



# Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

## Holy Eucharist

Second Sunday after Pentecost

19 June 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 #2

**When Morning Gilds the Skies<sup>1</sup>**

**Verses 1, 2, 5, & 6**

**When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:**

**“May Jesus Christ be praised!”**

**Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:**

**“May Jesus Christ be praised!”**

**Whene'er the sweet church bell peals over hill and dell,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**O hark to what it sings, as joyously it rings,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:**

**"May Jesus Christ be praised!"**

**Let air, and sea, and sky, from depth to height reply:**

**"May Jesus Christ be praised!"**

**Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:**

**may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Be this the eternal song through ages all along,**

**may Jesus Christ be praised!**

Welcome & Collect

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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

Lord, you step upon on our guarded shore

and confront our chaos:

may we who are divided and overwhelmed

by the forces of death learn from you

to speak our own name and proclaim your works of life; through Jesus  
Christ, the Son of the Most High God,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

# Holy Scripture

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

A reading from the first book of Kings.

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the

earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the LORD said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

1 Kings 19.1—15a

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 42 & 43<sup>3</sup>

*Quemadmodum & Judica me, Domine*

As the deer longs for the water-brooks,  
so longs my soul for you, O God.  
My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God;  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?  
**My tears have been my food day and night,  
while all day long they say to me,  
“Where now is your God?”**

I pour out my soul when I think on these things:  
how I went with the multitude  
and led them into the house of God,  
with the voice of praise and thanksgiving,  
among those who keep holy-day.

**Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul,  
and why are you so disquieted within me?**

Put your trust in God;  
for I will yet give thanks to the Holy One  
who is the help of my countenance and my God.  
My soul is heavy within me;  
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,  
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.  
**One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts;  
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.**

The Lord grants loving-kindness in the daytime;  
in the night season a song of God is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.  
**I will say to the God of my strength,  
“Why have you forgotten me and why do I go so heavily while the enemy  
oppresses me?”**

While my bones are being broken,  
my enemies mock me to my face;  
all day long they mock me and say to me,  
“Where now is your God?”  
**Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul,  
and why are you so disquieted within me?**

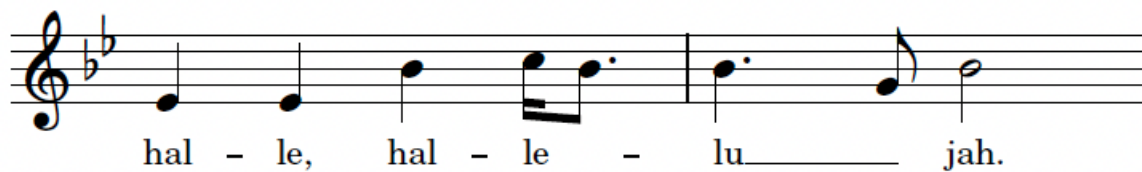
Put your trust in God;  
for I will yet give thanks to the Holy One  
who is the help of my countenance and my God.  
Give judgement for me, O God,  
and defend my cause against an ungodly people;  
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.  
**For you are the God of my strength;  
why have you put me from you?  
And why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?**

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,  
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;  
that I may go to the altar of God,  
to the God of my joy and gladness;  
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

**Why are you so full of heaviness,  
O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me?  
Put your trust in God;  
for I will yet give thanks to the Holy One,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.**

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 Luke.

♪ **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** ♪

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As Jesus stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, ‘What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me’— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, ‘What is your name?’ He said, ‘Legion’; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ‘Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.’ So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

*Luke 8.26—39*



The Gospel of Christ.

♪ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. ♪

Homily

Affirming our Faith<sup>4</sup>

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**We trust in God, who has created and is creating;  
who came to us in Jesus,  
the word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new;  
who works in us and others  
by the Holy Spirit.**

**We believe we are called to be God's people:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus' death and resurrection  
by word and deed.**

**We live in hope  
because in life, in death, in life beyond death,  
we are not alone: God is with us.  
Thanks be to God.  
Amen.**

✠ God of grace,  
✠ hear our prayer.

Confession & Absolution<sup>5</sup>

Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.  
Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.  
When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.  
Set us again on the path of life.  
Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbours.  
Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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

## **Celebration of the Holy Eucharist**

Offertory Hymn #487

**Where Charity and Love Prevail<sup>6</sup>**

**Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.**

**With grateful joy and holy fear his charity we learn;  
let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in return.**

**Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;  
and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.**

**Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;  
be his the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.**

**Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;  
as members of his body joined we are in him made one.**

**No race or creed can love exclude if honoured be God's name;  
our common life embraces all whose Father is the same.**

## Prayer over the Gifts<sup>7</sup>

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.  
As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labour in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,  
in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving<sup>8</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.**

Blessed are you, God and Father of all.

