



The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2017

8 and 9am — The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer.

Hymns are from the Hymnal 1982.

Prelude *Partita on Lasst uns erfreuen*

Callahan

The Word of God

Hymn 400 *All creatures of our God and King*

Lasst uns erfreuen

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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.**

Glory to God (Gloria)

Powell
See pew card

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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Sequence Hymn *The tree of life* *Apple Tree*



1. The tree of life my soul hath seen, La-den with fruit and
 2. His beau-ty doth all things ex - cel: By faith I know, but
 3. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dy - ing



al - ways green: The trees of na-ture fruit-less be Com-pared with
 ne'er can tell the glo - ry which I now can see In Je - sus
 faith a - live; Which makes my soul in haste to be With Je - sus



Christ the ap - ple tree.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John (14:15-21).

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Stephanie Allen

**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.**

Prayers of the People

Let us now demonstrate the hope that fills our hearts by turning to God in prayer, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all the creatures of the earth, that we may all be reconciled with you and all your creation. In your mercy: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all ministers of the Gospel, that they may preach the word boldly and without apology. In the Anglican and Diocesan cycles of prayer we remember the church of Ngbo in Enugu, Nigeria, St. David's, Laurinburg, and Grace Church, Lexington. In your mercy: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all leaders of nations, that they may be unrelenting in their quest for peace. We pray for those who serve in the Armed Forces, for all who govern in our city and state, for police officers and firefighters, and for all public servants who work for the common good, especially Sean, David, Mark, Rick, Elizabeth, and Marcus. For the prophets who speak out against injustice and oppression in our communities and who lead us through their prayers and witness to respect the dignity of all human beings. In your mercy: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all the suffering peoples of this world, especially those who suffer for doing right. In your mercy: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, those among us who experience desolation, especially those for whom God seems most remote. In your mercy: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all the sick and the dying especially Gene, Doris, Al, Mary Kay, Jane, Susan, Jack, Maxine, Karen, Marion, Lyanna, Bill, Don, Ernstein, Barbara, and Ron, and those we name now. That they may find life. In your mercy: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, those expecting a child in their lives, especially Lee and Rebecca and Sandra and Josh. In your mercy: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, our friends and family who have asked for prayers, especially Amy, Katie, Bobbie, Mary, Zeke, Brent, Greg, Kim, George, Sue, Vivian, Ronald, and Brian. We remember Marie, Charlotte, Terri, Matthew, Meghan, Jason, Eric, Allyson, Elsie, Cristi, and Hoke. We pray for Sunny, Shelley, Tony, Charles, Matt, Wayne, Judy, Don, Elissa, Stacey, Paul, and Sharon. Send healing to Janet, Christine, Elois, Crystal, Kirk, Casey, Carole, Robert, Michael, Pearl, Robert, Joanne, and Rob. We pray for Eric, Liz, Matt, Ron, Pam, Jamie, Stacey, Stacey, Ron, Meg, and Ray, and those we name now. In your mercy: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, especially Manuel Mendes Teca and Charles Edward Oldham, and those we name now. In your mercy: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, it is in the power of your abundant and life-giving Spirit that we call upon you in prayer. Deepen our hope in your presence and your promise; hear us in your tender love, now and forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O gracious Father, who openest thine hand and fillest all things living with plenteousness: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; let thy Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth; show thy loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and save us from selfish use of what thou givest, that men and women everywhere may give thee thanks; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Richard Shephard

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.
Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.
All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.
The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,*

*The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one:
All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.
He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell,
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.
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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving — Prayer B

BCP 367

The Lord be with you.

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 him 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.

Here a proper preface is said

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:

Holy, holy, holy (Sanctus)

Land of Rest

See pew card

**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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death;
we proclaim his resurrection;
we await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

At 8am: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

At 9am: *The disciples knew the Lord Jesus*

Sedio
See pew card

The Communion

Hymn 513 *Like the murmur of a dove's song*

Bridegroom

Hymn 428 *O all ye works of God, now come (Vs: 1-4)*

Irish

The Postcommunion 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.**

Processional Hymn 705 *As those of old their first fruits brought*

Forest Green

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude *Voluntary on Forest Green*

Hobb

*The flowers are given today to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the wedding of Jessica Bodford and
Ryan Downey by her parents, Alicia and Derek.*

Reflection Questions

1. What evidence could be presented in court that would assure you of being convicted of following Jesus?
2. If God caused the Big Bang, where did God come from?
3. Find and list as many of Jesus' commandments as you can.

