

# Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

# **Holy Eucharist**

The Feasts of the Epiphany, the Presentation of our Lord, and the Baptism of our Lord

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022



**WEB EDITION** 

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 <a href="https://worshipwithnativity.org/what-do-worship-services-look-like-now/">https://worshipwithnativity.org/what-do-worship-services-look-like-now/</a>

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Prelude

Music is offered to provide a time for quiet prayer and preparation.

A bell is rung, and the service begins.

# Processional Carol # 158

# Earth Has Many a Noble City 1

Earth has many a noble city; Bethlehem, thou dost all excel: out of thee the Lord from heaven came to rule his Israel.

Fairer than the sun at morning was the star that told his birth, to the world its God announcing seen in fleshly form on earth.

Eastern sages at his cradle make oblations rich and rare; see them give, in deep devotion, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Sacred gifts of mystic meaning: incense doth their God disclose, gold the King of kings proclaimeth, myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.

Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshipped at thy glad epiphany, unto thee, with God the Father and the Spirit, glory be.

Welcome

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.

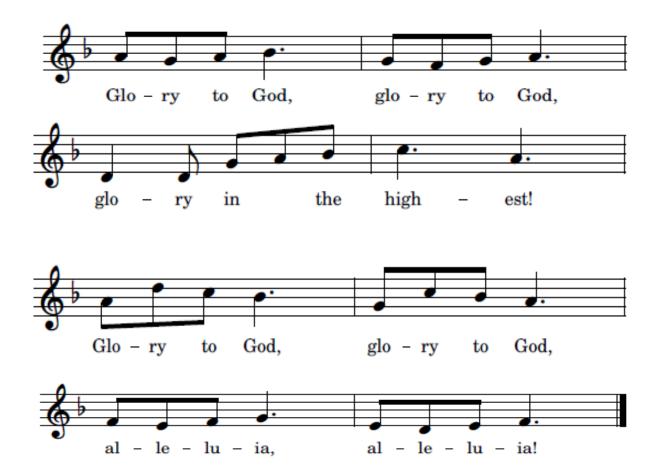
The Collect<sup>2</sup>

Let us pray.

God of glory, immerse us in your grace, mark us with your image, and raise us to live our baptismal promises, so that, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we may follow the example of Christ your beloved; through the same Jesus the Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

# The Epiphany of our Lord



The Lord be with you.

# And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.

# ▶ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ. ♪

On a cool, clear evening, three wise men looked into the night sky and saw a bright star. The wise men had been waiting for someone important to come into the world. They were waiting for a king. They knew that the star was a sign from God.

- "The star is a sign that the king has been born!" the shortest one said.
- "We should follow the star and find him!" the tallest one said.
- "I'll pack our bags!" the middle one said.

They left their homes and travelled far to meet this new baby king. They wanted to worship him and give him gifts.

Along the way, they stopped and visited King Herod, the ruler of that land. "We are following the star to find the baby king,' they told King Herod. "Do you know where he is?"

When King Herod heard that the baby king had been born, he was afraid. He thought the baby would grow up and take over. Then Herod wouldn't be king anymore. So King Herod spoke to the wise men. He pretended to be nice. Herod told the wise men, "I would like to meet the new baby king. Why don't you go find him and come back here and tell me where he is? Then I can go worship him too."

The wise men kept following the star to find the baby. They finally found Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in Bethlehem. They were quiet so they wouldn't wake baby Jesus. They knelt beside his bed. He was so tiny! They kissed his little cheek. "Sleep well, little one," they said, and they left him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Those were very expensive gifts. They were gifts fit for a king.

Later, the wise men decided it was time to go home. They were planning to tell King Herod where they found baby Jesus, but God sent an angel to talk to them in a dream. The angel told them that King Herod was dangerous. So they went home a different way instead.

Jesus was, indeed, a new baby king who surprised the wise men and frightened King Herod. Jesus was God's promise born for us, a gift to all people.

Matthew 2.1—12<sup>3</sup>

The Gospel of Christ.

