



The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
October 22, 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 *Voluntary on Mit Freuden zart*

Laubengayer

The Word of God

Hymn 408 *Sing praise to God who reigns above* *Mit Freuden zart*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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)

Archer
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.**

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him-- and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96:1-9

We will read responsively by whole verse by side of the church; those on the side of the Narthex begin, and those on the side of the Angel triptych respond.

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless his Name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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Halton Holgate

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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

Pondering the relationship between our duties to God and our duties as citizens, let us pray for ourselves and for the whole world, saying: Lord have mercy.

That all in our community may know what is God's and what is Caesar's, and may have the courage so to live, let us pray to the one who alone is Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That as the Lord guided Cyrus for the sake of Israel, God will guide our country, its leaders, and its citizens, that justice and peace will be the signs of our trust in God, let us pray to the one who alone is Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the leaders of the church, in the spirit of Paul, may preach the Gospel not merely in words but in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the one who alone is Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That each of us, following Jesus, may be truthful, courting no one's favor, but living with simplicity and candor, let us pray to the one who alone is Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the faith, love, and constancy of God's name may be known from the rising to the setting of the sun, let us pray to the one who alone is Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That like the apostles, all the people in the church may live their faith and labor in love for the poor, the homeless, the imprisoned, the persecuted, and the sick, and that by God's power the suffering of all may be relieved, let us pray to the one who alone is Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In the Anglican and Diocesan cycles of prayer, we pray for the Anglican church of Temotu in the province of Melanesia, and St. Stephen's and St. Timothy's in Winston-Salem. Let us pray to the one who alone is Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who work for the common good, especially Sam, Sean, David, Mark, Rick, Elizabeth, and Marcus, and the prophets in our community who lead us through their witness to respect the dignity of all, let us pray to the one who alone is Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and the suffering in our community, especially Tom, Barbara, Kerry, Susanna, Gene, Doris, Jack, Maxine, Karen, Marion, Bill, Don, Ernstein, and Ron, and those we name now. Let us pray to the one who alone is Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our friends, family, and neighbors who need our prayers, especially Phil, Lynda, Brooke, Greg, Kim, Joel, Brandt, George, Vivian, and Brian. We remember Linda, Charlotte, Matthew, Jason, Eric, Allyson, Cristi, and Hoke. We pray for Gregg, John, Sunny, Tony, Matt, Wayne, Judy, and Don. Send healing to Patricia, Sarah, Crystal, Kirk, Casey, Carole, and Rob. We pray for David, Terri, Jeanne, Shirley, Lemuel, Kean, Jim, Alice, Jamie, and Ray, and those we name now. Let us pray to the one who alone is Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those expecting a child, especially Katie and Brennan, Jenny and Randy, Licia and Jonathan, and Michelle and Roy, let us pray to the one who alone is Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died, especially John Troan and Terri Hutter, and those we name now. Let us pray to the one who alone is Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O God, ruler of all, grant that our nation and its citizens may respond to your call, and that we may live out all civic virtues in honesty and integrity. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son and our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

The Peace

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

Offertory *Voluntary on Halton Holgate*

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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)

Archer
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

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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: *Agnus Dei*

Archer
See pew card

The Communion

Hymn 689 *I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew*

Hymn 684 *O for a closer walk with God*

*Faith
Cathness*

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 665 *All my hope on God is founded* (Vs 1-3)

Michael

Dismissal

Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Toccata and Fugue in F Major*

Buxtehude

Reflection Questions

1. The heart does not perceive through differentiation. It doesn't divide the field into inside and out, subject and object. Rather, it perceives by means of harmony. *Cynthia Bourgeault*
2. We come to church not to escape our sufferings, but to find what we need to hold them.
3. Remember when WWJD was popular?

O for a closer walk with God
Tune: *Caithness*

The words of this popular and well-loved hymn were written by William Cowper and grew out of the anxiety of caring for a sick friend. He began writing the text on December 9, 1797, and finished it the following day. In a letter he wrote to his aunt, in which he included the text, he wrote the following:

“I began to compose these lines yesterday morning before daybreak, but fell asleep at the end of the first two stanzas. When I awakened, the third and fourth lines were whispered to my heart in a way I have often experienced.”

This hymn has been in the Episcopal Hymnal since 1826. The tune *Caithness* was named for the remotest of Scottish counties, at the extreme northeastern tip of the country.

