



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

The Feast of Pentecost:
The Fiftieth Day of Easter

5 June 2022



Called to Life — Compelled to Love



The parish of the Church of the Nativity is located on territory that has been cared for by several Indigenous peoples including the Neutrals, the Mississauga, the Anishnaabe, and the Haudenosaunee. We are members with them 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 #645

Come Down, O Love Divine¹

**Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace, till they become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

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.²

Holy God, you spoke the world into being.
Pour your Spirit to the ends of the earth,
that your children may return from exile as citizens of your commonwealth,
and our divisions may be healed by your word of love and righteousness;
through your Son the risen Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

*Welcoming **Thomas** and **Logan** 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 candidates
to present them for Holy Baptism.

We present N. to receive the sacrament of baptism.

As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted
with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the traditions of the faith,
place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that you and they may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and 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 Thomas and Logan 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 Candidates, the Church, and the World

Let us now pray for these children who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them 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.

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, holy God.
You are the creator of the waters of the earth.
You are the fire of rebirth.
You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel.
You breathe life into our dry bones.
Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us
that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
and breathe new life into those who are here baptized.
By your Spirit adopt us all as your children,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and 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, N., 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.

N., 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 them in your Holy Spirit.

Give them 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

*The newly baptized, are walked through the worship space as a sign of welcome to
the body of Christ.*

The Giving of the Light

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

1st Reading

Acts 2.1—21

Psalm 104.24—34, 35b

Benedic, anima mea

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
**In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.

**There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan,
which you have made for the sport of it.**

All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.

**You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.**

You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

**You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.**

May your glory, O Lord, endure for ever;
may you rejoice in all your works;

**you look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.
May these words of mine please you;
I will rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia!

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.** ♪

John 14.8—27

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 Song **This Is the Day**³

**This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made,
that the Lord has made; we will rejoice,
we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Open to us, open to us the gates of God;
the gates of God; we will go in,
we will go in and praise the Lord, and praise the Lord.
Open to us the gates of God,
we will go in and praise the Lord.**

**You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your name, we will praise
your name; we will give thanks,
we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.**

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 Thanksgiving⁴

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, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

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





Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.



God of pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your



glory, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blest is the One who



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.

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 time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into six measures. The first three measures are marked with a fermata over the word 'Amen'. The fourth measure has a fermata over the word 'A'. The fifth measure has a fermata over the word 'men'. The sixth measure has a fermata over the word 'men'. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is written in the bass clef. The notes are: Measure 1: Treble (A4, G4), Bass (F3, E3); Measure 2: Treble (A4, G4), Bass (F3, E3); Measure 3: Treble (A4, G4), Bass (F3, E3); Measure 4: Treble (A4, G4), Bass (F3, E3); Measure 5: Treble (A4, G4, F4, E4), Bass (F3, E3, D3, C3); Measure 6: Treble (A4, G4), Bass (F3, E3).

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.

⁵ Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς·
ἀγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου·
ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου·
γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου,
ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς·
τὸν ἄρτον ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον δὸς ἡμῖν σήμερον·
καὶ ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν,
ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφίεμεν τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν·
καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκῃς ἡμᾶς εἰς πειρασμόν,
ἀλλὰ ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ.
Ὅτι σοῦ ἐστὶν ἡ βασιλεία
καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ δόξα εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας.
ἀμήν

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 communion⁶:

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.

Come, Holy Spirit:
send down your radiant light.

Kindle your love in our hearts,
nourish those in need,
open our lips to sing your praises.

Come, Holy Comforter,
sweet unexpected guest,
refresh us with your company.

Give to us rest in our toil, coolness in the heat of midday,
balm to soothe our hurting souls.
Refill the hearts of all who turn to you,
O Light that pours into every corner.

You lay bare the truth, and without your help,
we cannot bear what you make known.
Cleanse all that has been soiled,
water all that is parched,
and heal every hurt.

Bend us to be supple and not rigid,
warm us from our frozen stiffness,
show us again the way which we had lost.
Help us to come to you with trust,
and open our hearts to your gifts.

Bring us into life with you.
Give us salvation and endless joy.
Kindle your love in our hearts.

Blessing

...
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn #380

O Worship the King⁸

Verses 1—3, 6

**O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

**The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.**

Dismissal

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

Thanks be to God!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude



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⁴ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

⁵ Greek

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