



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

Simplified Service

17 October 2021

21st Sunday after Pentecost



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 Collectⁱⁱⁱ

One Let us pray.

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

Eternal One,
whose thoughts and ways are not ours,
you alone are God,
awesome, holy, and most high.
School us in the ways of faith and wisdom,
that we, like Job, may learn to truly see and hear,
and in humility find blessing;
through your Son Jesus the Christ,
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 book of Job.

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:
‘Who is this that darkens counsel by words without
knowledge?’

Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

‘Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.’

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

‘Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
so that a flood of waters may cover you?
Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go
and say to you, “Here we are”?
Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,
or given understanding to the mind?
Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?
Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,
when the dust runs into a mass
and the clods cling together?

‘Can you hunt the prey for the lion,
or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
when they crouch in their dens,
or lie in wait in their covert?
Who provides for the raven its prey,
when its young ones cry to God,
and wander about for lack of food?

Job 38.1—7, 34—41

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.**

One James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Mark 10.35—45

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

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.*

ⁱ William Blake, “The Lord Answering Job Out of the Whirlwind.” Pen and black ink, gray wash, and watercolour over traces of graphite.. 1825, reprinted 1874. Blake, William, 1757-1827. Lord Answers Job Out of the Whirlwind, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57704> [retrieved October 14, 2021]. Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:The_Lord_Answering_Job_Out_of_the_Whirlwind_Butts_set.jpg.

ⁱⁱⁱ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*. Consultation on Common Texts. Augsburg Fortress, 2002.