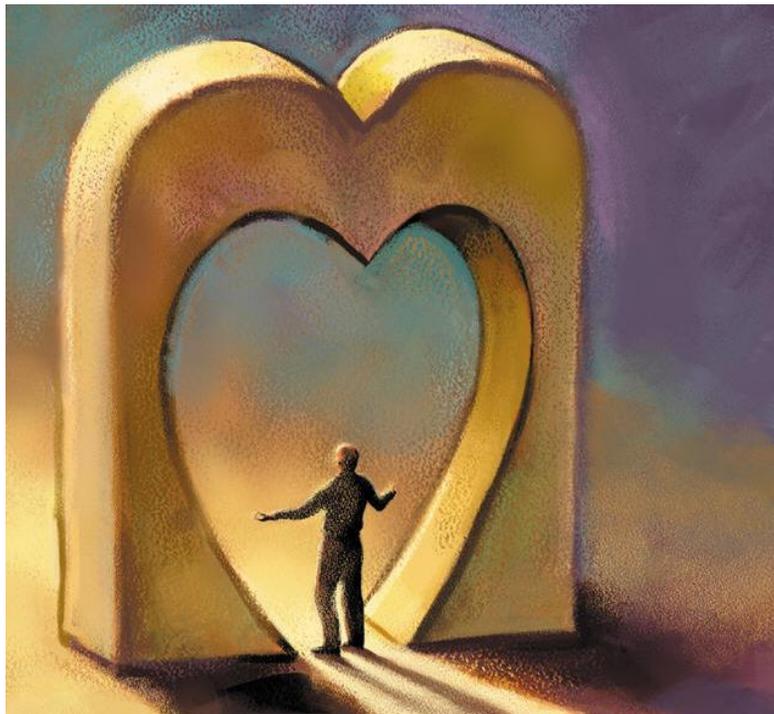




Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

Simplified Service



Called to Life — Compelled to Love



You are welcome in the worship, fellowship, and mission
of the Church of the Nativity!

We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality, and culture
of the Indigenous peoples with whom the Upper Canada Treaties were
signed and who for centuries have offered care and
stewardship for the territory wherein our parish resides.

We seek to live up to our responsibility as Treaty members.

We are gathered on the traditional territory of several
Indigenous peoples, including the Neutrals, the Mississauga,
the Anishnaabe and the Haudenosaunee, on territory shared under
the Dish with One Spoon wampum treaty.

We also honour the heritage and gifts of Métis people.

May our actions be guided by our commitment to reconciliation.

We pray that you may find welcome, grace, and hope
in this sacred celebration.

All who seek Christ in their lives
are welcome to share in the Eucharist.

COVID-19 Precautions

Our services feel very different right now. Every parish in the diocese of Niagara is offering its in-person worship services under the guidelines and directions from the diocese and Public Health.

We ask that you keep your mask over your mouth, nose, and chin throughout your time in the building.

Please limit what surfaces you touch.

We ask that you not leave your seats except as directed; when you do, please ensure you maintain two metres of physical distance between yourself and anyone not in your bubble.

Streaming

Our 10:00am services is streamed to YouTube.

We will try to minimize your possible appearance on camera.

The beginning of the streaming will be marked with by an announcement, and then the service will continue as outlined.

Prelude

Music is offered to provide a time for quiet prayer and preparation.

A bell is rung, and we stand as we are able.

Silent Procession

One The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God,
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
 be with you all.

All And also with you.

The congregation is welcomed, and the materials needed for the service briefly explained.

An Order for the Holy Eucharist (Church in Wales)

One Gracious God,

All all hearts are open to you.

No secrets are hidden from you.

**Purify us with the fire of your Holy Spirit
that we may love and worship you faithfully,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

The Collect

One Let us pray.

A short silence follows to quieten our hearts and minds together.

Wisdom of God,
from the street corners and at the entrances to the city
you proclaim the way of life and of death.
Grant us the wisdom to recognize your Messiah,
that following in the way of the cross,
we may know the way of life and glory,
revealed to us in Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Holy Scripture

First Reading

One A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,
would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;

but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.’

Proverbs 1.20—33

All Listen for the leading of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

One The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

One The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint Mark.

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves

and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Mark 8.27—38

One The Gospel of Christ.
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reflection

One Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All **Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

℣ God, in your mercy,
℞ hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

One God our comforter,
All **like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
Free us from our sin, gracious God.
Listen when we call out to you for help.
Lead us by your love to love our neighbours as ourselves.
Amen.**

One Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand as you are able.

*At the current time,
we need to remain in our seats during the peace.
Waving, shimmering, bowing, speaking peace—
we'll each find our own creative ways
to share in Christ's peace without moving
or creating physical contact.*

One The peace of the Lord be always with you!
All **And also with you.**

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

One We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.

***All* We take this bread and this wine
to follow Christ's example
and to obey his command.
Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayers (Wells & Kocher)

One May God be with you.

All And also with you.

One Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One *preface (varies week by week)*

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

One *the Eucharistic prayer continues*

One Great is the mystery of faith.

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

One *Eucharistic prayer concludes*

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

One As Jesus teaches us, let us pray in the language
and version of our comfort:

All Our Father

in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin
against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the
power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.

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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

We keep silent and pray for a short time.

The Breaking of the Bread

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One We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

One The gifts of God, for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God!

Communion

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome to receive the Eucharist.

During the amber stage of our pandemic response, the welcomers will tell you when to come up to our nave altar. There, you will pick up one of the wafers, and take it back to your pew to consume the eucharist. Gluten-free wafers are also on the altar.

If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your hands over your chest when you go up to the nave altar, and a priest will bless you.

During the amber stage of the pandemic, only the presiding priest will consume the wine. The practice of intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) remains forbidden in the Diocese of Niagara.

The Church has long taught that receiving in only one kind—that is, receiving only the bread or only the wine—is full participation in the eucharist; when we receive in only one kind, we still receive both the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

One **Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith
into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All **Amen.**

The Blessing

The presider will pronounce God's blessing on the assembly.

Dismissal

One Let us bless the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

As we make our way out of the church, please be sure to maintain six feet of distance between yourself and others who are not in your immediate bubble.