



# Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

## Holy Eucharist

The Sunday of the Passion  
with the Liturgy of the Palms

10 April 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 Anishnaabe, 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 principal services are streamed to YouTube. We try to minimize individuals' appearances on camera. The beginning of the streaming is marked with an announcement, and then the service will continue as follows.

## Gathering

*The congregation is encouraged to gather, milling about in the chapel—where there are seats—and in the narthex (lobby), and along the front walk. Pick up some palm fronds to wave! Some will pick up a frond and find a seat in the nave of the church.*

Welcome

Hosanna to the Son of David!

**Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Grace, mercy, and peace,  
from God the source of all being and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you.

**Amen.**

Dear Friends in Christ,  
during Lent we have been preparing  
for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery.  
On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph.  
The people welcomed with palms and shouts of praise,  
but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death.  
Today we greet him as our king,  
although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross.

We follow him this week from the glory of the palms  
to the glory of the resurrection  
by way of the dark road of suffering and death.  
United with him in his suffering on the cross,  
may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us pray.

*All raise their palms in the air.*

Holy and immortal God,  
as we enter into this holy week,  
turn our hearts to Jerusalem,  
so that, united with Christ and all the faithful,  
we may enter the city not made with hands,  
your promised realm of justice and peace.

Let these branches be for us signs of Christ's victory,  
and grant that we who bear them in his name  
may ever hail him as our king,  
following him in the way that leads to eternal life.

**Amen.**

Responsory from Psalm 118

*Confitemini Domino*

I will give thanks to the Lord who answered me and has become my salvation.  
**The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! Lord, send us now success.  
**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.**

God is the Lord and has shined upon us;  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.  
**Give thanks to the Lord who is good;  
the mercy of the Lord endures for ever.**

*All are invited to join in the procession following the clergy and server.*

Let us go forth in peace.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Processional Hymn

**All Glory, Laud, and Honour**

*Refrain:*

**All glory, laud, and honour  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.**

**Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the king and blessed One.**

*Refrain:*

**All glory, laud, and honour  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.**

**The company of angels  
are praising thee on high,  
and we with all creation  
in chorus make reply.**

*Refrain*

**The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present.**

*Refrain*

**To thee, before thy passion  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee now high exalted  
our melody we raise.**

*Refrain*

**Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King!**

*Refrain*

The Peace

Having offered our thanks and praise,  
let us share in God's peace as we gather.

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

Let us pray.

Compassionate God,  
your love finds full expression  
in the gift of Jesus Christ your Son,  
who willingly met betrayal and death  
to set us free from sin.

Give us courage to live obediently in these days  
until we greet the glory of our risen Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## Holy Scripture

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

[\*Isaiah 50.4—9a\*](#)

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 Gospel

*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 19.28—40](#)

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

The Prayers of the People

✠ Merciful God,  
✠ receive our prayer.

## Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #184

**My Song Is Love Unknown<sup>2</sup>**

Verses 1, 3, 4, 6

**My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.**

**Oh, who am I, that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?**

**Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing,  
resounding all the day hosannas to their King;**

**Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,  
and for his death they thirst and cry.**

**Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.**

**Sweet injuries! Yet they at these  
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.**



Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine,  
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend!

### 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.**

### The Great Thanksgiving<sup>3</sup>

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.**

It is our joy and destiny to praise you, Lord God,  
for in wondrous love you cast stars into space,  
and in meek obedience your Son surrendered to cruel nails.  
With loving kindness you called your people in Abraham and Sarah,  
and in covenant with Moses and Miriam you bound up your life in theirs.  
Through exile you stayed close to them,  
and in Jesus you came among them  
bearing the fullness of grace and truth.  
Your Son Jesus faced rejection, cruelty, and death,  
yet in resurrection you exalted him,  
and in sending your Spirit you shed glory on all people.

And so we rejoice with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
singing the song of your unending praise.

