

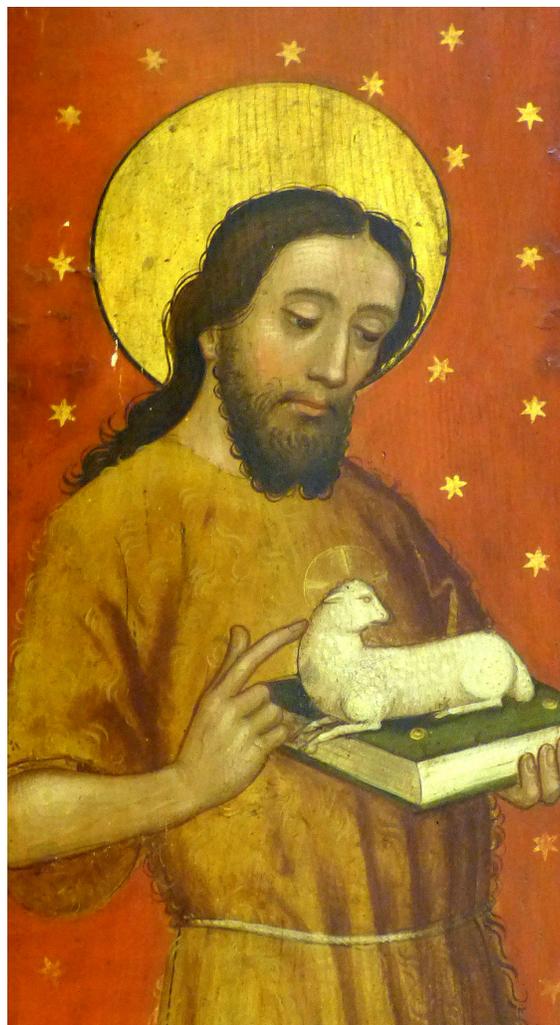


Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

15 January 2023

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany



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 <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.

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say ¹

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one,
lay down thy head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise
and all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till travelling days are done.

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.

Opening Acclamation ²

Perfect Light of revelation,
as you shone in the life of Jesus,
whose epiphany we celebrate,
so shine in us and through us,
that we may become beacons of truth and compassion,
enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy.
Amen.

The Collect ³

Let us pray.

Redeemer of Israel,
you called us from before our birth to follow in your ways:
meet us in our searching
and turn our eyes and hearts
to the one who gives his life for the world;
through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.
Amen.

Holy Scripture

1st Reading

One of Isaiah's Servant Songs rejoices that the servant of God brings light to the nations.

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God.'

And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
he says,
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
'Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Isaiah 49.1—7

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

I waited patiently upon the Lord
who stooped to me and heard my cry.
**God lifted me out of the desolate pit,
out of the mire and clay,
and set my feet on a high cliff and made my footing sure.**

God put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God;
**many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the Lord.**

Happy are they who trust in the Lord!
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
**Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us!**

There is none who can be compared with you.
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them,
but they are more than I can count.
**In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure
(you have given me ears to hear you);
burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

And so I said, “Behold, I come.
In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:
**‘I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep within my heart.’”**

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O Lord, you know.
**Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;**

I have not concealed your love and faithfulness
from the great congregation.

**You are the Lord;
do not withhold your compassion from me;
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.**

2nd Reading

Paul greets the church in Corinth.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother
Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ
Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on
the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

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

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has
been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in
him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ
has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any
spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the
day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1.1—19

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

The acclamation is sung

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,
 glo - ry in the high - est!
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

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

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the

Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

John 1.29—42

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

✠ God of grace,
✠ hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution ⁴

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Holy One,
**source of our renewal,
we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness.
Our hearts have turned away from you.
For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,
that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
† pardon and deliver you from all your sin,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The peace of Christ be always with you!
And also with you.

Feasting at the Table

Offertory Song

Christ, Be Our Light ⁵

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

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

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. *refrain*

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *refrain*

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

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

Prayer over the Gifts ⁶

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.

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.

Blessed are you, Holy One on high,
for you have made all things in your sacred womb,
and you have named and called forth all things
according to your eternal purpose.

Praise upon praise is yours,
for you created such goodness,
and it was too light a thing that you should stop there,
so you shaped your life making a covenant with your people.

