

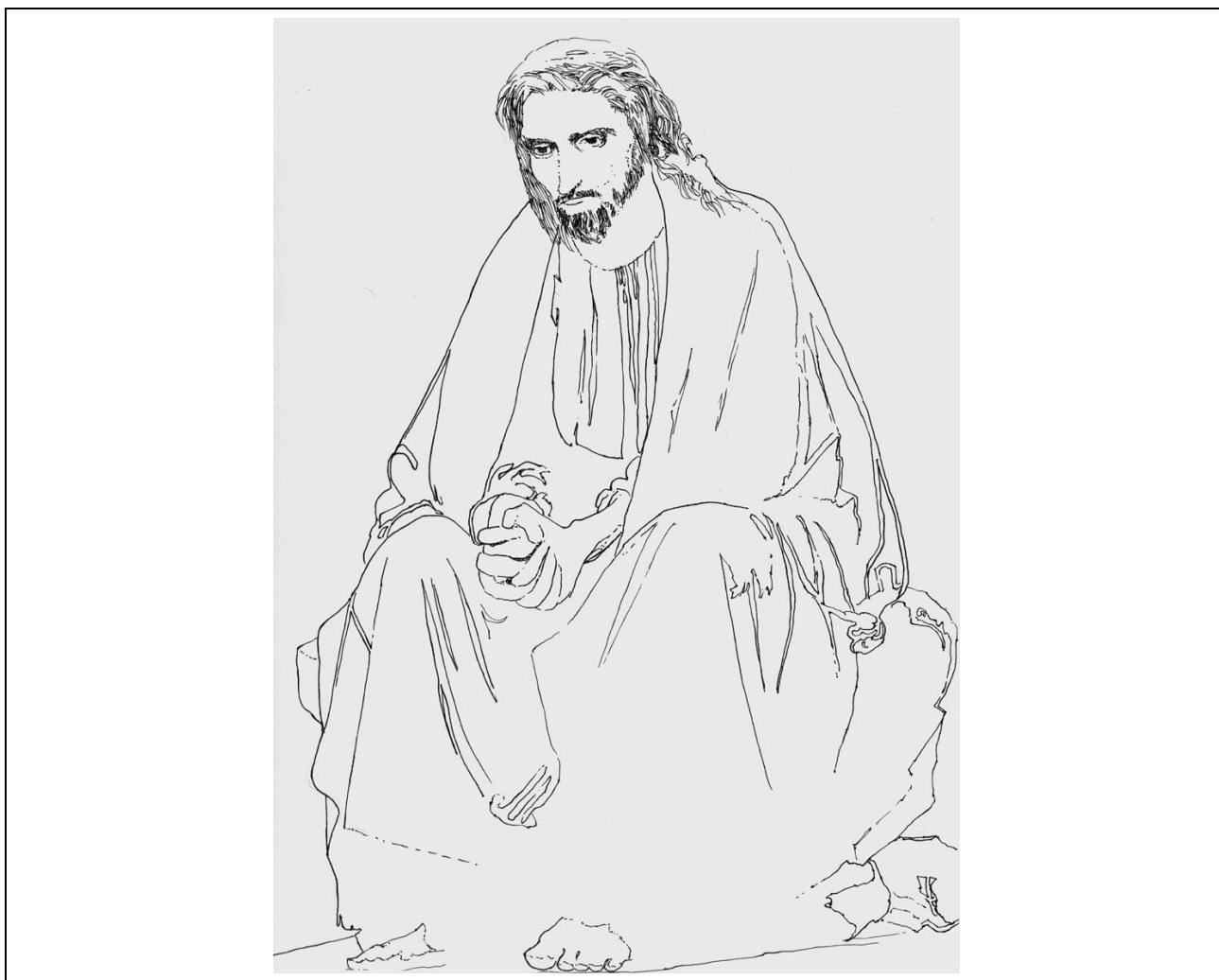


Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

1st Sunday in Lent

6 March 2022



Called to Life — Compelled to Love



The parish of the Church of the Nativity is located on territory that has been stewarded and cared for several Indigenous peoples including the Neutrals, the Mississauga, the Anishnabe, and the Haudenosaunee. With them, we are members of the Dish with One Spoon wampum, and we will strive to live up to our responsibility as treaty members. As we respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the nations of this place, we also honour the heritage and gifts of Métis people.

May our actions be guided by our commitment to reconciliation.

All are welcome in the worship and fellowship of the Church of the Nativity. May you find grace and hope in this service. All who seek Christ in their lives are welcome to share in the Eucharist.

COVID-19 Precautions

Our in-person services continue to be offered under the guidelines and directions from the Diocese of Niagara and Public Health as we strive to worship and protect the health of all who attend. To help us, we ask that those attending in-person keep their masks covering their mouth, nose, and chin throughout your time in the building; that they limit what surfaces they touch; and that they not leave your seats except as directed, and maintain two metres of physical distance between themselves and others when they do move.

Streaming

Our 10:00am services are streamed to YouTube. We try to minimize individuals' appearances on camera. The beginning of the streaming will be marked with by an announcement, and then the service will continue as follows.

Gathering

Prelude

Music is offered to provide a time for quiet prayer and preparation.

A bell is rung, and the service begins.

The Great Litany

We are invited to observe a holy Lent, marked by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, alms-giving, and by reading and meditating on the word of God. As we begin our service this morning, today's Prayers and Confession take the form of the solemn Great Litany. Normally we would sing it in procession, wrapping God's people in prayer, but due to precautions, it will be sung from a station this year.

God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,
Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God,
Have mercy on us.

