



# NATIVITY CHURCH

Embraced Equipped Empowered



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WORSHIP

## The Season of Epiphany

**Nativity Church in**  
**THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS**  
*of the Episcopal Church*

## **Welcome and Parish Life Announcements**

### **Entering God's Presence**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Gloria:**

Glory to God in the highest  
Glory to God in the highest  
And on earth peace to people of good will  
We praise you we bless you we adore you  
We glorify you  
We give you thanks for your great glory  
Lord God heavenly King  
O God almighty Father  
Lord Jesus Christ Only Begotten Son  
Lord God Lamb of God Son of the Father  
You take away the sins of the world  
Have mercy on us  
You take away the sins of the world  
Receive our prayer  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father  
Have mercy on us have mercy on us  
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 Amen Amen Amen

### **Collect of Purity**

Celebrant: 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.**

### **Collect of the Day**

*(Please be seated)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you  
People: **And also with you**  
Celebrant: Let us pray.

## **Hearing God's Word**

### **First Lesson**

A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
People: **Thanks be to God**

### **The Response**

### **The Psalm**

### **The Second Lesson**

A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
People: **Thanks be to God**

### **The Holy Gospel**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Celebrant: The holy Gospel of the Lord, Jesus Christ, according to

People: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord  
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

### **Sermon**

*(Please be seated)*

### **Responding to God's Word**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### **The Nicene Creed**

**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.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

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*(Please kneel as you are able)*

Celebrant: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**People: That we all may be one.**

Celebrant: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Celebrant: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Celebrant: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Celebrant: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**People: That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Celebrant: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**People: That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Celebrant: Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Celebrant: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Celebrant: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*(Silence)*

## **Confession of Sin**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors  
**All: 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.**

## **Absolution**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## The Peace

*(Please stand)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Celebrating the Lord's Supper

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: 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:

**People: 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**

*(Please stand or kneel as you are able)*

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**All: 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**

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for us;

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*(All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion)*

### **The Post-Communion Prayer**

**All: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

#### **Dismissal**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**People: Ordinary People empowered to live Extraordinary Lives!  
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**



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