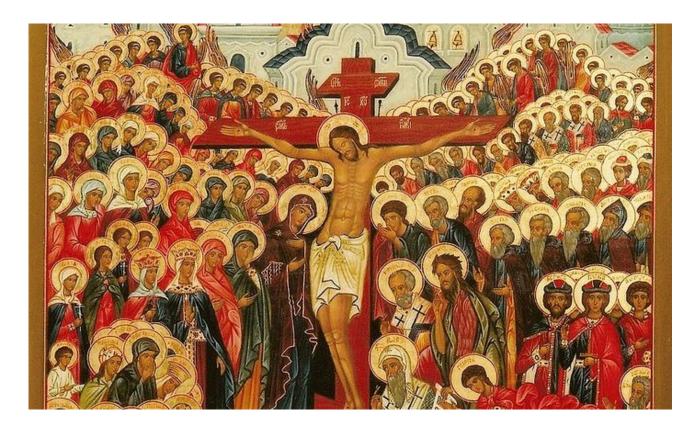


Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

6 November 2022

All Saints



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.

Processional Hymn # 586

Rise Up, O Saints of God¹

Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn; Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.

Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame; as heirs of God's baptismal grace the word of hope proclaim.

Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace; redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.

Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain; stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.

Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod, and, quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, O saints of God.

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 of all holiness, in your realm of glory, those who are poor now will receive the kingdom those who are hungry now will be filled, and those who weep now will laugh and leap in joy. Strengthen us by this vision, so that, with the saints before us, we may bring near your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Holy Scripture

1st Reading

Daniel is assured that the holy ones of God will possess the kingdom for ever.

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever.'

Daniel 7.1—3, 15—18

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

Cantate Domino

Alleluia! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing the praises of God in the congregation of the faithful. Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their sovereign.

Let them praise the name of the Lord in the dance; let them sing praise to God with timbrel and harp. For the Lord takes pleasure in this people and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds. Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand;

to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples; to bind their rulers in chains and their nobles with links of iron;

to inflict on them the judgement decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful people. Alleluia! We have obtained a glorious inheritance in Christ.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

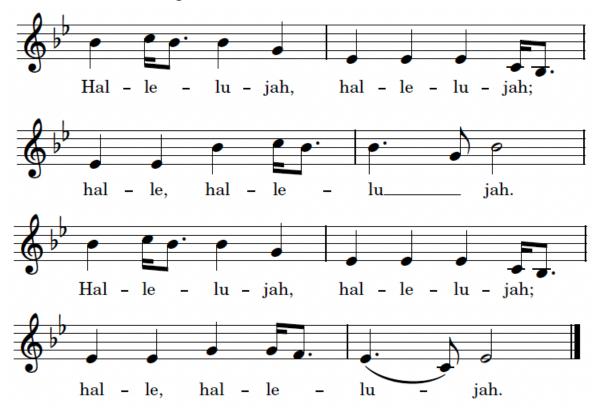
God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1: 11 - 23

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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.

Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Luke 6.20—31

The Gospel of Christ.

♪ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

God the Father, creator of heaven and earth:
have mercy upon us.
God the Son, redeemer of the world:
have mercy upon us.
God the Holy Spirit, sanctifier of the faithful:
have mercy upon us.
Holy Trinity, one God:
have mercy upon us.

Holy Abraham and Sarah,

our ancestors in faith;

Holy Moses the lawgiver, Aaron the priest, and Miriam the prophet;

and all saints who have journeyed into the unknown,

trusting God's promises:

Pray for us.

Holy Esther and Deborah,

saviours of their nation;

Holy Hannah and Ruth,

whose love and devotion bore witness to the faithfulness of God; Holy Isaiah, John the Baptiser, Simeon, Anna, and all the prophets,

and all saints who have obeyed God's call with joy:

Pray for us.

Holy Mary the Virgin,

the mother of our Lord;

Holy Joseph,

guardian of the Incarnate Word;

Holy Mary Magdalene, Salome, and Mary,

first witnesses of the resurrection,

and all saints who bore faithful witness to Christ:

Pray for us.

