



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist
Simplified Service
21 November 2021
The Reign of Christ
Last 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 Gathering

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.

You who are,
who were,
who are to come,
before whose judgement
all that is not love fades away:
save us from the violence
that seeks to claim our hearts,
so that we may hear a different voice
and belong to you in truth;
through Jesus Christ, the wounded king of all,
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 Revelation to Saint John the Divine.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 1.4b—8

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.' Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?'

John 18.33—38a

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.

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.

379 Rejoice, the Lord is King

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice; again I say, rejoice!
2. Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice; again I say, rejoice!
3. His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice; again I say, rejoice!
4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command to fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice; again I say, rejoice!
5. Rejoice in glorious hope; Jesus the judge shall come
and take his servants up to their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

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 *Alternative Collects for Years A,B, & C of the Revised Common Lectionary and Seasonal Prayers over the Gifts and after Communion.* Anglican Church of Canada.

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.*