All creatures of our God and King Tune: *Lasst uns Erfreuen*

The words of St. Francis' *Canticle of brother sun and of all creatures* (*Cantico di fratre sole, laude della creatur*) is referred to as the first genuine religious poem in Italian. It was written during the final years of his life, 1225-1226, a period of intense pain and suffering.

The hymn version was written between 1899-1919 by William H. Draper, who was rector of Adel, Yorkshire, for a Schoolchildren's Whitsuntide Festival in Leeds. The origins of the tune date from a much earlier period of time. The opening phrase of the tune *Doch Selig Alle*, published in 1525, inspired Catholic musicians in Cologne at the beginning of the seventeenth century to compose a new tune: *Lasst uns Erfreuen*. This tune, adapted by composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, is today matched with the text of St. Francis.

The Hymnal 1982 Companion,
Raymond F. Glover, Ed

2017 Nativity Graduates

High School

Emily Bubnis — Wakefield — ASU

Wheeler Davis — Raleigh Charter — ASU

Abbott Gaddy — NC School of Science & Math — UNC Chapel Hill

Libby Kenney — Leesville Road (North Carolina Academic Scholar, National Honor Society) — ECU: Recreation and Park Management

Reilly Roberts

Heike Schneider — Sanderson — NCSU College of Design

Lindsey Schneider — St. Mary's School — Georgetown University: Health and Human Sciences

Eoin Trainor — Wakefield — William Peace University: Political Science

Lydia Weinberger — Raleigh Charter — UNC Chapel Hill: Political Science and the Fine Arts.

College and Post Graduate Studies

Jessica Bodford — Arizona State University - PhD in social psychology with concentration in cyber psychology. She will begin work at Facebook in Menlo Park, CA, in July.

Anthony Crawford (Peggy Wade's grandson) — BS in mathematics from Virginia Commonwealth. He will receive his master's in December and plans to teach math.

Ryan Downey (Jessica Bodford's husband) — Arizona State University - D.M.A. (Doctor of Musical Arts) concentration in musical performance

Rich Frost — Harvard Graduate School of Education with a master's in education policy. He will be finishing his last year at Harvard Law School, as he took a year off to complete his master's.

Remi Olagoke — UNC Greensboro, with a BS in speech pathology and audiology. She will attend graduate school in the fall.

We thank the following people for their service today:

Vestry Representative Tom Schuler
Altar Guild Rebecca Barber, Brenda Johnston,
Mary Kingsley, Carrie Mash, Anne Sena, Bonnie Shimmel
Flowers Ailsa Tessier
Linens Susan Kelley

8:00

Lectors Dee Wallis, Gail Till
LEM..... Dee Wallis
Usher Dave McKinnon

9:00

Greeter..... Mary Kingsley
Lectors Ed Hughes, Annette Hughes
LEM..... Anne Sena, Gail Jens
Ushers..... Carl Sigel, Beth Agayoff

Attendance at last week's services was:
8am service: 39 9am service: 78
11:15am service: 106

Last week's Stewardship info:

Offering for operating budget: \$ 7,274
Budgeted weekly income: \$ 7,850

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The Rt. Rev. Peter Lee, *Assisting Bishop*
The Rev. Stephanie L. Allen, *Rector*
The Rev. Dr. David Lynch, *Deacon*
Jennie Herrick, *Parish Coordinator*
Waltye Rasulala, *Choirmaster*; Jason Pace, *Organist*
Kathryn Buckley, *Children and Youth Minister*
Phil Kraemer, *Business Manager*
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Our Mission

*To inspire, nurture, and expand Nativity's spiritual growth
through faith, worship, and community.*

