



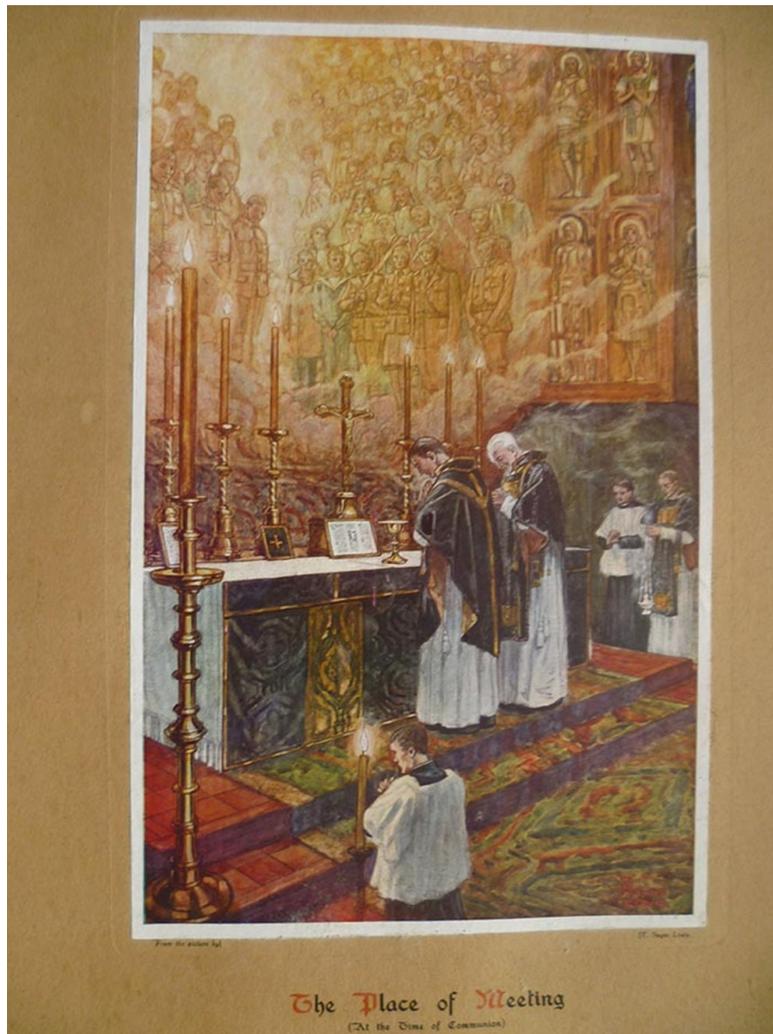
Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

Simplified Service

14 November 2021

25th 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 the service begins.

The Sentences

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

– Psalm 46.1

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

– Psalm 121.1—2

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.

– Lamentations 3.21—23

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up
with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not
faint.

– Isaiah 40.31

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and
to walk humbly with your God?

– Micah 6.8

The Gathering

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith
for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may, together,
live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives,

in world wars and conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

We will remember them.

The Pause

Last Post

Two Minutes of Silence

Reveille

Prayers of Commemoration and for Peace

Ever-living God,
we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O God, it is your will
to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace.
Let the design of your great love
shine on the waste of our wrath and sorrow,
and give peace to your Church,

peace among nations, peace in our homes,
and peace in our hearts;
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will.

Merciful God,
we offer to you the fears in us
that have not yet been cast out by love:
may we accept the hope
you have placed in the hearts of all people,
and live lives of justice, courage and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer.

Amen.

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to all people unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants, life eternal;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Source of all being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

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

And also with you.

The Collect³

Let us pray.

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

God our rock,
you hear the cries of your people
and answer the prayers of the faithful.
Grant us the boldness of Hannah
that we may persist in prayer,
confident in your steadfast love;
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.

Amen.

Holy Scripture

First Reading

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. So it went on year after year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, ‘Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?’

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: ‘O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.’

As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, ‘How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.’ But Hannah answered, ‘No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.’ Then Eli answered, ‘Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.’ And she said, ‘Let your servant find favour in your sight.’ Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshipped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, ‘I have asked him of the LORD.’

1 Samuel 1.4—20

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’ Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?’ Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Mark 13.1—8

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Affirmation of Faith⁴

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

**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 Absolution⁵

God our comforter,
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.

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.
Amen.

The Peace

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

Offertory Hymn

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts⁶

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.

We take this bread and this wine

to follow Christ's example

and to obey his command.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving⁷

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

preface (varies weekly with the readings)

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.

the Eucharistic prayer continues

... we proclaim the great mystery of faith.

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

Eucharistic prayer concludes

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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 Bread⁸

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

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

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. Amen.⁹

Prayer after Communion¹⁰

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.
Amen.

Parish Announcements

The Blessing

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

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

¹ “The Place of Meeting” by Thomas Noyes Lewis, painted in the 1920s. The first rank of soldiers includes a sailor and a chaplain, all wearing First World War uniforms. Each rank behind takes the viewer further into the past.

³ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*. Consultation on Common Texts. Augsburg Fortress, 2002.

⁴ *Common Worship* (Church of England)

⁵ *Sundays and Seasons*.

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⁷ *Eucharistic Prayers* (Wells & Kocher)

⁸ *BAS*, alt.

⁹ Based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus Maria de’Liguori.

¹⁰ *Sundays and Seasons*.