



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

Second Sunday of Easter

24 April 2022 at 10 am



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. We ask that those attending in-person keep their masks covering their mouth, nose, and chin throughout their time in the building; that they limit what surfaces they touch; and that they not leave their seats except as directed, maintaining 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.

Prelude

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

A bell is rung, and the service begins.

Processional Hymn #224

Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice¹

**Awake, arise, lift up your voice, let Easter music swell;
rejoice in Christ, again rejoice and on his praises dwell.**

Oh, with what gladness and surprise the saints their Saviour greet;
nor will they trust their ears and eyes but by his hands and feet:

those hands of liberal love indeed in infinite degree,
those feet still free to move and bleed for millions and for me.

His enemies had sealed the stone as Pilate gave them leave,
lest dead and friendless and alone he should their skill deceive.

O Dead arise! O Friendless stand by seraphim adored!
O Solitude again command your host from heaven restored!

Welcome

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

May Christ's grace and peace be with you.
May Christ fill our hearts with joy.

There is one body and Spirit,
There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
One God and Father of all.

Let us pray.

O God,
you raised up Jesus Christ
as your faithful witness and the first-born of the dead.
By your Holy Spirit, help us to witness to him
so that those who have not yet seen
may come to believe in him
who is, and was, and is to come.
Amen.

Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

*Welcoming **Lilah Lynne Hawley** into the body of Christ*

God, who is rich in mercy and love,
gives us a new birth into a living hope
through the sacrament of baptism.

By water and the Word,
God delivers us from sin and death
and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ.

We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ,
anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit,
and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

I invite the parents and sponsors of the candidate
to present her for Holy Baptism.

We present Lilah Lynne to receive the sacrament of baptism.

As you your child to receive the gift of baptism,
you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with them among God's faithful people,
to bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
to teach them the traditions of the faith,
to place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and to nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that you and they may learn
to trust God,
to proclaim Christ through word and deed,
to care for others and the world God made,
and to work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this child in the Christian faith
as you are empowered by God's Spirit,
and to help Lilah to live
in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

I do.

People of God, do you promise to support these people,
and pray for them in their new lives in Christ?

We do.

Prayers for the Candidate, Church, and World

Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Open her heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send her into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Hold the people of your world in your goodness.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless this community, our partners, and those in our cycle of prayer.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Support all who are ill in mind, body, and spirit, and all caregivers.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Comfort those who grieve, and grant rest to the departed.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Help us always to put our trust in you and live in the faith we have been born into through our baptism in Christ.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Blessed are you, O God, maker
and ruler of all things.

Your voice thundered over the waters at creation.

You water the mountains
and send springs into the valleys
to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom.

In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock,
and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection,
your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom.

The floods shall not overwhelm us,
and the deep shall not swallow us up,
for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise.

He sends us to make disciples,
baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit;
wash away sin in this cleansing water;
clothe the baptized with Christ;
and claim your daughters and sons,
no longer slave and free,
no longer male and female,
but one with all the baptized
in Christ Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Profession of Faith

We all wander far from God and lose our way:
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.
In baptism we respond to his call.
Therefore I ask: Do you turn away from sin?
I do.

Do you reject evil?
I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?
I do.

The Baptismal Covenant

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ,
and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God, the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?
I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation,
and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?
I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbour as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

The Baptism

Water is poured over the candidate in the name of Holy Trinity.

I baptize you, Lilah,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The candidate is anointed with chrism, the sacred oil consecrated by the bishop.

Lilah, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit
and marked with the cross of Christ for ever.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God,
that through water and the Holy Spirit
you give your children new birth,
cleansing them from sin,
and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Lilah in your Holy Spirit.

Give her and us inquiring and discerning hearts,
the courage to know and to love you,
and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

Amen.

Perambulation

Lilah, newly baptized, is walked through the worship space as a sign of welcome to the body of Christ.

Receive the light of Christ,
to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

**Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ
and into the mission we share:**

**join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Holy Scripture

Having welcomed Lilah into the body of Christ,
let us listen to how God acts in our midst to bring us new life.

1st Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Acts 5.27—32

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 150

Laudate Dominum

Alleluia! Praise the Lord in the holy temple;
praise God in the firmament of divine power.

**Praise the Lord for mighty acts;
praise God for excellent greatness.**

Praise the Lord with the blast of the ram's-horn;
praise God with lyre and harp.

**Praise the Lord with timbrel and dance;
praise God with strings and pipe.**

Praise the Lord with resounding cymbals;
praise God with loud-clanging cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

The Gospel

The acclamation is sung



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

John 20.19—31

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

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

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #309

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet²

**Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute.**

**Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.**

**Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or snow
or in the morning light.**

**Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.**

**Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.**

**Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.**

**Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord in the every moment;
nothing let your praise destroy.**

**Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord every where in every way!**

Prayer over the Gifts

Living God,
you gather the wolf and the lamb
to feed together in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus the Christ,
our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving³

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,

for the glorious resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



comes_ in the name_ of_ the_ Lord. Ho - san-na_ in the_

high - est, ho - san - na_ in the high - est.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

O God most mighty,
 O God most merciful,
 O God our rock and our salvation,
 hear us as we praise your holy Name,
 call us to your table,
 grant us your life.

When the world was a formless void,
 you formed order and beauty.
 When Abraham and Sarah were barren,
 you sent them a child.
 When the Israelites were enslaved,
 you led them to freedom.
 Ruth faced starvation,
 David fought Goliath,
 and the psalmists cried out for healing,
 and full of compassion,
 you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
He was born among those living in poverty,
he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city.
With infinite love,
he granted the people your life.

On the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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.

Remembering his death,
we cry out Amen.

Amen!

Celebrating his resurrection,
we shout Amen.

Amen!

Trusting his presence in every time and place,
we plead Amen.

Amen!

O God, you are Breath:
send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread:
feed us with yourself.

O God, you are Wine:
warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire:

transform us with hope.

O God most majestic,
O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Saviour,
life in you, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us 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.**

**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

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

Communion

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,
gives everyone a place at the welcome table.
Alleluia! Come to the feast, for all is now ready.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

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.⁴

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

We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives,
all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Doxology

Generous God,
**you have fed us at your heavenly table.
Kindle us with the fire of your Spirit
that when the Lord comes again
we may shine as lights before him,
who is alive and reigns in glory for ever.**

Amen.

Parish Announcements

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to God,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in God's service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Parish Announcements

Recessional Hymn #210

Yours Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son⁵

**Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory over death you won.
Angels robed in splendour rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where your body lay.**

Refrain:

**Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory over death you won.**

**See! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord is living; death hath lost its sting! *Refrain***

**No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life:
what is life without you? Aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through your deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to your home above. *Refrain***

Dismissal

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Go in peace to love and serve our risen Lord!
Thanks be to God!
Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude



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