

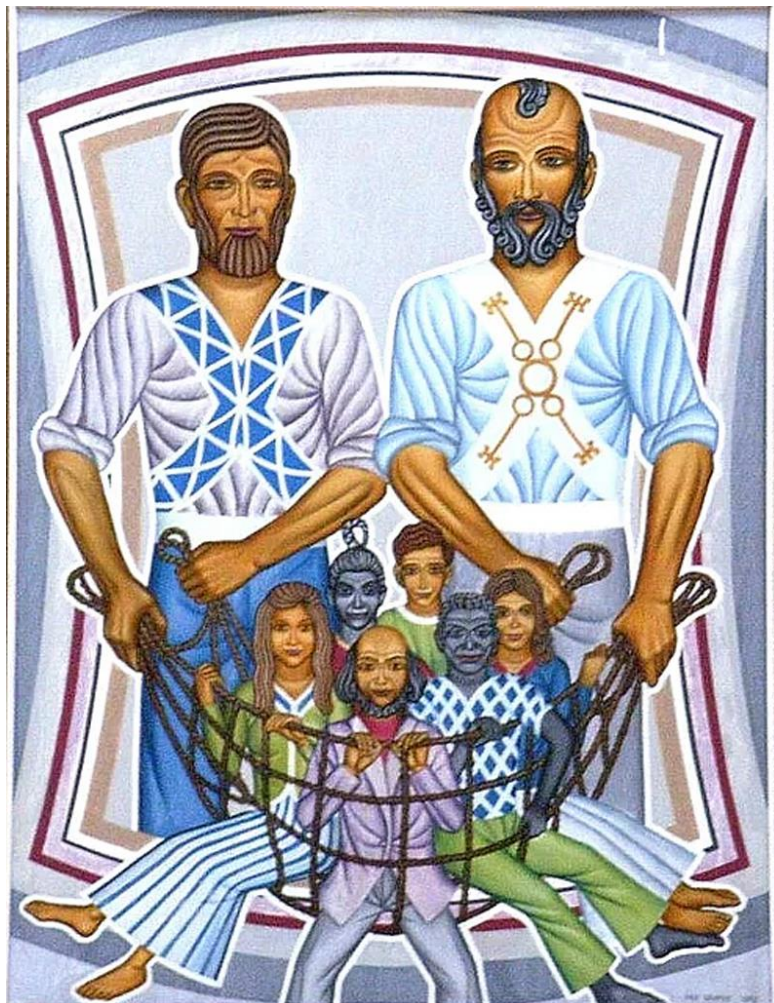


Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

22 January 2023

The Third 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/>

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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.

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun ¹

**Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun
doth its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where e'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.**

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.

God of Blazing light,
through the power of the cross you shattered our darkness,
scattering the fears that bind us
and setting us free to live as your children.
Give us courage and conviction
that we may joyfully turn and follow you
into new adventures of faithful service,
led by the light that shines
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.

Holy Scripture

1st Reading

Isaiah shares God's promise that light shines for those in darkness.

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Isaiah 9.1—4

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?

**The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the
house of the Lord all the days of my life,

**beholding the fair beauty of the Lord
and seeking God in the temple.**

For in the day of trouble, O God, you shall keep me safe in your shelter; you
shall hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

**Even now you lift up my head
above my enemies round about me.**

Therefore I will offer in your dwelling
an oblation with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

**Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.**

You speak in my heart and say , “Seek my face.”

Your face, Lord, will I seek.

**Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

You have been my helper; cast me not away;

do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Paul appeals to the followers of Jesus in Corinth to be unified in the good news of Jesus Christ.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1.10—18

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 Matthew.

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

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
 on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
 the people who sat in darkness
 have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.’

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven
has come near.’

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called
Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were
fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for
people.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from
there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother
John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called
them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.
Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming
the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness
among the people.

Matthew 4.12—23

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

The Prayers of the People

✠ God of grace,
✠ **hear our prayer.**

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

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

Feasting at the Table

Offertory Hymn # 430

Will You Come and Follow Me ⁵

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

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

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

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

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

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 ⁷

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.

Worthy of praise and thanksgiving are you, Lord God,
for you summoned all things into being,
and from the beginning you beckoned your creation
to fullness of life with you.

