



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Sunday Prayers

Last Sunday after Epiphany
27 February 2022



Called to Life — Compelled to Love



Please note:

In-person services resume
on Ash Wednesday (March 2nd, 2022),
and Sundays on March 6th, 2022.

We do ask worshippers to pre-register to attend in person,
by calling the church office at (905) 549-4335.

We will continue to live-stream the 10 o'clock service.

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.

Jubilate

The Lord's steadfast love is everlasting.
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Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth; •
worship with gladness, and
enter the Lord's presence with songs of joy.
The Lord's steadfast love is everlasting.

Know that the Lord is God, •
our maker, whose people we are,

the flock which the Lord our God shepherds.

The Lord's steadfast love is everlasting.

Enter the gates of the temple with thanksgiving,
and go into its courts with praise; •
give thanks, and bless God's holy name.

The Lord's steadfast love is everlasting.

For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting: •
and whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

The Lord's steadfast love is everlasting.

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 Lord's steadfast love is everlasting.

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

You are king, O Lord, and the people tremble; •
you sit enthroned upon the cherubim, and the earth is quaking.
You, O Lord, are great upon your holy mountain; •
you are exalted over all the nations.

Let them praise your great and terrible name; •
holy are you and mighty, a king who delights in justice.
You have established equity; •
you have dealt justice and righteousness in Jacob.

We proclaim your greatness, O Lord our God; •
we bow down before your footstool for you are holy.
Moses and Aaron among your priests,
and Samuel among those who called on your name; •
these called to you, O Lord, and you answered.

You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; •
they kept your teachings and the law that you gave them.
You answered them, O Lord our God; •
to them you were a God who forgives,
though you punished their offences.

We proclaim your greatness, O Lord our God; •
**we bow down towards your holy hill,
for you, O Lord our God, are holy.**

Psalm 99

**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 book of Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Exodus 34.29—35

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.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Luke 9.28—43a

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Reflection

Hymn of the Day

How Firm a Foundation

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?**

**“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not—I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never—no, never—no, never forsake!”**

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:

℣ God of grace,
℞ 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,**

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy 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.

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

Eternal God,
you revealed to the disciples the everlasting glory of Jesus Christ.
Grant us, who have not seen and yet believe,
the gift of your Holy Spirit,
that we may boldly live the gospel
and shine with your transforming glory,
as people changed and changing
through the redeeming presence of our Saviour,
your Son Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Father of all,
your Risen Son gave new hope to his apostles
with words of peace and the assurance of his presence:
send your Holy Spirit upon the peoples of Ukraine.
Bless them with Christ's gift of peace,
and strengthen the resolve of all
 who labour for an end to this conflict;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.

Amen.

Announcements

The Blessing

... and forever.

Amen.

The Dismissal

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

The Postlude



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