

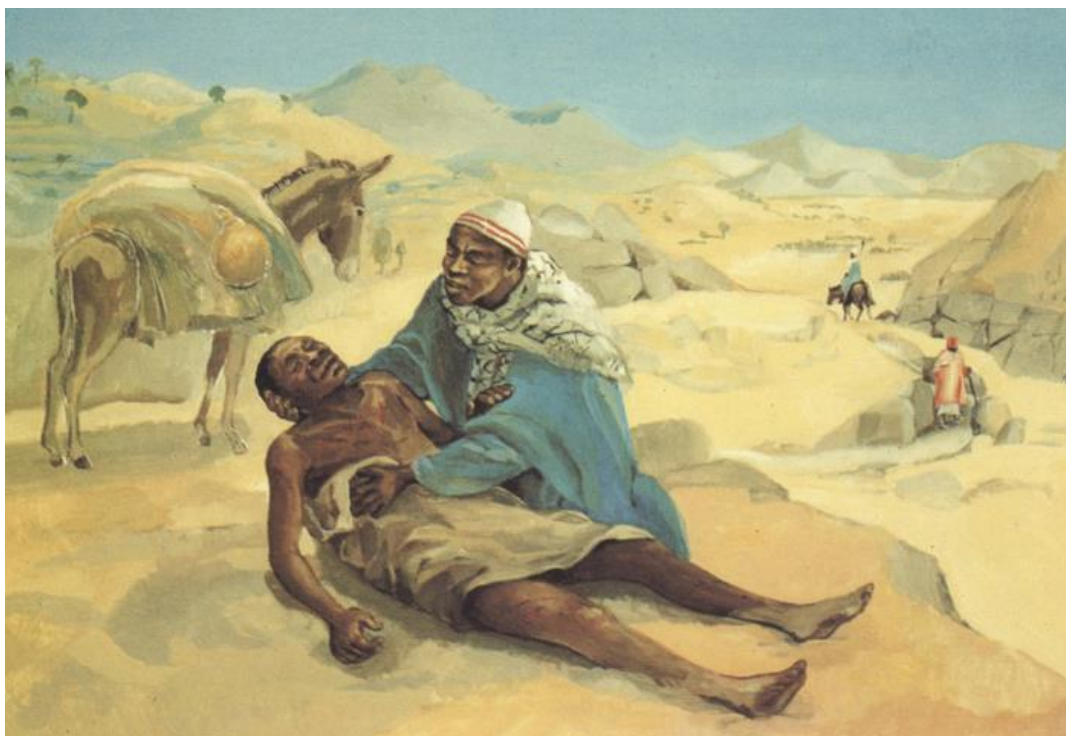


Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10 July 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. Details about our Green Stage precautions can be found at <https://worshipwithnativity.org/sunday-june-26-third-sunday-after-pentecost/>

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 #592

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life¹

Verses 1, 2, 5, 6

**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.

O Jesus, 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.

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.²

Most holy and eternal God,
you dwell in the heights of heaven,
yet you walk among those who refuse to see you.
Hold out your hand to those who rebel against you,
and free us from the chains that bind us,
that we may be healed by Christ
and proclaim his saving deeds to all the world;
through the same Christ Jesus
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Holy Scripture

1st Reading

A reading from the prophet Amos.

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb-line.’ Then the LORD said, ‘See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.’

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, ‘Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, “Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.” ’

And Amaziah said to Amos, ‘O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.’

Then Amos answered Amaziah, ‘I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”

‘Now therefore hear the word of the LORD.

You say, “Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.”

Therefore, thus says the LORD:

“Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,
and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword,
and your land shall be parcelled out by line;
you yourself shall die in an unclean land,
and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.”

Amos 7.7—17

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 82

Deus stetit

God stands in the council of heaven
and gives judgement in the midst of the gods:

**“How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favour to the wicked?”**

Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;
**Rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**

nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.’”

**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

The acclamation is sung

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah;

hal - le, hal - le - lu jah.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah;

hal - le, hal - le - lu jah.

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.** ♪

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.’ And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into

the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Luke 10.25—37

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

Affirming our Faith³

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.

The Prayers of the People

✠ God of grace,
✠ **hear our prayer.**

Confession & Absolution⁴

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

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 Prevail⁵

**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.**

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

Prayer over the Gifts⁶

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 Thanksgiving⁷

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.

God our saviour, we give you thanks and praise,
that when the nations had strayed far from your ways you called Abraham,
and when your people were lost and oppressed you sent Jesus,
and when we are defeated, downcast, and desolate,
in the power of the Holy Spirit you make Jesus present to us.

You pick us up from our failure, our oppression, and our sin
and journey with us and bring us to safety and promise to return.

In the death and resurrection of Christ

you heal the wounds of the past

and offer the gift of an everlasting future with you.

So now we celebrate the wonders of your grace

with saints and angels, and all the company of heaven,

singing the hymn of your unending praise.



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 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 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.

God our redeemer,
on our journey with you,
you turn us from your burden into carriers of one another's burdens.
On the way you feed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.
Now send down your Holy Spirit,
that we may be made holy as you are holy,
and that these gifts of the earth and human hands
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.

Merciful God,

in Jesus, through story, miracle, and example,

you turn us and all creation upside down.

Direct our hearts in the ways we should go,

visit the downtrodden and set them on their feet again,

and restore the land, sea, and air of your creation,

that all things and creatures and people

may fulfill their created purpose

in reflecting your glory and singing your praise,

until the day when you are all in all,

in union with Christ,

ever one God.

A musical score for the hymn "Amen. Amen. Amen." The score is written for piano and voice. It features a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics "A - men, A - men, A - men." are written below the notes. The score is divided into six measures, with the first two measures containing the first "Amen", the next two containing the second "Amen", and the final two containing the third "Amen".

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.
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 Bread⁸

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.**

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 communion¹⁰:

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 Communion¹¹

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.

Doxology¹²

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.

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing¹³

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing:
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace;
O refresh us, O refresh us,
travelling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration
for the gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound;
may your presence, may your presence,
with us evermore be found.**

Dismissal

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

Postlude



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