

Worship at  
NATIVITY  
CATHEDRAL

The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

29 September 2024  
8 & 10:45 a.m.

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



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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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**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.

***Please note that the children's wing/lower level will be closed and locked on Sundays. Only Nativity staff, Sunday School staff, children, and their families will be able to use that area. If you should need anything from the copy room or parish offices, please see a staff member for assistance. Thank you for partnering with us as we keep our children safe while they are here on our campus.***

**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.

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



So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

**Psalm:** Psalm 19:7-14

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

**Second Reading:** James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

**Sequence Hymn** (10:45)

Hymn 609

**The Gospel:** Mark 9:38-50

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

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

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell

you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

*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 I)**

BCP 383

**Confession & Absolution**

BCP 360

**Announcements**

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## PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant	The Very Rev. Jon Stratton
Preacher	The Rev. Maryann Philbrook Sturges
Deacon	The Rev. Jennifer Burkhardt The Rev. Rodney Conn
Acolytes	Nick Porterfield, Lexi Hauanio, Daniel Hauanio (10:45AM)
Chalice Bearer	Joe Tramontana (8AM) Ray Vernon (10:45AM)
Verger	Alan Burke (10:45AM)
Lectors	Joe Tramontana (8AM) Joe Mozingo, Alice Polumbo (10:45AM)
Ushers	Alan Burke, Kyle Mahaney (10:45AM)
Organist	Greg Funfgeld
Choir	The Cathedral Choir
Soloist	Rebecca Erhardt, soprano
Videographer	Paul Fox
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; Carol Czechowski; Peggy Hilgert; Marion Chapman; Martha Golfphin; Emilia Isaacs; Tracy Kehoe; Carol Trexler; Jon Knauss; James Reader; Madeline Orellana; Cameron Arcario; Carl Chegwidde; The Rev. Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril; Judy Trickey; Dolores Cauller; David Drum; Chip Montgomery; Alyssa Montgomery-Rubinetti; Belinda Tomar; Susan Hercek; Richard Barsness; Theresa Bowman; Jane; Linda Hafich; Matt Ferranti; Patricia Turner; Jane Bergman; Marie; Paul Romeril; Ken Schaffner; Alex Svolos; John George; Michael; Luke; Betty Iassics; Daranee Teapthong; Dr. Nicholas Halbert; Isis Bradley; Al Fulcher.

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

**Parish Cycle of Prayer** – Martha, Joe, Amanda, Paul Fox; John Friedel; Deborah, Robert Fry; Nanci, Craley, Emma, Greg Funfgeld; Elizabeth Gachie; Shanna, Gabriel, Daniel Gaertner.

**The Church and the World** – Catedral San Juan Bautista, Puerto Rico; Trinity Pottsville; Kajo Keji; Lorudung Parish and Liwolo-Helen Wagner Primary School; The Church of Pakistan United; the outreach ministries of Nativity, especially The Episcopal Relief & Development Fund.

**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.

## **NEWS and INFORMATION for the Week of September 29, 2024**

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**Join us for Bible Study!** – This fall's bible study there will be a focus on Paul's letters in the New Testament. Bible study will be held every Tuesday 12pm to 1pm in the dining room starting October 1st through November 19th. Everyone is welcome to come, you may bring your own lunch while we explore these scriptures.

**Join us on Saturday, October 12 at 3:30 pm in the dining room** - Father Jon and Rev. Maryann will share their experience with the Anglican Diocese of Cuernavaca in Mexico! They spent two weeks with our sister church studying Spanish and learning about their ministries in Mexico. We will have some Mexican food, and a conversation about what they learned and experienced. Join us to hear more about how we can be in partnership and support of this ministry.

**St Ursula's Parish is having a BIG raffle** - Saturday, October 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. & Sunday, October 20th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be over 100 baskets, items such as gift cards, and some special value items such as a TV. You are invited!

**The National Museum of Industrial History has opened** - an exhibit to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Robert Sayre, one of the founders of Nativity. The exhibit, The Life and Legacy of Robert Sayre, displays photographs, letters, documents, and personal articles which illustrate the life and contributions of this extraordinary man. Robert Sayre built the Lehigh Valley Railroad and Bethlehem Iron, and helped found Lehigh University and St. Luke's Hospital, while serving on Nativity's vestry for forty-five years. The exhibit runs through the end of the year; on October 13, Professor John K. Smith and Martha Capwell Fox will present an illustrated lecture on his life and works. For more information, visit [www.nimh.org](http://www.nimh.org).

**The Sunday School needs your help!** - The Sunday School is looking for LEGO mini figures to use in their fall classes. If you have some lying around the house, we would happily use your donation!

**Flower Guild Group Volunteers Needed!** - The flower guild group is looking for volunteers. Please call Angelica Baez for more information at 610-509-0659 or email at [angie73@rcn.com](mailto:angie73@rcn.com). Each week a volunteer from the group produces beautiful arrangements from the Sunday altar flowers.

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

## The week beginning September 29, 2024

- Sunday:**                8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Spoken – Cathedral  
                                 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Contemporary – Cathedral  
                                 9:45 AM Adult Forum until 10:30AM – Dining Rm  
                                 9:45 AM Sunday School until 10:30AM – Ground Flr  
                                 10:45 AM Holy Eucharist w/Music – Cathedral & Virtual  
                                 12:30 PM Spanish Holy Eucharist – Cathedral & Virtual
- Monday:**                3:45 PM Fritz/Nativity Homework Club – The Welcome Place  
                                 7:00 PM Prayer Bead Meditation - ZOOM
- Tuesday:**                10:30 AM Staff Meeting – G8  
                                 12:00 PM Fall Bible Study – Dining Rm  
                                 1:00 PM History Group – History Rm, Deanery  
                                 3:45 PM Fritz/Nativity Homework Club – The Welcome Place  
                                 6:00 PM ELL Classes until 9PM – Sayre Hall, Dining Rm,  
                                 Rm 21 & Rm 22  
                                 7:00 PM Implementation Task Force – G8
- Wednesday:**            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 Rm  
                                 3:45 PM Fritz/Nativity Homework Club – The Welcome Place  
                                 6:00 PM EFM Class – RM 21  
                                 6:00 PM Body, Breath, & Balance Class – GS Chapel  
                                 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm
- Thursday:**                10:00 AM Thrift Shop open until 2:00 PM  
                                 5:30 PM Anglican Spirituality & Tradition – GS Chapel  
                                 6:00 PM ELL Classes until 9PM – Sayre Hall, Dining Rm,  
                                 Rm 21 & Rm 22
- Friday:**                 10:00 AM Thrift Shop open until 2:00 PM
- Saturday:**                9:00 AM Altar Guild Prep – Cathedral  
                                 10:00 AM Thrift Shop open until 1:00 PM  
                                 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist – Sayre Chapel

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