Holy Peter and Paul,

and all the Holy apostles,

Holy Barnabas, Silas, and Timothy,

Holy Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John,

and all saints who have brought the faith of Christ alive in every generation: **Pray for us.**

Holy Athanasius and John Chrysostom;

Holy Stephen, Agnes, Lucy, Perpetua, Felicity,

and the whole army of martyrs;

Holy Julian of Norwich, Bridget of Sweden and Teresa of Avila,

Holy Richard Hooker and Lancelot Andrewes,

and all saints who have enabled us to reflect on the mystery of Christ:

Pray for us.

Holy Martin Luther King, Oscar Romero, and Jonathan Daniels,

and all martyrs and peacemakers of our own time;

Holy unsung heroes and heroines of our faith,

whose names are known to God alone:

Pray for us.

Holy Mollie Brant, Henry Budd,

John Stuart, Edmund Peck,

Robert Machray, Jean de Brébeuf,

Hannah Grier Coome, Roberta Elizabeth Tilton,

and all the saints of the lands and territories of North America: **Pray for us.**

Holy saints of our own communities in ages past who have revealed to us the love of God and shown to us the way of holiness: **Pray for us.**

Let us rejoice and honour them with thankful hearts, and glorify our God, in whom they put their trust. Lead us to join You in your work of renewing and recreating this world. Inspire us to share your water of life and serve as your ambassadors of reconciliation with nations, peoples, and our fragile ecosystems.

God, hear our prayer.

Fill your church and your world with your life-giving Spirit, that your justice, grace, and truth may burn in our hearts. **God, hear our prayer.**

Bring your healing power to all who are unwell; bless all who tend to others; comfort those who are dying.

God, hear our prayer.

Renew in us the commitment we made to you in baptism. Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit. Send us into the world in witness to your love; bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory. **Make us your saints, O God.**

Grant, O Lord,

that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever.

Amen.

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

We give you thanks, source and sustainer of life, for the gift of water. This is the water your Spirit stirred at the dawn of creation, separating the soil from the sea, and calling forth a humanity fashioned to bear your image.

This is the water through which you delivered twelve tribes enslaved to the powers of empire and oppression. You made a covenant with them in the wilderness beyond the Red Sea, and led them through the Jordan into a land of promise, uniting them as one people, chosen to display your liberating power for all held in captivity.

This is the water sprinkled upon a people in exile,

gifting them with a new heart and a new spirit,

gathering them together from north and south, east and west,

a fulfillment of your promise

to restore those who weep in despair to the joy and dignity of hope. This is the water in which Jesus, Redeemer of the world, was baptized and named as your beloved child.

This is the water that takes its course

from the wounded side of Christ crucified,

the living water that bursts tomb-sealing rock,

giving rise to the new creation,

and birthing from every tongue and nation a people consecrated to you.

This is the water of life that springs forth in that city

where you dwell with a multitude beyond number,

united in the One whom they worship to the end of time and for ever.

Gathered around this font,

and surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, we ask you to stir the waters once again

by the movement of your Holy Spirit.

From these waters,

raise up a people hungry for justice and peace, one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, a sign of your promise for all creation, until Christ comes in final victory

and we feast at the promised and eternal banquet.

We pray in communion with all the saints on earth and heaven,

with the martyrs and the faithful of all ages,

and in the name of the Lamb who was slain,

but now reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

above all rule and authority, power and dominion,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

Let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in God's holy catholic Church, and when God washed us and numbered us among the saints.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? I do. Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ? I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth? I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? I will, with God's help.

Sprinking Hymn # 439

Blest Are the Pure in Heart⁴

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our 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 Your presence seek; may ours this blessing be: give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee.

God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn # 501

Through All the Changing Scenes of Life⁵

Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy, the praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me, exalt the sacred name; when in distress to heaven I called, God to my rescue came.

The guardian hosts encamp around the dwellings of the just; deliverance they provide to all who in God's shelter trust.