Lord, remember not our offences, nor the offences of our forebears; spare us,
good Lord, spare your people whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.
Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief, from sin, and from the crafts and assaults of the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all spiritual blindness, from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred,
and malice; and from all want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all deadly sin, and from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt
of your word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From earthquake and tempest; from drought, fire, and flood; from civil strife and violence; from war and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation, by your baptism, fasting, and temptation; and by your proclamation of the kingdom,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony and bitter grief, by your cross and passion, by your precious death and burial, by your glorious resurrection and ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Spirit,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity, in the hour of death, and on the day of judgement,

Good Lord, deliver us.

Receive now our prayers, Lord God. May it please you to rule and govern your holy Church universal and lead it in your way.

Hear us, good Lord.

Strengthen your servant Elizabeth our Queen in true worship and holiness of life, be her defender and keeper, that she may always seek your honour and glory, and endue the leaders of this nation with wisdom and understanding.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bless and defend all who strive for our safety and protection, and shield them in all dangers and adversities.

Hear us, good Lord.

Grant wisdom and insight to those who govern us, and to judges and magistrates the grace to execute justice with mercy.

Hear us, good Lord.

Guard, strengthen and enlighten Susan our bishop, and all bishops, priests, and deacons with true knowledge and understanding of your word, that in their preaching and living they may declare it clearly and show its truth.

Hear us, good Lord.

Encourage and prosper your servants who spread the gospel in all the world, and send out labourers into the harvest.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bless and keep your people, that all may find and follow their true vocation and ministry.

Hear us, good Lord.

Give us a heart to love and reverence you, that we may diligently live according to your commandments.

Hear us, good Lord.

To all your people give growth in grace to listen to your word, to receive it gladly, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Hear us, good Lord.

Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith, encourage the faint-hearted, raise up those who fall, and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

Hear us, good Lord.

To all nations grant unity, peace, and concord, and to all people give dignity, food, and shelter.

Hear us, good Lord.

Grant us abundant harvests, strength and skill to honour the resources of the earth, and wisdom to use them well.

Hear us, good Lord.

Enlighten with your Spirit all who teach and all who learn.

Hear us, good Lord.

Come to the help of all who are in danger, necessity, and trouble; protect all who travel by land, air, or water; and show your pity on all prisoners and captives.

Hear us, good Lord.

Defend and provide for the widowed and the orphaned, the refugee and the homeless, the unemployed, and all who are desolate and oppressed.

Hear us, good Lord.

Heal those who are sick in body or mind, and give skill and compassion to all who care for them.

Hear us, good Lord.

Grant us true repentance, forgive our sins, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy word.

Hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Let us pray.

O Lord God,

you led your people through the wilderness

and brought them to the promised land.

Guide us now, so that, following your Son,

we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world

toward the life you alone can give,

through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Holy Scripture

1st Reading

[Deuteronomy 26.1—11](#)

The Psalm

Psalm 91.1—2, 9—16

Qui habitat

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High •
and passes the night under the shadow of the Almighty,
**will say to the Lord, ‘You are my refuge and my stronghold, •
my God in whom I trust.’**

Because you have said, ‘The Lord is my refuge’ •
and made the Most High your stronghold,
**there shall no evil befall you, •
no plague shall come near your dwelling.**

For the angels of God have been charged •
to keep you in all your ways.
**They shall bear you up in their hands, •
lest you should strike your foot against a stone.**

You shall tread on the asp and the adder; •
the viper and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.
**‘Because they have set their love upon me I will deliver them: •
I will uphold them because they know my name.**

‘When they call to me I will answer; •
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and bring them to honour.
**‘With long life I will satisfy them, •
and show them my saving power.’**

The acclamation is sung

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

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.

[*Luke 4.1—13*](#)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

Homily

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Though he was divine,
**Jesus 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 Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you!
And also with you.

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #371 To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, who great things has done!
God so loved the world, freely sending the Son,
who yielded his life, an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear God's voice.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give God the glory, who great things has done!

Great things God has taught us, great things God has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our gladness when Jesus we see. *[Refrain]*

Prayer over the Gifts

Extravagant God,
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.
Now we gather at your feast
where you offer us the food that satisfies.
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,
in whose name we pray
Amen.

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you,
maker of light and darkness.

Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos,
brings a harvest out of sorrow
and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled,
debts forgiven and strangers made welcome.

Your Spirit frees us to live
as sons and daughters in our God's house.

We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross,
sharing the joy of his obedience,

now offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**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.

Before Jesus was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which the sons of Egypt died,
your Chosen One, himself the First-Born,
freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples Jesus took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We now obey your Son's command, recalling his passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of your reign.

Made one with Jesus, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, gracious God, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by your life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your reign.

Help us,

who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love until at last,
in your new creation, we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles, and prophets,
and of all our sisters and brothers, living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end.

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

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 Bread

We break this bread,
Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.
If we have died with Christ, we shall live with Christ.
If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Communion

Come all people: this is Christ's table to which all are invited.
Come, for all is ready.
Thanks be to God!

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.

Prayer after Communion

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and preserve you in eternal life.

Merciful God,
accompany our journey through these forty days.
**Renew us in the gift of baptism,
that we may provide for those who live in poverty,
pray for those in need,
fast from self-indulgence,
and find our treasure in the life of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Parish Announcements

Solemn Prayer over the People

Let us bow down before the Lord.

Grant, Almighty God,
that we your people may recognize our weakness
and put our whole trust in your strength,
so that we may rejoice for ever
in the protection of your loving providence;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

#175 Forty Days and Forty Nights

**Forty days and forty nights
You were fasting in the wild,
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.**

**Shall not we your trials share,
learn your discipline of will,
and with you by fast and prayer,
wrestle with the powers of hell.**

**Saviour, may we hear your voice—
keep us constant at your side;
and with you we shall rejoice
at the eternal Eastertide.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude



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