



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

Simplified Service

3 October 2021

Francis of Assisi



Sts Clare and Francis

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.

Streaming

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.

God, you ever delight to reveal yourself
to the childlike and lowly of heart:
Grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis,
we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness
and know only Jesus Christ, and him crucified,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

Holy Scripture

First Reading

One A reading from the the letter of Paul
to the followers of Jesus in Galatia.

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord
Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and
I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is
anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who
will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and
upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the
marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit,
brothers and sisters. Amen.

Galatians 6.14—18

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.
All 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 Matthew.
All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

One At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

Matthew 11.25—30

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

Reflection from our Guest Preacher:

The Reverend Canon Mike Deed

Affirmation of Faith

Common Worship (Church of England)

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.*
