

**Next Sunday is the thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost.**

The readings will be Proverbs 9.1—6 • Psalm 34.9—14 • John 6.51—58

Our cover image this morning is an image of a Coptic icon of Our Lord in the arms of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



**Church of the Nativity, Hamilton**

**Holy Eucharist**

Holy Day of Saint Mary the Virgin

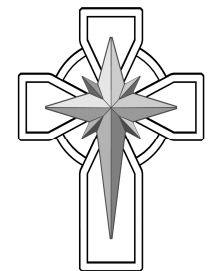
12 August 2018 at 10:00 a.m.



Sundays, 8:30a.m.  
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Holy Eucharist  
Choral Holy Eucharist

*Wednesday midweek services resume on September 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10<sup>am</sup>*



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You are welcome in the worship, fellowship, and mission  
of the Church of the Nativity!

We pray that you may find welcome, grace, and hope  
in this sacred celebration. All who seek Christ in their lives  
are welcome to share in the bread and wine of the Eucharist.

We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality, and culture  
of the Indigenous peoples with whom the Upper Canada Treaties  
were signed and who for centuries have offered care and  
stewardship for the territory wherein our parish resides.  
We seek to live up to our responsibility as Treaty members.  
We are gathered on the traditional territory of several  
Indigenous peoples, including the Neutrals, the Mississauga,  
the Anishnaabe and the Haudenosaunee, on territory shared under  
the Dish with One Spoon wampum treaty.  
We also honour the heritage and gifts of Métis people.  
May our actions be guided by our commitment to reconciliation.

### **Saint Mary the Virgin**

The Holy Day we observe this morning has slightly different names  
and emphases in different traditions. Our Roman Catholic siblings  
celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; our Orthodox  
relations, the Dormition of the BVM (closest to our old name, the  
Falling Asleep of the BVM); Lutherans, Mary the Mother of our Lord.  
We have many different ways of thinking about Mary, but all alike  
are drawn to her saying yes to God, to her praise of God's actions of  
scattering the proud, lifting up the lowly, and feeding the hungry—  
as we are invited to say yes and join in God's work in the world.

### **Prelude**

Music is offered to provide a time for quiet prayer and preparation.

### **Welcome**

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

**One** All your works praise you, O Lord.

**All** **And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
May we, who share his body, live his risen life;  
we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;  
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so that we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Announcements**

### **Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn #403 Let All Things Now Living**

### **Dismissal**

**One** Alleluia! Go forth, rejoicing in the power of the  
Holy Spirit!

**All** **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

### **Postlude**

## The Breaking of the Bread

**One** “I am the bread of life,” says the Lord.  
“Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

**All** **Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who trust in God!**

## Communion

*All who seek God and are drawn to Christ in their lives are welcome to this bread and wine of the Eucharist. For gluten-free wafers, ask the priest. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your hands over your chest when you go up to the altar rail, and the priest will bless you.*

**One** Come all people:  
this is Christ’s table to which all are invited.  
Come, for all is ready.

**All** **Thanks be to God!**

## Communion Hymns

**#423 How Great Thou Art**

**#481 May the Grace of Christ Our Saviour**

## Prayers after Communion

*- Book of Alternative Services*

**One** Let us stand as we are able, and pray.

God of grace, today we raise our voices to magnify your holy name, and, in our own generation, to call her blessed who became the mother of our Saviour Jesus Christ. May we who have shared this holy food continue, with her, in your glorious kingdom, founded and established in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
We ask this in his name.

**All** **Amen.**

The congregation is welcomed, and the service briefly explained

## Opening Acclamation

*- A New Zealand Prayer Book*

**One** Loving God,

**All** **you sent your Son to bring us truth  
and your Spirit to make us holy:  
open our hearts to exalt you  
and our lives to reveal you,  
our one true God: Source, Word, and Spirit. Amen.**

## Act of Praise Hymn #5 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

## The Collect of the Day

**One** Let us pray.

*A short silence follows to quieten our hearts and minds together.*

*- Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*

**One** God our strength and our hope, in choosing the Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son, you made known your gracious regard for those living in poverty, for the lowly, and for the despised.