▶ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. ▶

Melchior is brought to the crèche.

We thank you God for making your home with us. As gold is purified in the furnace, purify our hearts and minds and strengthen us to be your royal priesthood, in the name of Jesus the Christ.

#### Amen.

Caspar is brought to the crèche.

We praise you God for making your home with us. Our prayer rises like incense before you, and we raise our hands and offer ourselves in your service.

#### Amen.

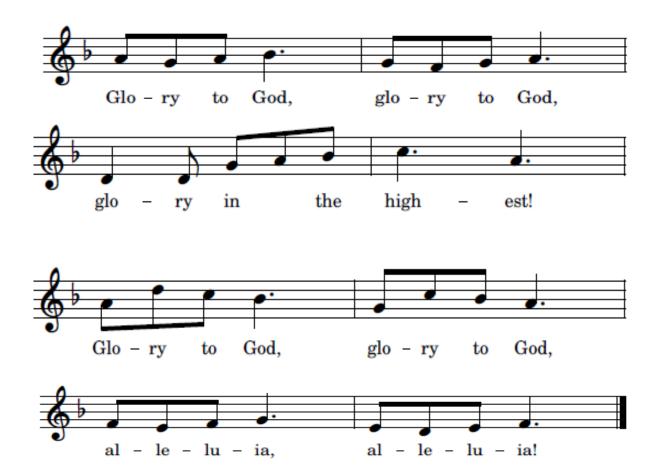
Balthazar is brought to the crèche.

We thank you and praise you God for making your home with us.

We remember Jesus anointed for burial, and ask you to anoint us with your healing presence, sending us to be your people to heal and reconcile the world.

Amen.

# The Presentation of our Lord



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 the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that

he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Luke2.22-40

The Gospel of Christ.

▶ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. ▶

The candelabra lights are lit as we join in the responsory.

Blessed are you, Gracious God, Ruler of the Universe. **Blessed be God for ever.** 

Your light shines on us and all people will see your glory. **Blessed be God for ever.** 

You give us Jesus to be the light of the world, and Jesus makes our darkness to be light.

Blessed be God for ever.

Through the Holy Spirit, your love burns within us, bearing witness to your truth.

Blessed be God for ever.

As we bear your light, may our lips never cease to sing your praise.

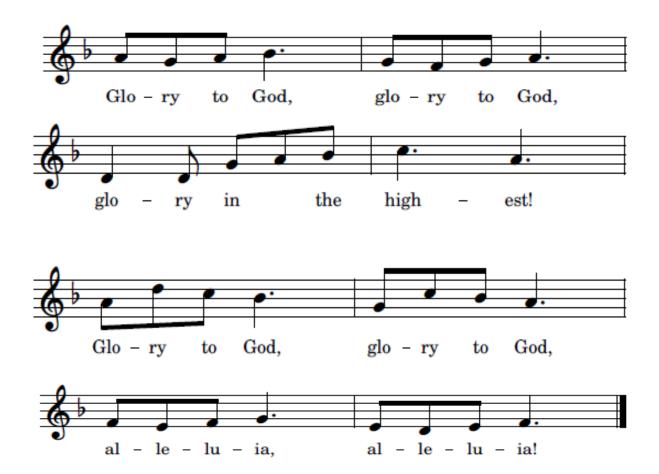
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Blessed be God:

Source of All Being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

# The Baptism of our Lord



The Lord be with you.

# And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.

# ♪ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ. ♪

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

The Gospel of Christ.

# Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, our rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honour and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Dear friends,

through the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life.

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.

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?

With God's help, I will.

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

With God's help, I will.

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

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself? With God's help, I will.

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

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

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; and through our Lord Jesus Christ.

May God keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever.

#### Amen.

# Sprinkling Hymn # 35

# Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters <sup>4</sup>

Wash O God, our sons and daughters where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people, bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honour!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Recreate us, God transform.

Reflection

God of grace,

R hear our prayer.

