



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Sunday Prayers

7th Sunday after Epiphany
20 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

Do not fret because of the wicked, •
or envy those who do evil.

**For they will soon dry up like the grass, •
and wither like the green herb.**

Trust in the Lord and do good; •
then you shall dwell in the land, and there find safe pasture.

**Find your delight in the Lord, •
and the Lord will give you your heart's desire.**

Commit your life to the Lord; •
put your trust in the one who will act for you,
**so that the justice of your cause will break forth as the light, •
your righteousness like the sun at noon.**

Be still before the Lord, •
and wait in patience;
**do not grieve at the prosperity of those •
who follow evil purposes.**

Refrain from anger, and suppress your rage; •
do not fret yourself, for that leads only to evil.
**Those who do evil shall perish, •
but those who wait for the Lord shall possess the land.**

A little while, and the wicked shall be no more; •
look well, and you will find their place is empty.
**But the humble shall possess the land, •
and enjoy the fullness of peace.**

Deliverance for the righteous comes from the Lord: •
the Most High is their stronghold in time of trouble.
**God will help them and deliver them, •
and will save them, because they take refuge in the Lord.**

Psalm 37.1—11, 39—40

**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.

But someone will ask, ‘How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?’ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written,

‘The first man, Adam, became a living being’; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual.

The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

1 Corinthians 15:35—38, 42—50

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Reflection

Hymn of the Day

Praise to the Holiest in the Height

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.**

And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

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.

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.

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.

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

God of mercy,
keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son,
who prayed even for his enemies.
In our words and actions help us to follow his example,
so that we may transform hatred into love
and selfishness into generosity;
through Jesus Christ, our great reward,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Announcements

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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