**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.**

Hosanna is our cry, Blessed One.  
Your Son comes on a donkey in your name.  
As Jesus entered Jerusalem  
to bear our sorrows and suffer for our sins,  
enter our hearts and confront our waywardness today.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us,  
that we may be your Son's crucified and risen body.  
Send your Spirit upon this bread that it may be living bread,  
and on this wine that it may be the cup of salvation,  
that together they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;  
who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,  
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,  
"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me."  
After supper he took the cup.  
Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood for the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Humble God,  
your Son did not exploit his status but emptied himself.  
Pour out your Spirit on all who are exploited, in world or church,

on all who are humbled, by state or employer or family member,  
on all who are emptied of hope, faith, or love.  
As you highly exalted your Son who had become a slave,  
highly exalt your children who suffer for righteousness,  
or grieve those they have cherished,  
or bend the knee to one who does not honour them.  
Fill the earth with your justice and peace,  
until every heart shall sing and every tongue confess  
that you are the joy of their desiring,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
ever one God, in all ages and forevermore.

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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.<sup>4</sup>*

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<sup>5</sup>

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

**The Love that Clothes Itself in Light**

The Love that clothes itself in light,  
stands naked now, despised, betrayed,  
receiving blows to face and head  
from hands that Love itself has made.

The Love that lifts the stars and sun,  
collapses, spent, beneath the cross;  
the Love that fills the universe,  
goes on to death and total loss.

Love, helpless, comes to Calvary,  
rejected, scorned and crucified;  
Love hangs in shame, and dies alone,  
but Love abased, is glorified.

Extinguished with the sun at noon,  
Love's light transcends all history;  
Love, wrapped in linen, Love entombed,  
still wraps all heaven in mystery.

Though Love is lost, Love finds us here;  
though Love is absent, Love remains;  
where Love is finished, Love begins;  
where Love is dead, Love lives and reigns!

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.  
Christ humbled himself, and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and given him the name that is above every name.  
**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

*The passion gospel is read;  
due to its length, you may wish to remain seated.*

*After the gospel is read*

The Passion of our Lord.

*No response is made; a silence is kept.*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;  
**by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.  
**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.**

We preach Christ crucified,  
the power of God and the wisdom of God.  
**by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

God forbid that I should glory,  
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;  
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

### Solemn Prayer over the People

Let us bow down before the Lord.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family,  
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ  
was willing to be betrayed,  
and given into the hands of sinners,  
and to suffer death upon the cross;  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

Dismissal

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

Postlude



# Holy Week Services

## Wednesday in Holy Week:

10:00 am     **Eucharist**

*with anointing for healing*

## Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm     **Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing  
and Stripping of the Altar**

8:30—11:00 Gethsemane Watch in the Chapel

*All are welcome to stay and to pray for as long as they wish in the chapel, where the eucharist is reserved until the next morning.*

## Good Friday

10:00 am     **The Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

*We hear and reflect on our Lord's Passion, venerate the Cross, and share in receiving the reserved sacrament.*

## Holy Saturday

9:00 pm     **The Easter Vigil (at the Cathedral)**

*Anglicans from all around Hamilton-Haldimand join in the solemn Easter Vigil with the lighting of the new fire, music, and the joyous proclamation of the resurrection.*

## Easter Day

8:00 am     **Holy Eucharist of Easter Day**

10:00 am     **Festal Holy Eucharist of Easter Day**



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## Sources

Our cover image is a photo of a sculpture of Jesus mounting a donkey to enter Jerusalem. This sculpture stands in the courtyard of the Church of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. The church contains a stone said to be the one Jesus used to mount the donkey, and the Palm Sunday processions of multiple Christian groups begins here each year. The photo is shared with us by Mrs. Lesley Griffin, and is used with her permission.

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<sup>1</sup> Philippians 2.6—11, *Common Worship*. Church of England

<sup>2</sup> Text: Samuel Crossman, B.D. ( 1623?—84). Tune: John Ireland (1879—1962).

<sup>3</sup> *Eucharistic Prayers*. Samuel Wells & Abigail Kocher.

<sup>4</sup> Selected from the prayers provided for this use in “A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion,” Diocese of Niagara, 2020.

<sup>5</sup> *Sundays and Seasons*.