



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

Simplified Service

7 November 2021

Feast of All Saints



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.

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 Collect³

One Let us pray.

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

Almighty God,
whose people are knit together in one holy Church,
the mystical Body of your Son,
grant us grace to follow your blessed saints
in lives of faith and commitment,
and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared
for those who love you;
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

Holy Scripture

First Reading

One A reading from the Revelation of Jesus Christ to Saint John the Divine.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Revelation 21.1—6

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 John.

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

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’ But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, ‘Take away the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, ‘Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, ‘Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.’ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’

John 11.32—44

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.**

Litany of All Saints

God the Father, creator of heaven and earth:

have mercy upon us.

God the Son, redeemer of the world:

have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Spirit, sanctifier of the faithful:

have mercy upon us.

Holy Trinity, one God:

have mercy upon us.

Holy Abraham and Sarah, our ancestors in faith; Holy Moses the lawgiver, Aaron the priest, and Miriam the prophet; and all saints who have journeyed into the unknown, trusting God's promises:

Pray for us.

Holy Esther and Deborah, saviours of their nation; Holy Hannah and Ruth, whose love and devotion bore witness to the faithfulness of God; Holy Isaiah, John the Baptist, Simeon, Anna, and all the prophets, and all saints who have obeyed God's call with joy:

Pray for us.

Holy Mary the Virgin, the mother of our Lord; Holy Joseph, guardian of the Incarnate Word; Holy Mary Magdalene, Salome, and Mary, first witnesses of the resurrection, and all saints who bore faithful witness to Christ:

Pray for us.

Holy Peter and Paul, and all the Holy apostles, Holy Barnabas, Silas, and Timothy, Holy Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, and all saints who have brought the faith of Christ alive in every generation:

Pray for us.

Holy Athanasius and John Chrysostom; Holy Stephen, Agnes, Lucy, Perpetua, Felicity, and the whole army of martyrs; Holy Julian of Norwich, Bridget of Sweden and Teresa of Avila, Holy Richard Hooker and Lancelot Andrewes, and all saints who have enabled us to reflect on the mystery of Christ:

Pray for us.

Holy Martin Luther King, Oscar Romero, and Jonathan Daniels, and all martyrs and peacemakers of our own time; Holy unsung heroes and heroines of our faith, whose names are known to God alone:

Pray for us.

Holy Mollie Brant, Henry Budd, John Stuart, Edmund Peck, Robert Machray, Jean de Brébeuf, Hannah Grier Coome, Roberta Elizabeth Tilton, and all the saints of the lands and territories of North America:

Pray for us.

Holy saints of our own communities in ages past who have revealed to us the love of God and shown to us the way of holiness:

Pray for us.

Let us rejoice and honor them with thankful hearts,
and glorify our God, in whom they put their trust.

Lead us to join You in your work of renewing and recreating this world. Inspire us to share your water of life and serve as your ambassadors of reconciliation with nations, peoples, and our fragile ecosystems.

God, hear our prayer.

Fill your church and the your world with your life-giving Spirit, that your justice, grace, and truth may burn in our hearts.

God, hear our prayer.

Bring your healing power to all who are unwell; bless all who tend to others; comfort those who are dying.

God, hear our prayer.

Renew in us the commitment we made to you in baptism. Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit. Send us into the world in witness to your love; bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Make us your saints, O God.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever.

Amen.

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

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

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (PrayerX)

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 It is indeed right, our duty and our joy
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.
By the witness of the saints
you show us the hope of our calling,
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy
and rejoice with them in glory.
And so, with all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***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 O God most mighty, O God most merciful,
O God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise your holy Name,
call us to your table,
grant us your life.

When the world was a formless void,
you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child.
When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.
Ruth faced starvation,
David fought Goliath,
and the psalmists cried out for healing,
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
He was born among those living in poverty,
he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city.
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus
took bread and gave you thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

All Amen!

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

All Amen!

Trusting his presence in every time and place,
we plead Amen.

All Amen!

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.
Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Saviour,
life in you, now and forever.

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 are unable to be physically present to receive the eucharist may wish to pray one of the following prayers of reception for spiritual communion.

One I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ,
present in bread and wine, and present in your people,
who are gathered in spirit.
In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart,
and in our community.
May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart,
may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul,
may you, who gives yourself to us again,
fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing.
Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you
and for your reign of justice and peace increase,
that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day
when your kingdom shall come on earth as it is heaven. Amen.

or Come Lord Jesus
and make in my heart your dwelling place and home.
I seek to love you with all my heart, mind, soul and strength,
and so, through your presence in bread and wine
I receive you afresh and praise you for you are my God.
As you fill me, so may my love for you and for all your people,
rise and overflow, that with joy and thanksgiving,
I may serve you in the world you love. Amen.

or Jesus, I believe that you are present with us
in the sacrament of bread and wine.
I love you and I desire your presence afresh in my life.
Since I cannot now receive the bread and wine of the altar,
come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you and unite myself to you;
never let me be separated from you.⁴ Amen.

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.
Amen.**

The Blessing

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

Announcements & Dismissal

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

Postlude

¹ Icon of All Saints.

³ *Book of Alternative Services.*

⁴ Based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus Maria de'Liguori.