



# Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

## Holy Eucharist

20 November 2022

Last Sunday after Pentecost

## Reign of Christ



*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.*

**Rejoice, the Lord Is King<sup>1</sup>**

**Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing  
and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**He sits at God's right hand  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope;  
Jesus, the Judge, shall come  
and take his servants up  
to their eternal home.  
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!**

## Welcome & Collect

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Holy God, our refuge and strength,  
you have redeemed your scattered children,  
gathering them from all the corners of the earth  
through your firstborn, Jesus the Christ,  
in whom all things are held together.

Make us a just and righteous people,  
worthy by grace to inherit the kingdom of light and peace,  
where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

# Holy Scripture

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

The prophet Jeremiah reassures us that the Lord will raise up a righteous branch to rule wisely over God's people.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them.

So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

*Jeremiah 23: 1 - 6*

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Spoken at 8:30am:*

Blessed are you O Lord our God: •  
you have come to your people and set them free.  
**You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of your servant David.**

Through your holy prophets you promised of old  
that you would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
**You promised to show mercy to our forbears  
and to remember your holy covenant.**

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
**free to worship you without fear,  
holy and righteous in your sight, all the days of our life.**

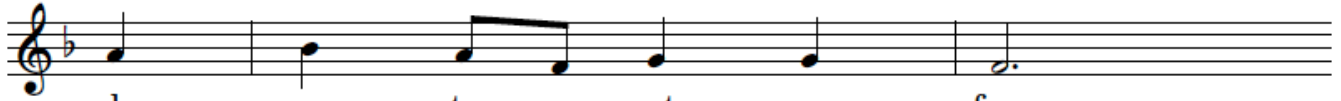
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High: for you will go  
before the Lord to prepare the way,  
**to give God's people knowledge of salvation  
through the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God,  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to  
guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Sung at 10:00am:



1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el  
2. With prom - ised mer - cy will God still  
3. My child, as proph - et of the Lord



who comes to set us free  
the cov - e - nant re - call,  
you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us;  
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham,  
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved



a Branch from Da - vid's tree.  
from foes to save us all;  
from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph - ets long de - clared  
that we might wor - ship with - out fear  
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high



that with a might - y arm  
and of - fer lives of praise,  
shine forth and nev - er cease

God would turn back our en - e - mies  
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness  
to drive a - way the gloom of death

and al who wish us harm.  
to serve God all our days.  
and lead us in - to peace.



The letter to the Colossians quotes a hymn to Christ, the firstborn of all creation, in whom we have redemption.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*Colossians 1: 11 – 20*

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**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.** ♪

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’ And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!’ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’ There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

*Luke 23.33—43*

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

Let us affirm the faith we share.

**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

**℣** Lord, in your mercy,  
**℟** receive 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.

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
and our neighbors.**  
**We have ignored voices  
that call for your justice.**  
**We have neglected actions  
that witness to your righteousness.**  
**We have spoken and acted  
in ways that disrupt your beloved community.**  
**We truly repent of things we have done  
and left undone.**  
**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**  
**Restore our troubled spirits,  
so that we may live in newness,  
follow the way of the Spirit,  
and build up the body of Christ.**  
**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 #460

Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining <sup>2</sup>

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
shine on me, shine on me.

*Refrain:* Shine, Jesus, shine;  
fill this land with the Father's glory  
blaze, Spirit, blaze:  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow:  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word,  
Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness;  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness,  
shine on me, shine on me      *Refrain...*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
so our faces display your likeness;  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story,  
shine on me, shine on me      *Refrain...*

## Prayer over the Gifts<sup>3</sup>

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.**

## The Great Thanksgiving<sup>4</sup>

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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
You exalted him as Lord of all creation  
that he might present to you an eternal and universal kingdom:  
a kingdom of truth and life,  
a kingdom of holiness and grace,  
a kingdom of justice, love, and peace.  
Therefore at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow  
as heaven and earth proclaim the glory of your name.



