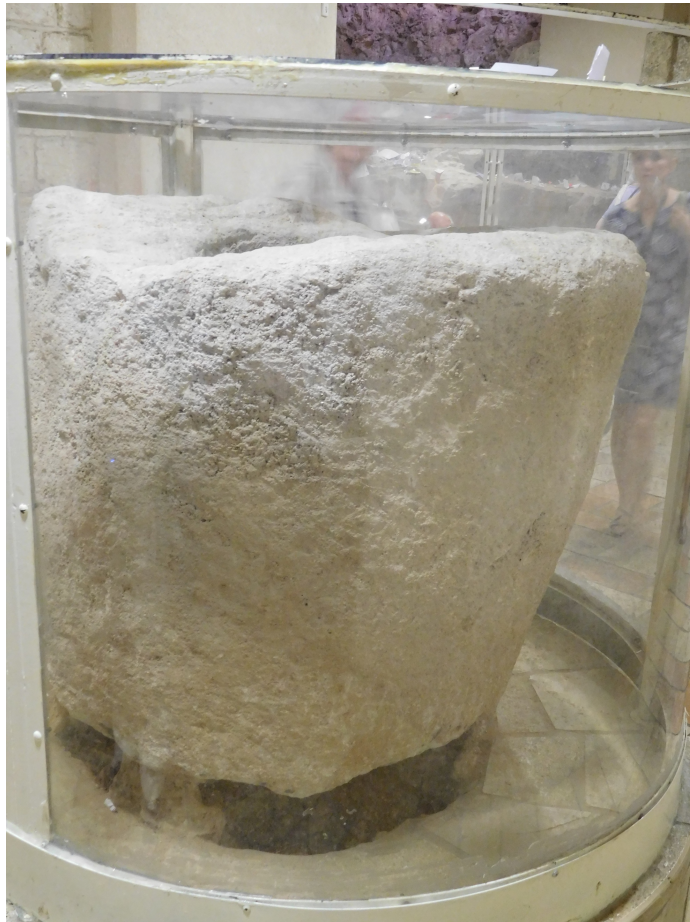




Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Sunday Prayers

2nd Sunday after Epiphany
16 January 2022



Called to Life — Compelled to Love



Welcome & Territorial Acknowledgement

The Prelude

The Gathering

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

And also with you.

Venite

May Christ the daystar dawn in our hearts
and triumph over the shades of night.

**May Christ the daystar dawn in our hearts
and triumph over the shades of night.**

O come, let us sing to the Lord; •
Let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.

**May Christ the daystar dawn in our hearts
and triumph over the shades of night.**

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving •
and sing to the Lord with psalms of triumph.
For you, Lord, are a great God • and a great king above all gods.

**May Christ the daystar dawn in our hearts
and triumph over the shades of night.**

O come let us bow down and worship; •
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
For the Lord is our God; •
we are the Lord's people, the flock that God shepherds.

**May Christ the daystar dawn in our hearts
and triumph over the shades of night.**

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.**

Amen.

**May Christ the daystar dawn in our hearts
and triumph over the shades of night.**

Blessed are you, creator of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As your dawn renews the face of the earth
bringing light and life to all creation,
may we rejoice in this day you have made;
as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will,
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.
Blessed be God, Source, Word, and Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,
who creates us,
redeems us, and calls us by name.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.**
**We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.**
**We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.**
**We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.**
**Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.**
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.**
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 night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

Amen.

The Psalm

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens; •
your faithfulness up to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep; •
you Lord save both people and beasts.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God; •
mortals take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the rich abundance of your house; •
you give them drink from the stream of your delights.**

For with you is the well of life, •
and in your light we see light.

**Continue your loving kindness to those who know you, •
and your justice to the true of heart.**

Psalm 36.5—10

**Glory to God,
Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The First Reading

A reading from the first letter to the followers of Jesus in Corinth.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says ‘Let Jesus be cursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

1 Corinthians 12.1—11

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 John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

John 2.1—11

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Reflection

Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
at thy speaking it was done;
for created light we thank thee
while thine ordered seasons run:
alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light does send!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
dark as night and deep as death,
broke the light of thy salvation,
breathed thine own life-breathing breath:
alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light does send!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

God the Father, Light Creator,
to thee laud and honor be;
to thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally;
Holy Spirit, Light Revealer,
glory, glory be to thee:
mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the holy Trinity!

The Prayers of the People

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

Versicle and Response:

V God of grace,
R hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Let us gather our prayers and praise into one,
and pray as Jesus teaches us 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.
Amen.**

**Our Father,
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.**

The Collect

O God of steadfast love,
at the wedding in Cana your Son Jesus turned water into wine,
delighting all who were there.
Transform our hearts by your Spirit,
that we may use our varied gifts
to show forth the light of your love
as one body in Christ,
through whom we pray and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Blessing

... and the blessing of God ...
always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

The Postlude



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