Through covenant you claimed a people to share your life;
in slavery you called them to freedom;
in exile you summoned them to faithfulness;
in their sin you beckoned them toward your light.

From the first day until now you have called creation to share your goodness.
In Christ you came seeking our salvation with your very life,
bidding us to come and follow.

Our rejection of him led to the horror of the cross,
but you have drawn us to yourself forever
through the glory of his resurrection.

And so with your people on earth and with the company of heaven,
we join the unending hymn.:



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



God of power and might,



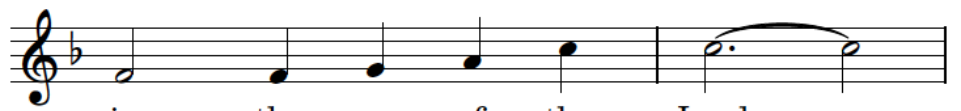
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.**

Sustaining God, in you many become one.

You gathered fishermen from their nets to become apostles;
just so you take grain from the fields and grapes from the vine
to make this holy meal.

And now you gather us around this table
to remember the story of our redemption.

Make us one body.

Sustain us by the grace
of the one bread we share and one cup of blessing which we bless.

Send your Spirit upon this bread and wine
that it may be for us the body and blood of 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.

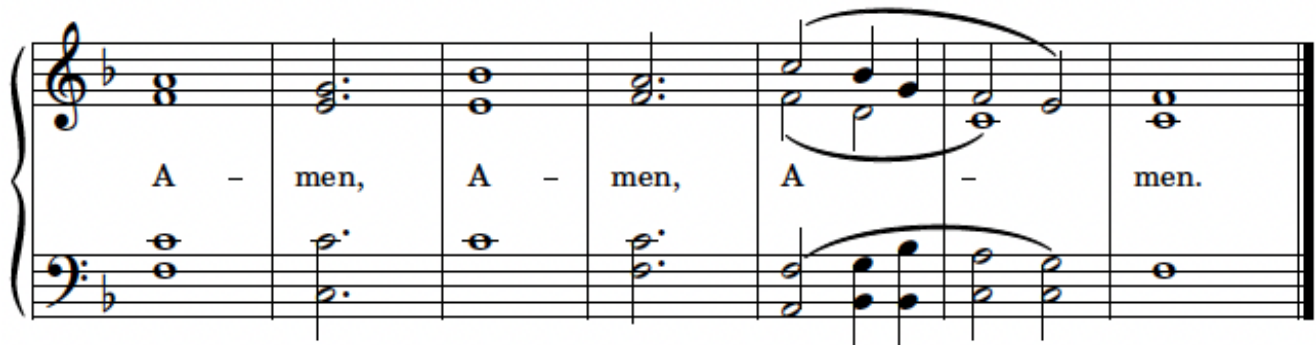
Generous God, in Christ you threw wide the net of your grace,
calling disciples one by one to be your followers;
not in their own righteousness,
but because you would have us be your companions
and share your glory for ever.

Reveal in your church the wideness of your mercy.

Bless those today who wonder if they have strayed too far
to be found by you or to belong among your people.

Inspire all who struggle to know their purpose in your kingdom
and long to hear your voice.

Beckon your disciples to come and follow,
to work alongside you, casting the net of grace,
until all are gathered in and one in you,
ever-seeking and ever-saving 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.

Dear God, Compassionate and Kind ¹⁰

Dear God, compassionate and kind,
forgive our foolish ways.
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise, in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee, rise up and follow thee!

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love, interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace, the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

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

Recessional Hymn # 322

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name ¹³

verses 1, 2, 5, 6

**All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Hail him, the heir of David's line,
whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, life divine,
and crown him Lord of all;
the God incarnate, life divine,
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Let every tongue and every tribe,
delivered from the fall,
to Christ all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all;
to Christ all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.**

**O that, with heaven's sacred throng,
we at his feet may fall,
lift high the universal song,
and crown him Lord of all;
lift high the universal song,
and crown him Lord of all.**

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 North India (United)

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:

Louise;

June;

Elaine, Brian, Kyle, Derek, & Trevor;

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:

for the repose of the soul of Dorothea Sharp;

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



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