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.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.  
The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.  
**We praise you, O God.**



Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile;  
into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,  
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us  
on the way, at the table, and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith.

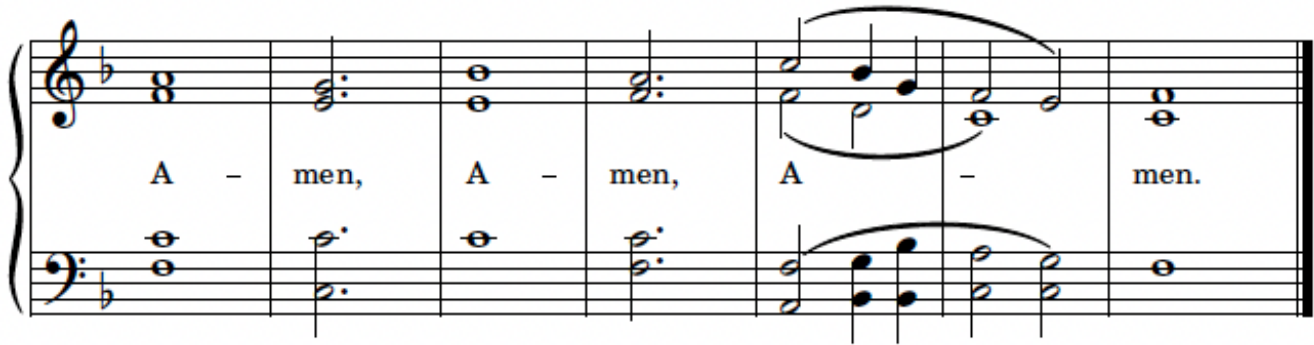
**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,  
through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit,  
in your church, without end.



Amen, Amen, Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

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.

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

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

## The Breaking of the Bread<sup>5</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!**

## Communion<sup>6</sup>

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>7</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.

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour<sup>8</sup>

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia, Jesus, true and living bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we,  
here in loving reverence bow;  
here for faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know thee now.  
Alleluia, thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee,  
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia, we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall forevermore remain,  
alleluia, Cleansing us from every stain.

Life-impacting heavenly Manna,  
stricken Rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
alleluia, risen, ascended, glorified!

## Prayer after Communion <sup>9</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>10</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

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**Amen.**

**King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You <sup>11</sup>**

**King of love, O Christ, we crown you Lord of thought and Lord of will,  
each demand of your high challenge dedicated to fulfil;  
we with you by grace co-workers, till, where human foot has trod,  
peoples, kings, dominions, races, own the empire of our God.**

**King of life, you have created wheat in golden harvest spread:  
make your servants strong to serve you by the gift of daily bread.  
Feed us with your body broken, with your blood outpoured sustain,  
that our souls divinely strengthened may the life eternal gain.**

**King of mercy, you have saved us from the haunting sense of loss,  
nailing in your vast compassion sin's indictment to the cross.  
Those who love, by your sore anguish, from the past you cleanse and free,  
breathing words of absolution throned and reigning from the tree.**

**King triumphant, King victorious, take your throne our hearts within,  
lest the might of fierce temptation snare us into deadly sin.  
By the Spirit's rich anointing, grant us strength life's race to run,  
till the power of sin be vanquished, till the prize of God be won.**

Dismissal

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

Postlude

## **Your Daily Prayers are Requested:**

### ***For the Church:***

our Bishop: Susan

our diocese: all the people of the Diocese of Niagara;

cycle: the parish of Christ Church, Woodburn;

wider: Anne, our metropolitan archbishop;

Linda, our primate;

the worldwide Anglican Communion, and in  
its cycle the Church of the Indian Ocean

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

### ***For those in our parish cycle of prayer:***

Shelley;

Audrey;

Clayton, Kelly, Megan, & Paige;

### ***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**





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<sup>5</sup> *Book of Alternative Services*, alt.

<sup>6</sup> St. Benedict's Table, Winnipeg.

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