When that covenant foundered,
it was too light a thing for you
to raise up only the tribes of Jacob
and restore only the survivors of your chosen people,
and so you gave your Son to be a light to all nations.

As your Son lived our life and died our death,
you showed it was too light a thing that your glory should be kept in heaven,
and so in Jesus' resurrection and ascension
you made your glory known to the ends of the earth.

And so with angels and archangels and the resounding company of saints
we join in the unending hymn:





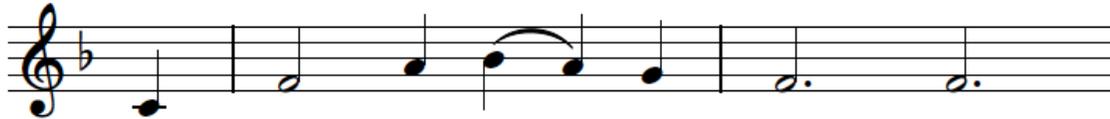
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of power_ and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed 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,
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.**

Summoning God,
you beckoned the first disciples
to come and see your anointed Son,
and through him you anointed each new follower
with purpose and power.

Bless us as we come to be with you at this feast today.
Send your Holy Spirit and anoint us to be the body of our living Lord,
beckoning others to come and see the wonders of your love.

Send down your Spirit upon this breaking bread and this sharing 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 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.

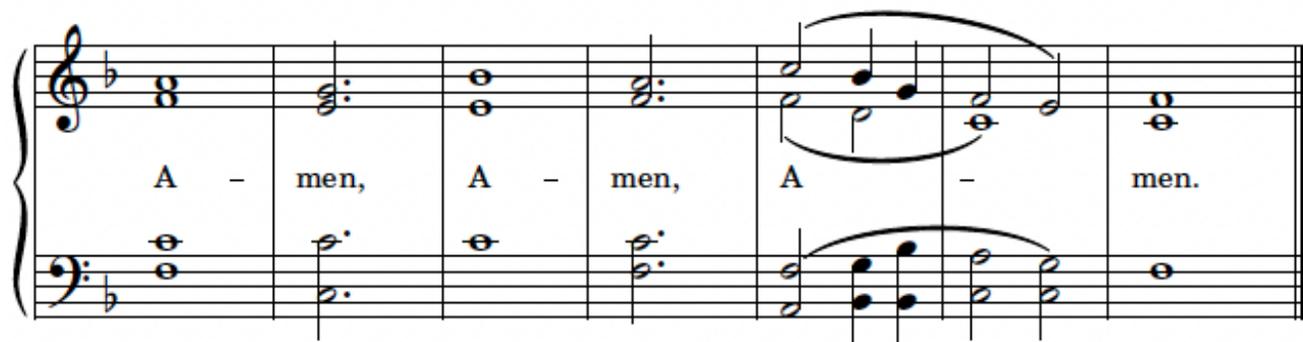
Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Inviting God, who calls all creation to one perfect end,
give your people grace
to receive the invitation you offer each of us this very day.

When you ask us to take holy risks, deepen our faith.
When you call us to be faithful in small things, give us perseverance.
When you invite us to do beautiful things in the life of your reign,
inspire our imagination.
When you call us to forgiveness,
lead us by the way of the cross,
until you bring every good work you have begun to its completion
and you gather heaven and earth into a kingdom that shall have no end;
where you reign for evermore
as one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.



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.

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 communion⁹:*

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.

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace¹⁰

**Creating God, your fingers trace
the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light
and what lies hidden praise your might.**

**Sustaining God, your hands uphold
Earth's mysteries known or yet untold;
let water's fragile blend with air,
enabling life, proclaim your care.**

**Redeeming God, your arms embrace
all now despised for creed or race;
let peace, descending like a dove,
make known on earth your healing love.**

**Indwelling God, your gospel claims
one family with a billion names;
let every life be touched by grace
until we praise you face to face.**

Prayer after Communion ¹¹

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.**

Parish Announcements

Blessing

To the Name of Our Salvation ¹³

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 forth in the name of Christ.
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. Stephen, Hornby;

wider: Anne, our metropolitan archbishop;

Linda, our primate;

the worldwide Anglican Communion, and in its cycle
the Church of Nigeria

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:

Bill & Mary;

Evelyn;

David & Tim;

For the needs of the world:

for the women and children of Afghanistan;

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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