



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

30 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.

Here In this Place New Light Is Streaming¹

Here in this place new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young—our lives are a mystery;
we are the old—who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song

Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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.

Collect²

Let us pray.

O God, you seek out and save the lost,
and invite us to the banquet of your eternal home.
Visit your people with the joy of salvation,
so that we may rejoice in the riches of your forgiveness
and reach out in welcome to share with others
the feast of your love;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.
Amen.

Holy Scripture

1st Reading

The prophet Habakkuk complains to God, and God responds.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you ‘Violence!’ and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgement comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Habakkuk 1.1—4; 2.1—4

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

You are righteous, O Lord,
and upright are your judgements.
**You have issued your decrees
with justice and in perfect faithfulness.**

My indignation has consumed me,
because my enemies forget your words.
**Your word has been tested to the uttermost,
and your servant holds it dear.**

I am small and of little account,
yet I do not forget your commandments.
**Your justice is an everlasting justice
and your law is the truth.**

Trouble and distress have come upon me,
yet your commandments are my delight.
**The righteousness of your decrees is everlasting;
grant me understanding, that I may live.**

The second letter to the followers of Jesus in Thessalonika reassures them of the apostles' continuing prayers.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfil by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

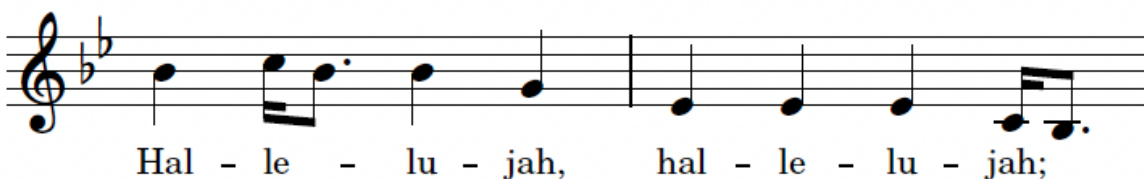
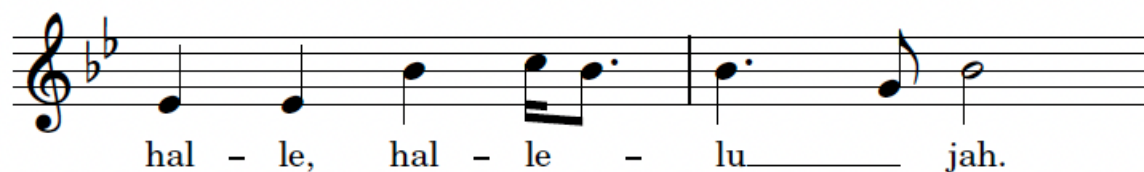
2 Thessalonians 1.1—4, 11—12

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

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.** ♪

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, ‘Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.’ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, ‘He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.’ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.’

Luke 19.1—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.**

✠ Hear us, O God.

✠ **Your mercy is great.**

Confession & Absolution ⁵

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 of the Lord be always with you!
And also with you.

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn # 430

Will You Come and Follow Me⁶

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

**Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

Prayer over the Gifts ⁷

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.

The Great Thanksgiving ⁸

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.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

♪ It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Glory to you for ever and ever.' It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Glo - ry to you, for ev - er and ev - er.' are written below the treble staff. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with a steady rhythm.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

♪ At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their being.

♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

♪ From the primal elements you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.

♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

♪ But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

♪ Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



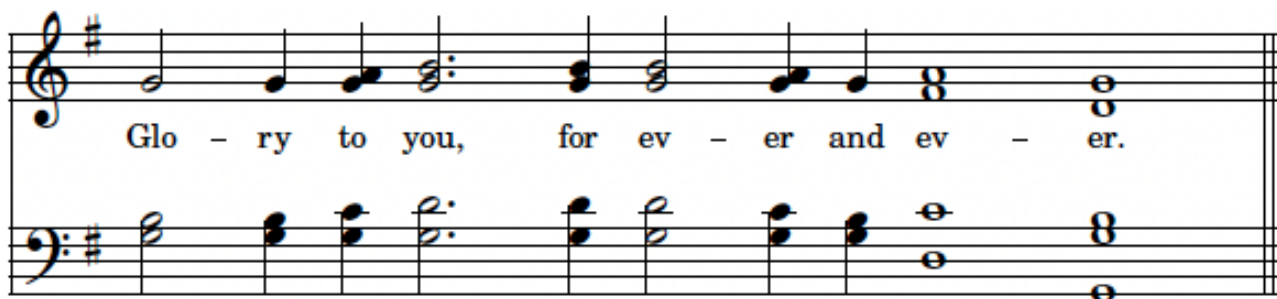
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est,
ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles-sed is the One who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est,
ho - san - na in the high - est.