2017 Vestry

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Cuyler O'Connor, *Junior Warden*

Matt Chytka	Evelyn Judson
Matt Dutton	Alicia Lester-Bodford
Dargan Gilmore	Tom Schuler
Harlan Hagge	Ailsa Tessier

Steve Wooden

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Diane Rietman, *Clerk of the Vestry*



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Hymn *Prince of Peace (You Are Holy)*

Michael Smith

You are holy (echo),
You are mighty (echo)
You are worthy (echo),
Worthy of praise (echo)
I will follow (echo),
I will listen (echo)
I will love You (echo),
All of my days. (echo)

Chorus: [Guys]

I will sing to and worship
The Lord who is worthy
I will love and adore Him
I will bow down before Him
I will sing to and worship
The Lord who is worthy
I will love and adore Him
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You're my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for You.

Chorus: [Girls]

You are Lord of Lords
You are King of Kings
You are Mighty God
Lord of everything
You're Emmanuel
You're the great I Am
You're the Prince of Peace
Who is the Lamb
You're the Living God
You're my Saving Grace
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Sequence Hymn *Lord, I lift your name on high* Rick Doyle Founds

Lord I lift your name on high	From the earth to the cross, my debt
Lord I love to sing your praises	to pay
I'm so glad you are in my life	From the cross to the grave, from the
I'm so glad you came to save us.	grave to the sky
	Lord I lift your name on high.
Lord I lift your name on high	You came from heaven to earth, to
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show the way	grave to the sky.
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to pay	Lord I lift your name on high
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Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Libby O'Connor, Sarah Allen,
Heike Schneider, Kathryn Buckley

**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.**

Prayers of the People

We pray for all people: sick, lonely, or dying, that they may find healing. Especially the victims of war, depression, and cancer. We pray that all people are safe, healthy, and cared for. We pray that all people will be blessed by God. **Amen.**

We pray that all around the world, people are treated with kindness. We pray for equality among man, by man, and for man. **Amen.**

We pray that there is peace in our world. **Amen.**

We pray for the men and women who serve our country in the military as they protect our freedom and country. **Amen.**

Prayer for summer:

Thank you for the gift of summer. Deepen our connection with the natural world of leafing trees, the emergence of beautiful flowers, the calming birdsong, and restful scent of afternoon showers. Grace us with restful moments in which all we have to do is affiliate ourselves with your presence. In so doing, refresh our spirits and restore our energy. Keep us safe as we travel, explore and continue to grow into a new school year. May the God of all living things who comes to us in Jesus keep us safe, happy and holy this summer and always. With gratitude for all the gifts of your creation, we pray. **Amen.**

Prayers for parents:

Give our parents wisdom and insight for each day as they remain strong and courageous for us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord, continue to provide our parents with a joyful and patient heart. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May you bless all of our families, with children, without children, and those expecting children. We pray for all families that they may grow in you and with you. We pray that you guide our parents as they move through different stages of our lives. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray our parents teach us by example how to act justly, have mercy, and walk humbly before you. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May the life we live and the words we speak bless our parents today and always. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

Prayer for teachers:

Dear God, thank you for all the amazing teachers who have given their Sunday mornings to serve you through leading us. As we come to an end of the school year, we thank you for filling them with strength to lead, grace to guide, and hope to thrive. Bless them beyond measure for their willingness to pour your love into us through this past year. Give them a refreshed heart and mind over the summer and prepare them anew for next year. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory *Sanctuary*

Lord, pre-prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving I'll be a living
Sanctuary for ____ you.

Purify me from within.
Fill my heart with
Your holy spirit,
Take away all my sin.

It is you, Lord who came to save
The heart and soul of every man.
It is you Lord
Who knows my weakness,
Who gives me strength,
With thine own hand.

Lord, teach your children
To stop the fighting
And start uniting
All as one
Let's get together
Loving forever
A sanctuary for you.

Lead me on Lord
From temptation,

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving — Prayer B

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The Lord be with you.

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 him 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.