O make but trial of God's love; experience will decide how blest and favoured are they all who in this love confide!

Fear God, you saints, and you will then have nothing else to fear; let service be your life's delight, your wants shall be God's care.

To Father, Son, and Spirit blest, the God whom we adore, be glory, as it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Prayer over the Gifts ⁶

Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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.

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Creating and redeeming God,

in Adam, Abraham, and Moses, in Deborah, Esther, and Mary, you have chosen not simply to direct the course of events but to be in relationship with us and to entrust your children with the embodiment and exercise of your will.

In the dying and rising Christ

you give us not just a saviour but an example,

and in every generation

you call people to imitate the pattern of his life and death and so to witness to your glory.

You call us to be not heroes who go it alone

but saints whose every breath depends on others and on you.

We rejoice that those saints take their place in the company of heaven,

with whom we join in singing the unending hymn of your joy and praise.



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.

Transforming God,

in this gathering you take the fruit of the vine and human hands and make them a blessing for your people now and forever. As our earthly bodies decay and die,

and resemble your Son's body taken down from the cross,

send your Spirit and remake us in the image of your Son's resurrected body, that our scars may become signs of your glory

and our hearts may be one with yours.

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 all 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.

Resurrecting God, bless those who mourn,

that they may be comforted.

Bless the poor in spirit,

that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven.

Bless the pure in heart,

that they may see you.

Visit those who face death and persecution and violence,

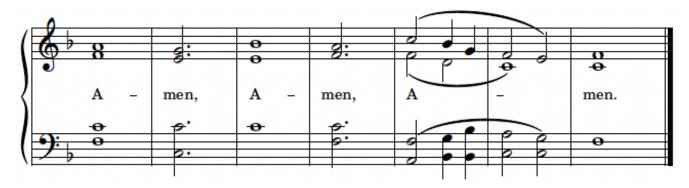
that they may know the gladness and rejoicing of your reign.

Be close to any who end their days in agony and isolation,

that they may enter the joy of their reward.

Where your children feel all is lost, meet them in their fear, touch them in their loneliness, and raise them by your mercy, so that on the last day, when you bring a new heaven and a new earth, they may discover you as an infinite circle whose centre is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere, and be changed from glory into glory, with and by you, 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 Bread⁸

'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 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.

How Great Thou Art ¹¹

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hands hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; Refrain

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin; Refrain

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" Refrain

Prayer after Communion¹²

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise.
Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Doxology ¹³

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.

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Recessional Hymn # 502

You Are Salt for the Earth ¹⁴

You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the kingdom of God! Share the flavour of life, O people: life in the kingdom of God!

Refrain: Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace; bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the city of God! Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God! Refrain

You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the kingdom of God! Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the kingdom of God! Refrain

We are a blest and a pilgrim people: bound for the kingdom of God! Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the kingdom of God! Refrain

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

Postlude

Your Daily Prayers are Requested:

For the Church:

our Bishop:Susanour diocese:all the people of the Diocese of Niagara,
especially after synod's meeting this weekend;cycle:the parish of St. Stephen on-the Mountwider:Anne, our metropolitan archbishop;
Linda, our primate;
the worldwide Anglican Communion, and in
its cycle the Church of England;

for Larry, as he prepares for ordination as our parish deacon;

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:

Ron & MaryAnne; Beth; Giselle, Seth, Ares, & Cersei;

For the needs of the world

For peace:

Ukraine, South Sudan, Yemen, and all places of conflict

For those we know in need of healing

For those who have died, and those who mourn:

Thank you for your daily prayers for the people, worship, fellowship, and ministries of the Church of the Nativity



The Right Reverend Susan Bell The Reverend Canon Matthew Griffin The Reverend Canon David Linn Mr. Peter Harding Mrs. Laura Brintnell

Mrs. Jan Collinson Mr. David Eccles Mr. Doug Lampman Bishop of Niagara Rector Honorary Assistant Director of Music Parish Administrator

Wardens

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