Grant us grace to receive your word in humility, and so to be made one with your Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All** **Amen.**

## Holy Scripture

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

**Isaiah 7.10—15**

OT 636

Psalm **132.6-10, 13-14** *Memento, Domine*

*One* “The Ark! We heard it was in Ephratah;  
we found it in the fields of Jearim.

*All* **Let us go to the dwelling place of the Lord; let us fall  
upon our knees before the footstool of the Lord.”**

*One* Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place,  
you and the ark of your strength.

*All* **Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;  
let your faithful people sing with joy.**

*One* For your servant David’s sake,  
do not turn away the face of your anointed.

*All* **If your children keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,  
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore.”**

*One* For you, O Lord, have chosen Zion,

*All* **and have desired it for your habitation.**

Gospel Acclamation - CP #711

Please stand as you are able for the proclamation of the gospel.  
Before the gospel is read

*One* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*One* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Luke.

*All (sung)* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Luke 1.46—55**

NT 57

After the gospel is read

*One* The Gospel of Christ.

*All (sung)* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

The Reverend Canon Matthew Griffin

Mary, and all your saints, from every tribe and language  
and people and nation, to feast at the banquet  
prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, to you be honour, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever.



*All (sung)* **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

*One* Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus  
teaches us in the language and version of our comfort:

*All*

**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.  
Amen.**

**Our Father,  
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.*

One Glory and honour and praise to you, holy and living God.  
To deliver us from the power of sin and death  
and to reveal the riches of your grace,  
you looked with favour upon Mary,  
your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a  
son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus  
loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,  
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to those  
living in poverty.

Jesus yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we  
were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then the time  
came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice  
of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table  
with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you,  
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:  
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:  
“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new  
Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the  
forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for  
the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and  
remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is  
and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and  
wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be  
the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over  
the whole earth and make us your new creation, the  
Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the Blessed Virgin

#### Affirmation of Faith

Church of England,

One I believe and trust in God.

*Common Worship*

**All I believe and trust in God the Father,  
who created all that is.**

**I believe and trust in God’s Son Jesus Christ,  
who redeemed humankind.**

**I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God.**

**I believe and trust in one God, Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

#### The Prayers of the People

One God, in your love,

**All hear our prayer.**

#### Confession and Absolution

*Sundays and Seasons*

One Trusting God’s promise of forgiveness,  
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

A short silence will be kept for reflection.

One Eternal God our creator,

**All In you we live and move and have our being.  
Look upon us,  
your children, the work of your hands.  
Forgive us all our offenses,  
and cleanse us from proud thoughts  
and empty desires.  
By your grace draw us near to you,  
our refuge and our strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

One 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.

**All Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand as you are able.

One The peace of the Lord be always with you!

**All And also with you.**

## Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn

### #307 When Long Before Time

Gifts are offered to God to support the ministries and outreach of the Church of the Nativity: here in the parish, throughout the Diocese of Niagara, and around the world.

Prayer over the Gifts

- *Sundays and Seasons*

One God of mercy, receive all we offer you this day.  
May we share with the Virgin Mary the joys of your eternal kingdom, and live with you in unending love.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Preface from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*;  
Canon from *Enriching our Worship 1*—Prayer 2 (TEC)

One May God be with you.

**All And also with you.**

One Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them up to God.**

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One 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.

In the wonder and mystery  
of the Word made flesh  
you have opened the eyes of faith  
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,  
that, beholding the God made visible,  
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



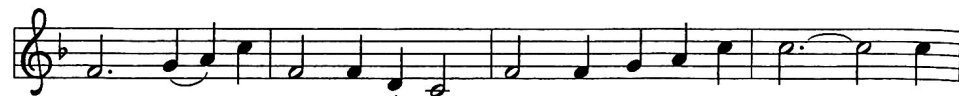
**All**



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.



Bless-ed 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.