



# Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

## Holy Eucharist

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

25 September 2022



***Called to Life — Compelled to Love***



The territory where the Church of the Nativity resides is has been long-tended by many Indigenous peoples including the Neutrals, the Mississauga, the Anishinaabe, 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 and respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the nations of this place and 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.*

**Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might <sup>1</sup>**

**Fight the good fight with all thy might,  
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;  
lay hold on life and it shall be  
thy joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
lift up thine eyes and seek his face.  
Life with its path before us lies;  
Christ is the way and Christ the prize.**

**Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;  
his boundless mercy will provide;  
trust, and the trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life and Christ its love.**

**Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near;  
he changeth not, and thou art dear.  
Only believe, and thou shalt see  
that Christ is all in all to thee.**

Welcome

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.

Holy God,

you reach out in love through Jesus Christ to save us.

Unchain us from our desire for wealth and power,  
so that we may release others

from prisons of poverty, hunger and oppression;

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,

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 prophet Jeremiah.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, ‘Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the LORD: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, ‘Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.’ Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, ‘Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.’ Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

*Jeremiah 32.1—34, 6—15*

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

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High •  
and passes the night under the shadow of the Almighty,  
**will say to the Lord, ‘You are my refuge and my stronghold, •  
my God in whom I trust.’**

The Lord will free you from the snare of the hunter, •  
and from the destroying pestilence.

**The wings of the Most High will cover you,  
and you will be safe under the feathers of the Almighty; •  
the faithfulness of the Lord will be your shield and defence.**

You will not be afraid of any terror by night, •  
nor of the arrow that flies by day,  
**of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, •  
nor of the plague that lays waste at noon.**

‘Because they have set their love upon me I will deliver them: •  
I will uphold them because they know my name.

**‘When they call to me I will answer; •  
I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and bring them to honour.**

‘With long life I will satisfy them, •  
and show them my saving power.’

Help us, O God our Saviour, for the glory of your name;  
**deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name’s sake.**

A reading from the first letter to Timothy.

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

*1 Timothy 6.6—19*

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**Thanks be to God.**





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.** ♪

Jesus said ‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.

He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” ’

*Luke 16.19—31*

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

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

**V** God of grace,  
**R** 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.

God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**  
**We have harmed your good creation.**  
**We have failed to do justice, love kindness,**  
**and walk humbly with you.**  
**Turn us in a new direction.**  
**Show us the path that leads to life.**  
**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**  
**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

**We Are Called**<sup>6</sup>

**Come! live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God!**

*Refrain:* **We are called to act with justice.  
We are called to love tenderly.  
We are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.**

**Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,  
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!** *Refrain*

**Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters  
and brothers united in love!** *Refrain*

Gracious God,  
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.  
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,  
and make us ready to share with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.  
**Amen.**

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.**

Immortal God of unapproachable light,  
honour and dominion be unto you,  
for you invite us to dine with you  
at the heavenly banquet with your Son Jesus Christ,  
the blessed and only Sovereign,  
King of kings and Lord of lords.

When in Christ you were incarnate among us,  
you came not as the proud and haughty rich man  
but lived and died as the poor man at the gate.

He laid down his life that we might be reconciled with you  
and in his resurrection showed us your love and your power.

And so we celebrate your glory,  
with all the company of heaven,  
singing the everlasting song.





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.

Trusting God, your servant Jeremiah  
believed the exile of your people would come to an end,  
and so he bought a field that would one day reward his faith in you.

In this meal of earthly bread and heavenly wine  
you make a promise to us that though our time on earth be short,  
our abiding with you in heaven will be forever.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,  
make us rich in good works, generous, and ready to share,  
that we may take hold of the life that lies in you.

By that same Spirit make this bread and cup 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 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.**

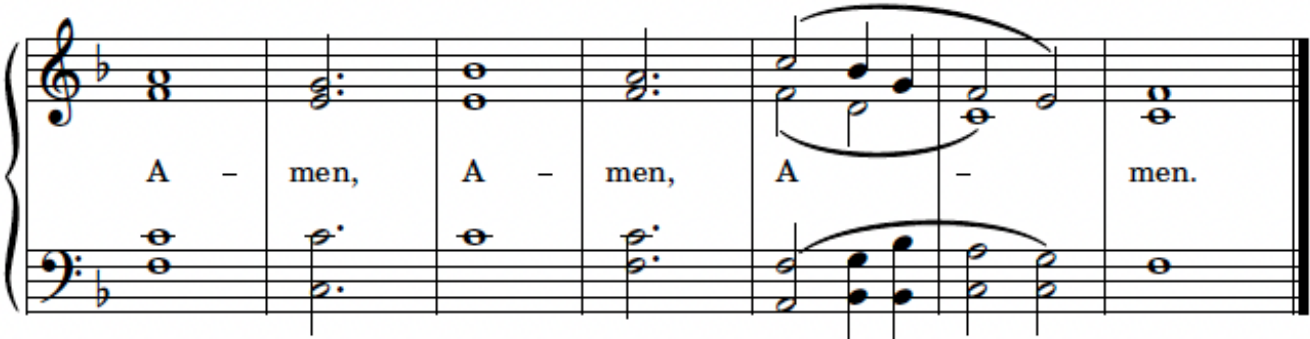
Generous and ever-giving God,  
make money an instrument of your peace.

Where your children are too wealthy,  
make them content with food and clothing,  
not placing their hopes in the uncertainty of riches.

Where your people long to have more,  
free them from the harmful desires  
that might plunge them into ruin and destruction.

Where money causes a great chasm of division,  
bring partnership, understanding, and kindness.

Visit all who are in agony  
through pain or humiliation or regret or abandonment,  
and set our eyes on you  
who provide us so richly with everything for our enjoyment;  
until the day when you are all in all,  
ever one God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



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.**

**Amen.**

*We keep silent and pray for a short time.*

**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**

The Breaking of the Bread<sup>9</sup>

'I am the bread of life,' says the Lord.  
'Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in me will never thirst.'  
**Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who trust in God!**

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 Christ's 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.

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord <sup>12</sup>

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in his shadow for life,  
say to the Lord, “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”

*Refrain*      And he will raise you up on eagles’ wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Snares of the fowler will never capture you  
and famine will bring you no fear:  
under his wings your refuge,  
his faithfulness your shield. *Refrain...*

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come. *Refrain...*

For to his angels he’s given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain...*

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

## Prayer after Communion<sup>13</sup>

God of the abundant table,  
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.  
Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbours with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Doxology<sup>14</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

...  
**Amen.**



**God of Grace and God of Glory<sup>15</sup>**

**God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
now fulfill your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways.  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.**

**Cure your children's warring madness. Bend our pride to your control.  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

**Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christ-like graces in the fight for liberty.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
lest we fail ourselves and thee, lest we fail ourselves and thee.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude



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