

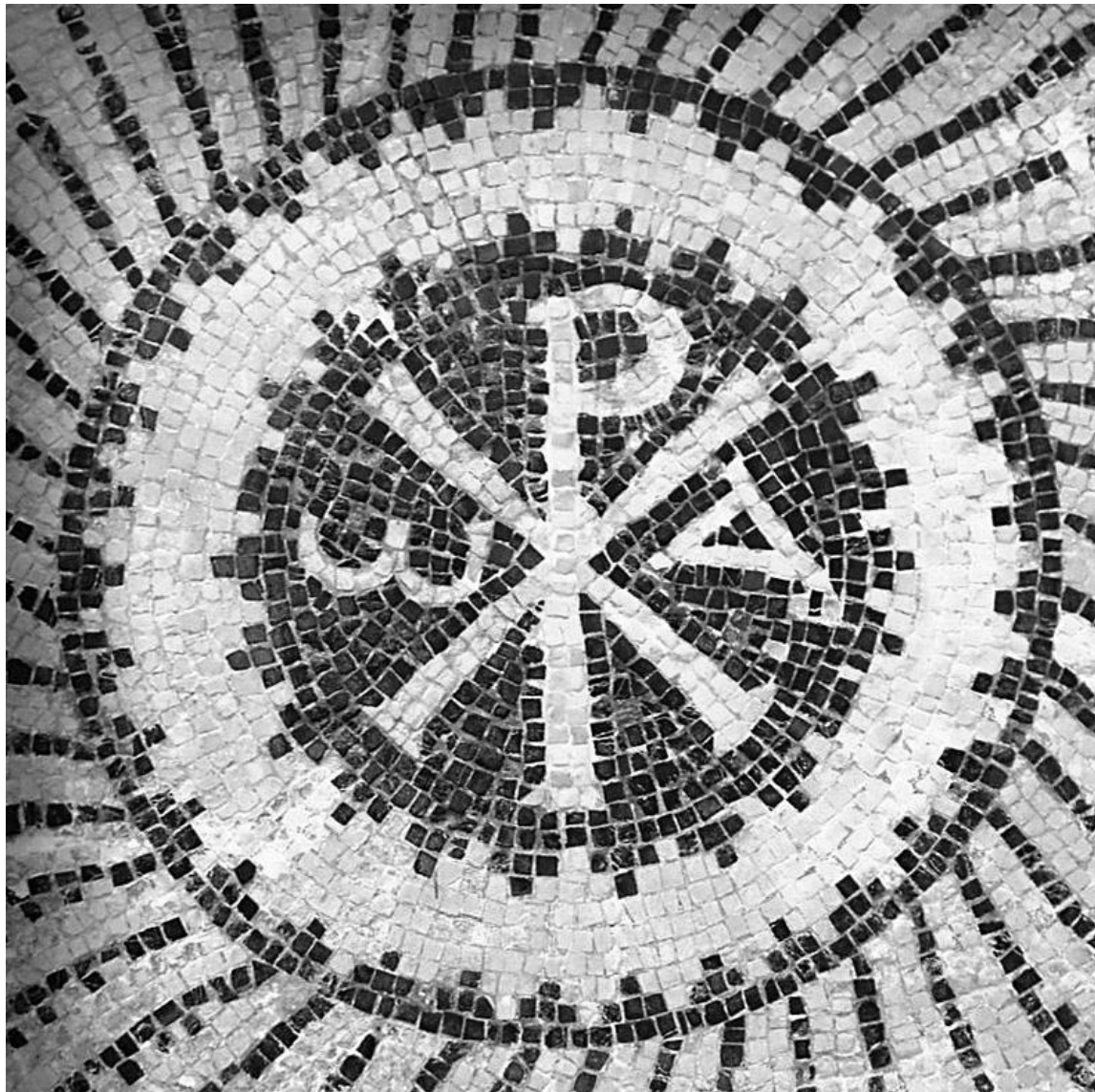


# Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

## Holy Eucharist

Seventh Sunday of Easter

29 May 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 by 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.

*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 #379

**Rejoice, the Lord is King<sup>1</sup>**

**Verses 1—3, 5**

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!**

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope; Jesus, the judge, shall come  
and take his servants up to their eternal home.  
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Welcome

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

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

Let us pray.<sup>2</sup>

God of boundless grace,  
you call us to drink freely of the well of life  
and to share the love of your holy being.  
May the glory of your love,  
made known in the victory of Jesus Christ, our Saviour,  
transform our lives and the world he lived and died to save.  
We ask this in his name and for his sake;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

# Holy Scripture

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.'