The Peace

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

# Feasting at the Table

Offertory Carol # 160

As with Gladness Men of Old 5

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to thy lowly manger-bed, there to bend the knee before thee, whom heaven and earth adore; so may we with willing feet ever seek the mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare; so may we with joyful song, raising voices pure and strong, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

In the heavenly country bright need they no created light: thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down; there forever may we sing alleluias to our king. Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Saviour.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving <sup>7</sup>

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

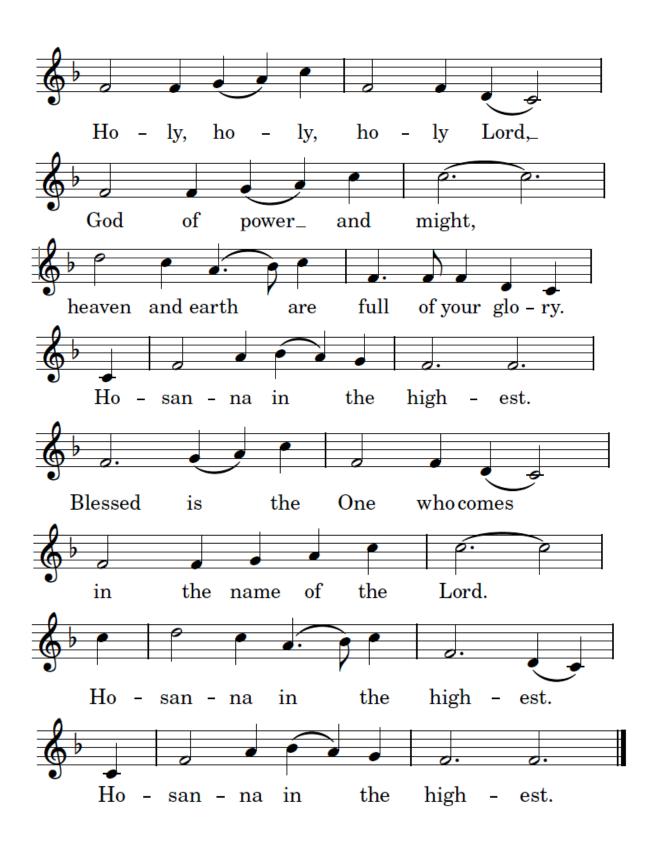
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. 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, mighty Lord, gracious Father: endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and give thanks; broke it, and give 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

# Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

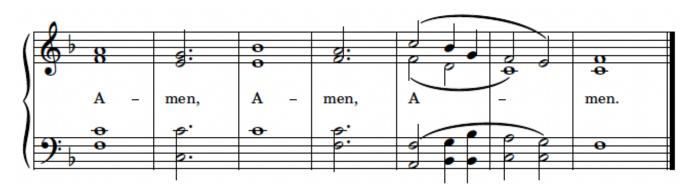
Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

# Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.





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>

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world. God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

Come, all people: this is Christ's table to which all are invited. Come, for all is ready. Thanks be to God!

Communion

# 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>9</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.

# Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent <sup>10</sup>

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to us approacheth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood, he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, tord most high!"

Holy One,
we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.

Amen.

Doxology 12

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing of the Chalk 13

# Let us pray.

Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name all who use it in faith to write upon the doors of their homes the names of your saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit their home; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

# **Parish Announcements**

Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be light to the world; and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you, now and for evermore.

Amen.

# Recessional Hymn # 101

# Hail to the Lord's Anointed 14

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free, to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth, and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth. Before him on the mountains shall peace the herald go, and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him, and gold and incense bring; all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing.

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend, his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest, from age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blest. The tide of time shall never his covenant remove. His name shall stand for ever: that name to us is Love.

Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit! **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 St. Alban the Martyr, Glen Williams;

wider: Anne, our metropolitan archbishop;

Linda, our primate;

the worldwide Anglican Communion, and in its cycle

the Church of the Province of Myanmar;

# For those in our cycle of prayer:

Theresa;

Randy & Kelly;

Jen

# 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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