The Hymnal 1982 Companion,
Raymond F. Glover, Ed

We thank the following people for their service today:

Vestry Representative Tom Schuler
Altar Guild Mary Hillmer, Emily Jividen,
..... Fran Kenney, Rebecca Lopez, Becky Showalter
Altar Flowers Emilie Sigel
Linens Gail Jens

8:00

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

9:00

Crucifer Landon Gaddy
Banner Jack Mulrooney
Torches Laura Mulrooney, Isabel Carvajal
Greeter Alec Carroll
Lectors Viola Baldwin, Cooke Read
LEMs Annabel Bloom, Cooke Read
Ushers Jack Spence, Beth Agayoff

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and
in memory of their son-in-law, Anthony Bollin,
by David and Cheryl Waechter.*

Attendance at last week's services was:
8am service: 38 9am service: 80
11:15am service: 84

Last week's Stewardship info:

Offering for operating budget: \$ 8,311
Budgeted weekly income: \$ 8,664

Restoring God's Earth: A Year of Personal Action

The earth is the LORD's, and all that is in it; the world and all who dwell therein. (Ps. 24)

October's ACTION is COMPOSTING.

Commit to one action each week this month.

Decaying food (process minus oxygen) in landfills produces methane—a powerful greenhouse gas, 84 times more damaging than carbon dioxide. Solution? Compost that food! Composting adds in oxygen to the process and produces nutrient rich soil. Compost added to gardens retains water, produces healthier plants and can even pull carbon dioxide out of the air (a process called carbon sequestration)! It's Earth's finest form of recycling.

Let's ACT together this year to restore the fullness of God's earth. Just starting to compost? Borrow a countertop compost container. Contact 786-282-7882 or tmurphy252@aol.com.

Week 1

Freeze your food scraps for composting.

Find/rent a kitchen compost container.

For instructions, services and information visit:

www.ZeroWasteChurch.org or www.nativityonline.org.

Week 2

[Build/buy](#) a compost [bin](#).

[Feed](#) the compost bin at Nativity.

[Find](#) a compost pick – up service.

Week 3

Add something new to your compost.

Start yard waste.

VermiCompost (the worms love it and so does the earth).

Week 4

Encourage a friend/neighbor to compost.

Write a testimonial about composting for Nativity's website and Facebook page.





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The Sermon

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All stand as the Rite 13 Celebrities and their parents gather before the altar.

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

A Liturgy of The Journey to Adulthood

Sponsors: We present Brandt, Lucas, Ethan, Ryan, Jack, and Berkeley, who this day move from childhood to manhood and womanhood.

Dear people of God: The transformation from childhood to womanhood or manhood marks one of God's great gifts. Today we celebrate the gift of womanhood and manhood with these young people.

Brandt, Lucas, Ethan, Ryan, Jack, and Berkeley, by the grace of God you have lived through the pains and joys of childhood, and have grown strong. Now, as men and women, it is given to you to share God's power of creation. Human beings, because they are made in God's image, are the only creatures on earth who can choose how to use their creative power—not only to create new life, but also to shape the world according to God's purpose. God calls us to use this gift to build and not to destroy. Are you aware of God's gift to you and the responsibility to use it wisely?

Celebrities: I am.

Let us join with these young people in reading Psalm 139.

(The congregation repeats the Antiphon.)

Psalm 139:1,8-9,12-15,22-23

LORD, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
Even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.

Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there were none of them.

Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my restless thoughts.
Look well whether there be any wickedness in me
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

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When Mary and Joseph searched for Jesus and found him in the temple, talking with the elders, they realized that he was a child no longer. So, these parents stand watching their sons and daughters grow beyond childhood. Let us pray for them.

O God, bless the parents of these young people. Rejoice with them as their sons and daughters become men and women. Strengthen them that they may support their sons and daughters as they begin the journey toward adulthood. Uphold them by your Spirit, that they may comfort them although they can neither walk their road for them nor shield them from pain. Carry them all safely through this journey, so that one day they may stand together as adults and friends, a joy and a comfort to each other all the days of their lives. **Amen.**

Dear friends of Brandt, Lucas, Ethan, Ryan, Jack, and Berkeley: As they move beyond the circle of their families, they will need loyal friends. Will you stand by them, knowing that there may be times when your support means more than any other?

Young People: We will, with God's help.

As the living Body of Christ, we have been empowered by the Holy Spirit to do God's work in the world. Will you, as a community of God which spans the generations, share your knowledge and experience with these young people as they become men and women?

We will, with God's help.

Will you guide, guard and sustain them as they grow into the full stature of Christ?

We will, with God's help.

Brandt, Lucas, Ethan, Ryan, Jack, and Berkeley, you have been armed by Almighty God with both the imagination of childhood and the strength and creative power of womanhood and manhood; now you must journey forth to gain the skills you will need to assume full responsibility as an adult.