The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?'

They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

*Acts 16.16—34*

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice;  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**Clouds and darkness are round about you, O Lord;  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne.**

A fire goes before you  
and burns up your enemies on every side.

**Your lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees it and is afraid.**

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord,  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

**The heavens declare your righteousness,  
and all the peoples see your glory.**

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!  
Bow down before the Lord, all you gods.

**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgements, O Lord.**

For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.

**The Lord loves those who hate evil,  
preserving the lives of the saints  
and delivering them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light has sprung up for the righteous,  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

**Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous,  
and give thanks to the holy name of the Lord.**

A reading from the Revelation of Jesus Christ to John.

‘See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.’

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

‘It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.’

The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’

And let everyone who hears say, ‘Come.’

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

*Revelation 22.12—14, 16—17, 20—21*

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

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.** ♪

Jesus prayed, 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'



The Gospel of Christ.

♪ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. ♪

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

Let us join in confessing the faith of the Church.

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.**

The Prayers of the People

✠ God, in your love,  
✠ hear our prayer.

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

## **Celebration of the Holy Eucharist**

Offertory Hymn #592

### **Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life<sup>4</sup>**

**Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
where cries of tribe and race resound,  
amid the noise of selfish strife,  
O Christ, your word of love is found.**

**In haunts of wretchedness and need,  
on shadowed thresholds, dark with fears,  
from paths where hide the lures of greed,  
we catch the vision of your tears.**

**From children's wounded helplessness,  
from men and women's grief and toil,  
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,  
your heart has never known recoil.**

**The cup of water given for you  
still holds the freshness of your grace;  
yet long the multitudes to view  
the strong compassion of your face.**

**O Master, from the mountainside  
make haste to heal these hearts of pain.  
Among these restless throngs abide;  
O tread the city's streets again,**

**till all the world shall learn your love,  
and follow where your feet have trod;  
till glorious from your heaven above  
shall come the city of our God.**

## 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 Thanksgiving<sup>5</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 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:



The image shows a musical score for a hymn, consisting of five staves of music in treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a whole rest followed by a fermata, then the melody for 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.' The second staff continues with 'God of pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your'. The third staff continues with 'glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blest is the One who'. The fourth staff continues with 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the'. The fifth staff concludes with 'high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style with clear note heads and stems.

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.

A musical score for the word 'Amen'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - - - men.' are written below the treble staff. The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady accompaniment.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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.**

<sup>6</sup> Noss-i-nan gi-ji-gong e-ya-i-an.  
A-pe-gish ki-tchi-twa-wen-da-ming kid i-ji-ni-ka-so-win.  
A-pe-gish bi-da-gwish-i-nom-a-gak kid o-gi-ma-wi-win.  
E-nen-da-man a-pe-gish i-ji-we-bak,  
ti-bishko gi-ji-gong mi go gai-e a-king.  
Mij-i-shi-nam non-go(n) gi-ji-gak nin pa-kwej-i-gan-i-mi-nan  
mi-nik ei-oi-ang end-(a)sso gi-ji-gak.  
Bon-i-gi-de-ta-wish-i-nam gai-e ga-i-ji-nish-ki-i-go-i-an,  
i-ji- bon-i-gi-de-taw-gi-dwa ga-i-ji nish-ki-i-i-ang-id-jig.  
Ke-go gai-e i-ji-wi-jish-i-ka(n)-gen ga-gwed-i-be-nin-ge-wi-ning.  
Mi-dag-wen-a-ma-wish-i-nam dash ma-i-a-na-dak.  
Mi ge-ing.

*We keep silent and pray for a short time.*

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<sup>7</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

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.**

Blessing

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.**

Recessional Hymn #101

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed<sup>8</sup>**

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.**

**He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.  
Before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go,  
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.**

**Kings shall bow down before him, and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing.  
To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend,  
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.**

**O'er ev'ry foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,  
from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove.  
His name shall stand forever: that name to us is Love.**

Dismissal

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

Postlude



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<sup>6</sup> Ojibwae.

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