



# Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

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## Holy Eucharist

Simplified Service

October 10, 2021



***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.

Those attending in-person are asked to keep their mask over their mouth, nose, and chin throughout their time in the building. They are also asked to remain in their assigned seats except as directed, and to be careful to maintain two metres of physical distance between them and anyone not in their bubble.

## **Streaming**

Our 10:00am services is streamed to YouTube.

We try to minimize the appearance on camera of those attending in person.

## Prelude

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

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

## The Gathering

### 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 of the living,  
with all your creatures great and small  
we sing your bounty and your goodness,  
for in the harvest of land and ocean,  
in the cycles of the seasons,  
and the wonders of each creature,  
you reveal your generosity.  
Teach us the gratitude that dispels envy,  
that we may honour each gift as you cherish your creation,  
and praise you in all times and places;  
through Jesus Christ 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 prophet Joel.

Do not fear, O soil;  
be glad and rejoice,  
for the Lord has done great things!  
Do not fear, you animals of the field,  
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;  
the tree bears its fruit,  
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad  
and rejoice in the LORD your God;  
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,  
he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
the early and the later rain, as before.  
The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,  
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years  
that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the LORD your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never  
again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.  
And my people shall never again  
be put to shame.

*Joel 2.21—27*

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**        Jesus said, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.’

*Matthew 6.25—33*

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

Reflection

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

*At the current time, we exchange the peace without 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.*

Prayer after Communion

*Sundays and Seasons*

*One* Lord of life,  
*All* **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