The Celebrities kneel. The parents come forward and lay their hands on the Celebrities' shoulders. The Celebrant says,

May Almighty God fill you with courage, wisdom and joy. May Jesus Christ, your strong companion and never-failing friend, make you strong in faith and defend you on every side. May the Holy Spirit guide you in truth and peace. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, rest upon you this day and for evermore.

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory *Come, Sing Unto the Lord* H. Purcell, arr. M. Schweizer
*Come, sing unto the Lord, sing all ye people.
Come before God's presence with thanksgiving and a song.
Let us rejoice in the strength of our salvation,
Come before God's presence with thanksgiving and a song.*

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving — Prayer B

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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

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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: *Agnus Dei*

Archer

See pew card

The Communion

Hymn 689 *I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew*

Hymn 684 *O for a closer walk with God*

*Faith
Cathness*

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 665 *All my hope on God is founded* (Vs 1-3,5) *Michael*

Dismissal

Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Toccatà and Fugue in F Major*

Buxtehude

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and
in memory of their son-in-law, Anthony Bollin,
by David and Cheryl Waechter.*

*Today, we celebrate Brandt Allen, Lucas Gorman, Ethan Mash,
Ryan Mash, Jack Mulrooney, and Berkeley Sumner
in the Ceremony of Manhood and Womanhood.
There will be a reception in their honor at fellowship following the service.*

Reflection Questions

1. The heart does not perceive through differentiation. It doesn't divide the field into inside and out, subject and object. Rather, it perceives by means of harmony. *Cynthia Bourgeault*
2. We come to church not to escape our sufferings, but to find what we need to hold them.
3. Remember when WWJD was popular?

O for a closer walk with God Tune: *Caithness*

The words of this popular and well-loved hymn were written by William Cowper and grew out of the anxiety of caring for a sick friend. He began writing the text on December 9, 1797, and finished it the following day. In a letter he wrote to his aunt, in which he included the text, he wrote the following:

“I began to compose these lines yesterday morning before daybreak, but fell asleep at the end of the first two stanzas. When I awakened, the third and fourth lines were whispered to my heart in a way I have often experienced.”

This hymn has been in the Episcopal Hymnal since 1826. The tune *Caithness* was named for the remotest of Scottish counties, at the extreme northeastern tip of the country.

The Hymnal 1982 Companion,
Raymond F. Glover, Ed

We thank the following people for their service today:

Vestry Representative Tom Schuler
Altar Guild Mary Hillmer, Emily Jividen,
.....Fran Kenney, Rebecca Lopez, Becky Showalter
Altar Flowers..... Emilie Sigel
LinensGail Jens
Crucifer Alicia Lester-Bodford
BannerKylie Showalter
Torches.....Jade Troester, Eli Clark
Lectors..... Josh Booth, David Brown
LEMs Harlan Hagge, Kerry Troester
Ushers Eric Knapp, Daniel Knapp

Attendance at last week's services was:

8am service: 38 9am service: 80
11:15am service: 84

Last week's Stewardship info:

Offering for operating budget: \$ 8,311
Budgeted weekly income: \$ 8,664

Restoring God's Earth: A Year of Personal Action

The earth is the LORD's, and all that is in it; the world and all who dwell therein. (Ps. 24)

October's ACTION is COMPOSTING.

Commit to one action each week this month.

Decaying food (process minus oxygen) in landfills produces methane—a powerful greenhouse gas, 84 times more damaging than carbon dioxide. Solution? Compost that food! Composting adds in oxygen to the process and produces nutrient rich soil. Compost added to gardens retains water, produces healthier plants and can even pull carbon dioxide out of the air (a process called carbon sequestration)! It's Earth's finest form of recycling.

Let's ACT together this year to restore the fullness of God's earth. Just starting to compost? Borrow a countertop compost container. Contact 786-282-7882 or tmurphy252@aol.com.

Week 1

Freeze your food scraps for composting.

Find/rent a kitchen compost container.

For instructions, services and information visit:

www.ZeroWasteChurch.org or www.nativityonline.org.

Week 2

[Build/buy](#) a compost [bin](#).

[Feed](#) the compost bin at Nativity.

[Find](#) a compost pick – up service.

Week 3

Add something new to your compost.

Start yard waste.

VermiCompost (the worms love it and so does the earth).

Week 4

Encourage a friend/neighbor to compost.

Write a testimonial about composting for Nativity's website and Facebook page.



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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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