

Nativity Catholic Church Celebration of the Eucharist 26th Anniversary of Operation Starfish Sixth Sunday of Easter 11am, May 5, 2024 # Introductory Rites

Processional Hymn By Faith

Verse

By faith we see the hand of God In the light of creation's grand design In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness Who walk by faith and not by sight By faith our fathers roamed the earth With the power of His promise in their hearts Of a holy city built by God's own hand A place where peace and justice reign

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Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward Till the race is finished and the work is done We'll walk by faith and not by sight

Penitential Rite Gloria

Mass of Christ the Savior

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⋕ Liturgy of the Word ⋕

First Reading

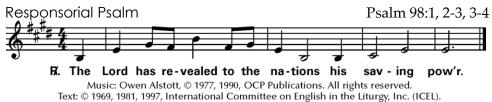
Collect

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being."

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.



Second Readina

1 John 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as explation for our sins.



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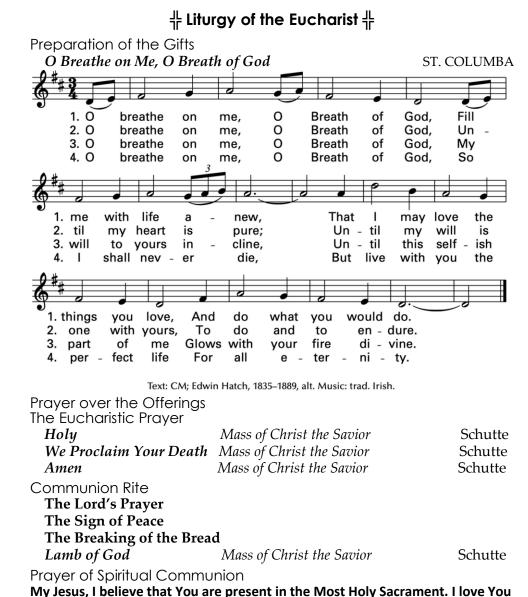
Gospel

John 15:9-17 Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

Homily Profession of Faith Universal Prayer

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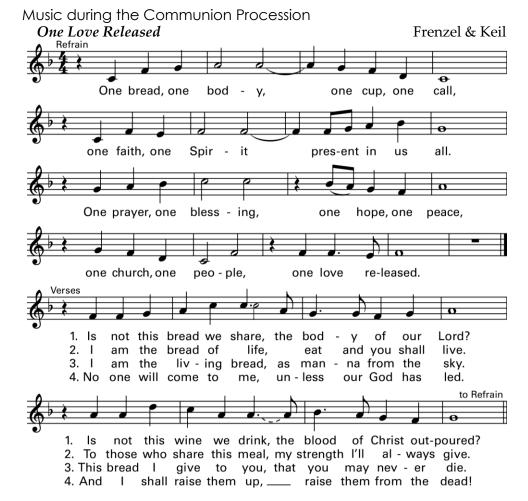


above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this

moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace

You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit

me to be separated from You. Amen.



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Verse	Verse
There's nothing worth more	I've tasted and seen
That could ever come close	Of the sweetest of loves
No thing can compare	Where my heart becomes free
You're our living hope	And my shame is undone
Your Presence Lord	Your Presence Lord

Chorus

Holy Spirit you are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere Your glory God is what our hearts long for To be overcome by Your Presence Lord Your Presence Lord

Bridge

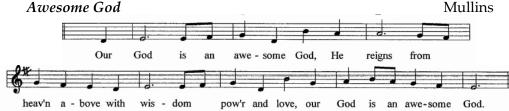
Let us become more aware of Your Presence Let us experience the glory of Your goodness Let us become more aware of Your Presence Let us experience the glory of Your goodness

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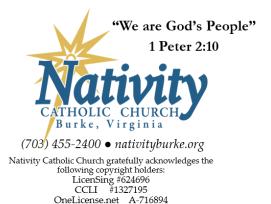
Prayer After Communion

Concluding Rites

Final Blessing and Dismissal Recessional Hymn Awesome God



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This weekend, we commemorate the tenth anniversary of <u>Father Richard Martin</u>, who returned to God in 2014 after serving as Nativity's pastor for 17 years. Fr. Martin began Operation Starfish, working with Food For The Poor to develop Nativity Villages with housing, clean water, sanitation, schools, clinics, and small businesses throughout Haiti. Fr. Bob Cilinski expanded Operation Starfish to Jamaica and Honduras and brought more young adults into this ministry.

Today, Operation Starfish has:

- Over 1,500 homes in Haiti
- <u>13 Nativity Villages</u> in Haiti, with a 14th in planning
- 4 fishing villages in Haiti
- 3 fresh water fish farms in Haiti
- 4 medical scholarships in Jamaica, 1 in Haiti
- 4 greenhouses in the Dominican Republic
- 2 clinics in Haiti, 1 in Honduras
- Fish 4 Hope to spur small business
- <u>Stella Marina</u> to make childbirth safer

We invite you to invest in Father Martin's vision of bringing families out of poverty, one person at a time, by participating in the Operation Starfish second collection in-person or by simply clicking <u>online giving</u>. If you need help, call the church office at 703-455-2400 or email <u>abenson@nativityburke.org</u>.