**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.**

♪ Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread,
gave it to his friends, and said,

“Take this, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine;
he gave you thanks, and said,
“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.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

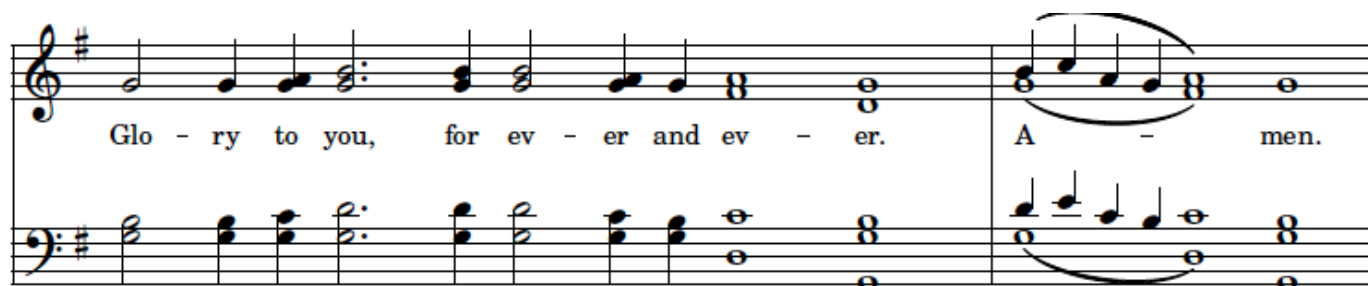


Glory to you for ever and ever.

♪ Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations.
We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and
the Spirit, now bring you these gifts.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we
who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our
Lord.

♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

♪ Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;
through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.



Gloria to you, for ever and ever. 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 Bread⁹

'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 communion¹¹:*

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.

Take My Life, and Let It Be¹²

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.

Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Prayer after Communion¹³

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.

Doxology¹⁴

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.

Blessing of Rings and Marriage

Heavenly Father, source of everlasting love,
revealed to us in Jesus Christ
and poured into our hearts through your Holy Spirit;
that love which many waters cannot quench,
neither the floods drown;
that love which is patient and kind,
enduring all things without end;
by your blessing, let these rings be to Susan and David
symbols to remind them of the covenant
renewed this day through your grace
in the love of your Son
and in the power of your Spirit.

Amen.

One Blessed are you, Lord our God,
God of love, creator of all.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Bridegroom Blessed are you, Lord our God,
you make us in your image and likeness.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Bride Blessed are you, Lord our God,
you make all people to reflect your glory.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Bridegroom Blessed are you, Lord our God,
you make us for joy and promise us life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Bride Blessed are you, Lord our God,
you create a people to know your love.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

One May David and Susan continue to enjoy
the blessing of your reign.
Continue to give them faith and joy in their marriage.
Blessed are you, Lord our God,
you give joy to bride and groom.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

One May their love be fruitful and their home a place of peace.
Blessed are you, Lord our God,
you make marriage a sign of your love.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Parish Announcements

Blessing

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Amen.

To the Name of Our Salvation ¹⁵

To the Name of our salvation, laud and honour let us pay;
which for many a generation hid in God's foreknowledge lay;
but with holy exultation we may sing aloud today.

Jesus is the name we treasure, name beyond what words can tell;
name of gladness, name of pleasure, ear and heart delighting well;
name of sweetness passing measure, saving us from sin and hell.

'Tis the name that whoso preaches speaks like music to the ear;
who in prayer this name beseeches finds its comfort ever near;
who its perfect wisdom reaches, heavenly joy possesses here.

Jesus is the name exalted over every other name;
in this name, whene'er assaulted, we can put our foes to shame:
strength to them who else had halted, eyes to blind and feet to lame.

Therefore we in love adoring, this most blessed name revere,
holy Jesus, thee imploring so to write it in us here
that, hereafter heavenward soaring, we may sing with angels there.

Dismissal

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

Postlude



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⁹ *Book of Alternative Services*, alt.

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