Here a proper preface is said

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:

Holy, holy, holy (Sanctus)

Land of Rest
See pew card

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death;
we proclaim his resurrection;
we await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

Sedio

See pew card

The Communion

Beautiful Things

Brian Johnson/Christa Black/Jeremy Riddle

All this pain
 I wonder if I'll ever find my way
 I wonder if my life could really
 change, at all
 All this earth
 Could all that is lost ever be found?
 Could a garden come out from this
 ground, at all?
 You make beautiful things
 You make beautiful things out of the
 dust
 You make beautiful things
 You make beautiful things out of us.
 All around,
 Hope is springing up from this old
 ground
 Out of chaos life is being found, in
 you.
 You make beautiful things
 You make beautiful things out of the
 dust
 You make beautiful things
 You make beautiful things out of us
 Oh, you make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of the
 dust
 You make beautiful things
 You make beautiful things out of us.
 You make me new,
 You are making me new
 You make me new,
 You are making me new
 (Making me new).
 You make beautiful things
 You make beautiful things out of the
 dust
 You make beautiful things
 You make beautiful things out of us
 Oh, you make beautiful things
 You make beautiful things out of the
 dust
 You make beautiful things
 You make beautiful things out of us.
 You make me new,
 You are making me new
 You make me new,
 You are making me new.

Shine, Jesus Shine

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon
us
Set us free by the truth you now bring
us
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome pres-
ence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your bright-
ness
Search me, try me, consume all my
darkness
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your
story
Shine on me, shine on me.

The Postcommunion Prayer

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**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.**

Processional Hymn Light the Fire

I stand to praise You,
But I fall to my knees.
My spirit is willing,
But my flesh is so weak.

Light the fire (echo)
In my soul,
(In my weary soul)
Fan the flame, (echo)
Make me whole.
(Make my spirit whole)
Lord, you know
(Oh Lord you know)
Just where I've been,
(Where I've been)
So light the fire in my heart again.

I feel your arms around me,
As the power of your healing be-
gins.
You breathe new life right through
me,
Like a mighty rushing wind.

So light the fire in my heart again,
Light the fire in my heart again,
Light the fire in my heart again.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude *La Montana*

*The flowers are given today to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the wedding of Jessica Bodford and
Ryan Downey by her parents, Alicia and Derek.*

2017 Nativity Graduates

High School

Emily Bubnis — Wakefield — ASU

Wheeler Davis — Raleigh Charter — ASU

Abbott Gaddy — NC School of Science & Math — UNC Chapel Hill

Libby Kenney — Leesville Road (North Carolina Academic Scholar, National Honor Society) — ECU: Recreation and Park Management

Reilly Roberts

Heike Schneider — Sanderson — NCSU College of Design

Lindsey Schneider — St. Mary's School — Georgetown University: Health and Human Sciences

Eoin Trainor — Wakefield — William Peace University: Political Science

Lydia Weinberger — Raleigh Charter — UNC Chapel Hill: Political Science and the Fine Arts.

College and Post Graduate Studies

Jessica Bodford — Arizona State University - PhD in social psychology with concentration in cyber psychology. She will begin work at Facebook in Menlo Park, CA, in July.

Anthony Crawford (Peggy Wade's grandson) — BS in mathematics from Virginia Commonwealth. He will receive his master's in December and plans to teach math.

Ryan Downey (Jessica Bodford's husband) — Arizona State University - D.M.A. (Doctor of Musical Arts) concentration in musical performance

Rich Frost — Harvard Graduate School of Education with a master's in education policy. He will be finishing his last year at Harvard Law School, as he took a year off to complete his master's.

Remi Olagoke — UNC Greensboro, with a BS in speech pathology and audiology. She will attend graduate school in the fall.

Reflection Questions

1. What evidence could be presented in court that would assure you of being convicted of following Jesus?
2. If God caused the Big Bang, where did God come from?
3. Find and list as many of Jesus' commandments as you can.

We thank the following people for their service today:

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Ushers Libby O'Connor, Brandt Allen
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Attendance at last week's services was:

8am service: 39 9am service: 78

11:15am service: 106

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*To inspire, nurture, and expand Nativity's spiritual growth
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