



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

17 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/what-do-worship-services-look-like-now/>

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 #306

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing¹

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.**

**Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.**

**He speaks, and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.**

**Hear him, ye deaf, ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come, and leap, ye lame, for joy!**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honours of thy name.**

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

Eternal God,
you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest:
amid the cares of our daily lives,
alert us to your presence
and make us attentive to your voice,
so that we may treasure your word above all else.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Holy Scripture

1st Reading

A reading from the prophet Amos.

This is what the Lord GOD showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A basket of summer fruit.’ Then the LORD said to me,

‘The end has come upon my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by.

The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,’ says the Lord GOD;

‘the dead bodies shall be many,
cast out in every place. Be silent!’

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, ‘When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practise deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.’

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.
Shall not the land tremble on this account,
and everyone mourn who lives in it,
and all of it rise like the Nile,

and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

On that day, says the Lord GOD,
I will make the sun go down at noon,
and darken the earth in broad daylight.
I will turn your feasts into mourning,
and all your songs into lamentation;
I will bring sackcloth on all loins,
and baldness on every head;
I will make it like the mourning for an only son,
and the end of it like a bitter day.

The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD,
when I will send a famine on the land;
not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water,
but of hearing the words of the LORD.
They shall wander from sea to sea,
and from north to east;
they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD,
but they shall not find it.

Amos 8.1—12

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness
against the godly all day long?

**You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor,
O worker of deception.**

You love evil more than good
and lying more than speaking the truth.

**You love all words that hurt,
O you deceitful tongue.**

Oh, that God would demolish you utterly,
topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,
and root you out of the land of the living!

**The righteous shall see and tremble,
and they shall laugh at you, saying,**

“This is the one who did not take God for a refuge,
but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness.”

**But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God;
I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.**

I will give you thanks for what you have done
**and declare the goodness of your name
in the presence of the godly.**

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.** ♪

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Luke 10.38—42

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.

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 #439

Blest Are the Pure in Heart⁵

**Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see their God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.**

**The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us, our pattern and our King,**

**still to the lowly soul his presence doth impart,
and for a dwelling and a throne chooseth the pure in heart.**

**Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be:
give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee.**

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.

Resounding praise belongs to you, Alpha and Omega,
 for yours is the beginning and ending of all things.
 Through your Word you created the visible and the invisible,
 and in him all things hold together.
 By shaping a people bound in love,
 you fashioned a covenant that would never end.
 In the fullness of time your Word became flesh;
 you sent among us the firstborn of all creation,
 pleased to dwell in human form.
 Through him you have reconciled all things in heaven and earth,
 making peace through the blood of the cross.
 Before every beginning and beyond every ending
 you call us to be your disciples and destine us to be your saints.
 And so we give you thanks
 in the company of angels and archangels
 as we join in the everlasting 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 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 companion,
as you drew Mary of Bethany to your Son's feet, hungry for his word,
so bring us to this table, hungry for Jesus.
As your church remembers Christ's saving passion,
come upon your church in the power of your Holy Spirit
to dwell with us in the fullness of your presence,
and feed us till we want no more.

Sanctify this bread and cup
that they 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 of 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.

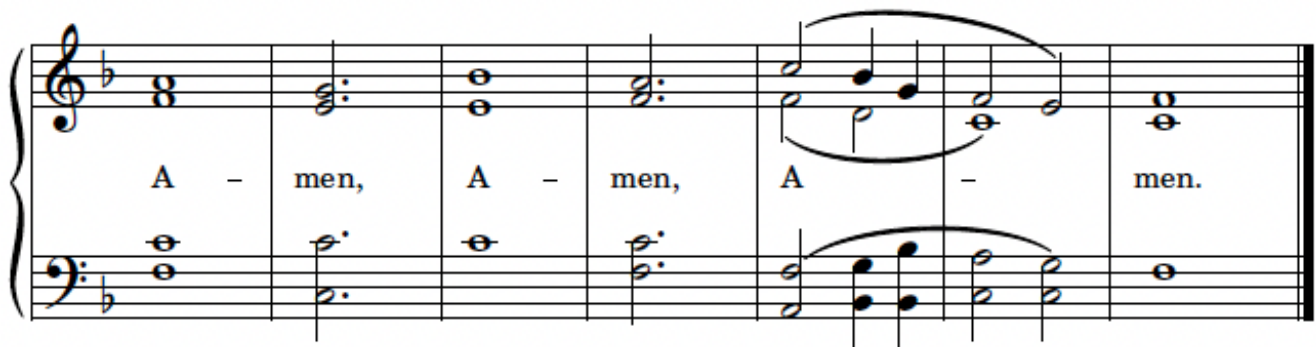
Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

God of Mary and Martha,
your resurrected Son has the words of eternal life.
Give your church grace like Mary to linger where Jesus is.
Grant us patience to abide among those
who look to you in trust and hope,

and to stand with any who have no one to stay by their side.
 Where your children hunger and thirst for companionship,
 bring them new friends in Christ.
 Where they suffer from famine, be their bread of life.
 Open your heaven,
 that the one who has reconciled all things in his death and resurrection
 may present us holy and blameless before you,
 and your Word made flesh may welcome us
 to the banquet of the riches of your glory,
 in the power of your Spirit, Holy Father, now and for ever.



Amen. Amen. Amen.

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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 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.**

Communion⁹

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.

The Church's One Foundation¹³

**The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought us to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought us, and for our life he died.**

**Elect from every nation yet one o'er all the earth,
our charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one glorious name we hallow, partake one holy good,
and to one hope we follow, with every grace endued.**

**Though with dismay and wonder we see the church oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed:
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**

**'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore,
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blessed,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet we on earth have union with God the Three-in-One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.**

Dismissal

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

Postlude



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