathedral office number 610-865-0727 regarding the items found.

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

## The week beginning September 10, 2023

<b><u>Sunday:</u></b>	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Spoken – Cathedral
	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Contemporary - Cathedral
	9:00 AM	Breakfast and Kick-off Sunday – Sayre Hall
	10:45 AM	Holy Eucharist w/Music - Cathedral & Virtual
	12:30 PM	Spanish Holy Eucharist – Cathedral & Virtual
<b><u>Monday:</u></b>	7:00 PM	Prayer Bead Meditation – Zoom
<b><u>Tuesday:</u></b>	9:15 AM	Bible Study – Goodwin Rm
	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting – Rm 23
	7:00 PM	ESL Classes – Rm 21, 22 and Sayre Hall
	7:00 PM	Property Committee Meeting- Rm 23
<b><u>Wednesday:</u></b>	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Healing – Sayre Chapel
	10:00 AM	Thrift Shop open until 2:00 PM
	1:00 PM	Yarns of Love – Dining Room
	6:00 PM	EfM Meeting – Rm 21
	7:00 PM	Mindfulness Meditation – Sayre Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm
<b><u>Thursday:</u></b>	10:00 AM	Thrift Shop open until 2:00 PM
	7:00 PM	ESL Classes – Rm 21, 22 and Sayre Hall
<b><u>Friday:</u></b>	10:00 AM	Thrift Shop open until 2:00 PM
<b><u>Saturday:</u></b>	9:00 AM	Altar Guild Prep – Cathedral
	10:00 AM	Thrift Shop open until 1:00 PM
	1:00 PM	Cathedral Tour by Steeples and Steel Tour - Cathedral
	5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist - Cathedral

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