



# Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

## Holy Eucharist

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

2 October 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.*

**Let Us with a Gladsome Mind <sup>1</sup>**

**Let us with a gladsome mind, praise the Lord forever kind:  
for his mercies aye endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

**Who with all-commanding might filled the new-made world with light:  
for his mercies aye endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

**Who the golden-tressed sun caused all day its course to run:  
for his mercies aye endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

**All things living God doth feed, with full hand supplies their need:  
for his mercies aye endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

**Let us with a gladsome mind, praise the Lord, forever kind:  
for his mercies aye endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

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.

God,

you weep with those who are oppressed,  
with those who are uprooted from their homeland  
and with those who are without shelter or security.

Grant that your faithful love may reach out through us,  
so that your healing mercy may rise like the dawn.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son.

**Amen.**

# Holy Scripture

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

A reading from Lamentations of the prophet Jeremiah.

How lonely sits the city  
that once was full of people!  
How like a widow she has become,  
she that was great among the nations!  
She that was a princess among the provinces  
has become a vassal.

She weeps bitterly in the night,  
with tears on her cheeks;  
among all her lovers  
she has no one to comfort her;  
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,  
they have become her enemies.

Judah has gone into exile with suffering  
and hard servitude;  
she lives now among the nations,  
and finds no resting-place;  
her pursuers have all overtaken her  
in the midst of her distress.

The roads to Zion mourn,  
for no one comes to the festivals;  
all her gates are desolate,  
her priests groan;  
her young girls grieve,  
and her lot is bitter.

Her foes have become the masters,  
her enemies prosper,  
because the LORD has made her suffer  
for the multitude of her transgressions;  
her children have gone away,  
captives before the foe.

From daughter Zion has departed  
all her majesty.

Her princes have become like stags  
that find no pasture;  
they fled without strength  
before the pursuer.

*Lamentations 1.1—6*

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

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness  
is wormwood and gall!

**My soul continually thinks of it  
and is bowed down within me.**

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:  
**The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;**

they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.  
**‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul,  
‘therefore I will hope in him.’**

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

**It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.**

A reading from the second letter to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace.

This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him.

Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.



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

*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.** ♪

The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ The Lord replied, ‘If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you.

‘Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, “Come here at once and take your place at the table”? Would you not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink”? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, “We are worthless

slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!” ’

*Luke 17.5—10*

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

**℣** 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.

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

**Christ, Be our Light <sup>5</sup>**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Refrain:* Christ, be our light.  
Shine in our hearts;  
shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light.  
Shine in your church, gathered today.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold,  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the people.  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come. *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.**

It is our duty and our joy to thank you,  
Lord God, our hope and our foundation,  
because you made this sunrise of wonder  
and you established the heavens in bright array.  
With great joy, you called a people and set them free.  
Finally, in your Son Jesus you came among your people  
and let loose the power of your Spirit.  
In Jesus' death and resurrection  
you transformed our meanness and cruelty  
into your unfailing joy and grace.  
And so we praise you with angels and archangels  
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.

Exhilarating God,  
in Jesus you have given us the architect of our salvation,  
and in this meal you show us your willingness  
to be broken and poured out to win us back to you.

Send down your Holy Spirit,  
that your people may be sanctified by your grace,  
and these gifts of bread and wine 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 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 God, as you fill us with the bread of life,  
renew our hope that not only we but all your people  
may never be hungry again.  
Make us heralds and apostles and teachers,  
that we may know your power to save,  
be called to spread your grace and mercy,  
and build one another up  
in the ways of righteousness and peace;  
that our tradition may be renewed in trust,  
deepened in suffering, and resolute amid shame,  
until we see you face to face,  
and your justice shines throughout the earth,  
and all people rise to enjoy your glory,  
ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

A musical score for piano accompaniment, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) joined by a brace on the left. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 8/8. The score is divided into six measures. The lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - men.' are written below the treble staff. The first four measures contain chords and single notes. The fifth measure features a melodic line in the treble staff with a slur over it, and a corresponding melodic line in the bass staff. The sixth measure contains a final chord in the treble staff and a single note in the bass staff.

A - men, A - men, A - men.

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.**

**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 Bread<sup>8</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>10</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.

**We Lay Our Broken World <sup>11</sup>**

**We lay our broken world in sorrow at your feet,  
haunted by hunger, war and fear, oppressed by power and hate.**

**Here human life seems less than profit, might and pride,  
though to unite us all in you, you lived and loved and died.**

**We bring our broken hopes for lives of dignity;  
workless and overworked you love, and call us to be free.**

**We bring our broken loves, friends parted, families torn;  
then in your life and death we see that love must be reborn.**

**We bring our broken selves, confused and closed and tired;  
then through your gift of healing grace new purpose is inspired.**

**Come fill us, Fire of God, our life and strength renew;  
find in us love and hope and trust, and lift us up to you.**

## Prayer after Communion<sup>12</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>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

...  
**Amen.**



Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise<sup>14</sup>

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.

Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

Postlude



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