



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Sunday Prayers

6th Sunday after Epiphany
13 February 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

O come, let us sing to the Lord; •

Let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.

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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.

O come, let us sing to the Lord; •

Let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.

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.

O come, let us sing to the Lord; •

Let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.

**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.

O come, let us sing to the Lord; •

Let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.

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

Blessed are those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked: •
or linger in the way of sinners, or sit down among those who mock.

**But their delight is in the law of the Lord: •
and on that law they meditate day and night.**

They are like trees planted beside a watercourse which yield their fruit in due season. Their leaves also do not wither: •
and look, whatever they do it shall prosper.

**As for the wicked, it is not so with them: •
but they are like the chaff, which is driven away by the wind.**

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand when judgment comes: •
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous: •
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

Psalm 1

**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 if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

1st Corinthians 15.12—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 Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Luke 6.17—26

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Reflection

Hymn of the Day

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

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

Living God, in Christ you make all things new.
Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory,
through Jesus the Christ,
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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Wardens

Our cover image this morning is a photograph taken by Mrs. Lesley Griffin, of the dome of the Church of the Beatitudes, located on the spot thought to be where Jesus spoke the Sermon on the Mount. It is used with her permission. Below the dome you can see some of the windows that inscribe the eight beatitudes.