Through creation and covenant, prophet and promise,  
you have called us as your own and made us your children.

You pledged yourself to Abraham and Sarah  
and their offspring forever.

Through the law you showed your people the path of life;  
when they rejected your ways, you did not forsake them  
but sent prophets to bring them home to you.

In the fullness of time you sent your Son,  
making us heirs according to the promise  
made to Abraham, and adopting us as your children  
through faith.

In Christ you gather to yourself all your people  
in an eternal embrace where there is neither  
Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female.

In his dying and rising you take away our sin  
and open to us the gift of everlasting life.

And so with angels and archangels  
and all the company of heaven  
enfolded in the bonds of your love,  
we praise your name and join the unending hymn.



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est,  
ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bles-sed is the One whocomes 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 power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Bounteous God, as you fed Elijah in the wilderness  
that he might draw near to your holy mountain  
and come into your presence,  
make this bread for the journey  
our place of encounter with you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon your church,  
and in the strength of this food  
draw us near to the least and lost.

Sanctify this bread and cup that they may be for us  
the body and blood of our Lord 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.**

Everlasting God, in whom deep calls to deep,  
you speak your word of life into the fullness of silence.

Calm the fury of destruction around any caught up  
in tornado or hurricane, earthquake or fire.

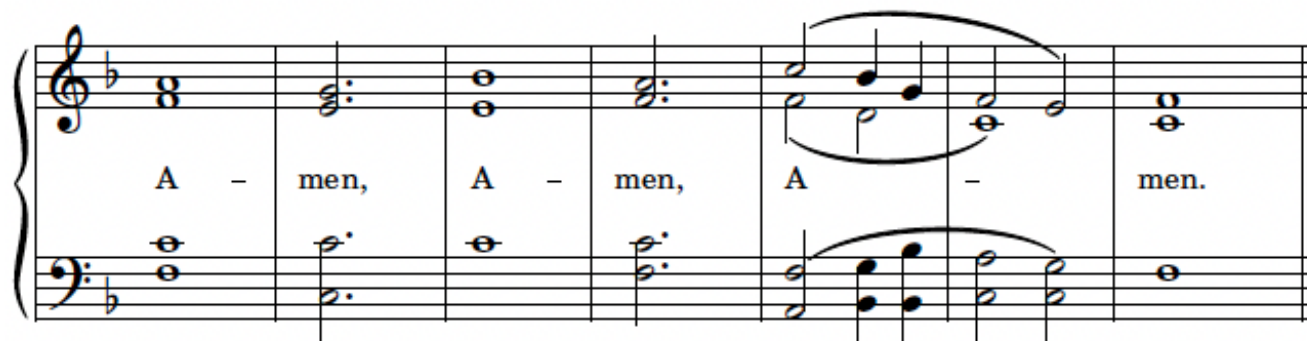
Come to those who yearn for peace or protection.

Quiet every troubled spirit  
and strengthen every soul cast down.

Silence in us all clamouring for attention  
that is not your own.

Give us courage to hear the sound of sheer silence,  
that we may know your still, small voice.

Bring us at the last into your holy presence,  
and gather us with your saints  
around the altar of your praise,  
when all who belong to Christ shall be one in you,  
eternal Father, in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
forever and ever.



Amen. Amen. 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.

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 the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
are yours, now and for ever.**

**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<sup>9</sup>

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,  
whose many grains we have gathered  
and made into this one bread.

**So may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth  
into your reign of justice and peace.**

### Communion<sup>10</sup>

This is the table, not merely of the church, but of Christ.  
It is made ready for those who love him,  
and for those who want to love him more.

So come,  
whether you have much faith or little;  
have tried to follow, or are afraid you've failed.

Come,  
because it is his will that those who want to meet him  
might meet him here.

**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>11</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>12</sup>

Life-giving God, through this meal  
you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.  
Now send us forth to live for others,  
both friend and stranger,  
that all may come to know your love.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

## Doxology<sup>13</sup>

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

## Blessing

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**Amen.**

**Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness<sup>14</sup>**

**Praise the one who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;  
praise the one who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the one who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.**

**Praise the one who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;  
praise the one who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.  
From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.**

**Praise the one true love incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory, praise the One who makes us one**

Dismissal

**Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!  
Thanks be to God!**

Postlude



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