



# Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

## Requiem Eucharist

for Dorothea Sharp

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*Called to Life — Compelled to Love*



The territory where the Church of the Nativity resides has long been 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.*

## The Sentences

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die.  
And everyone who has life, and is committed to me in faith,  
shall not die for ever.

*John 11.25—26*

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

*Deuteronomy 33.27*

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,  
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,  
nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Romans 8.38—39*

## 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.**

Let us pray.

O God, the maker and redeemer of all,  
grant us, with your servant Dorothea  
and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits  
of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection;  
that in the last day,  
when you gather up all things in Christ,  
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

Opening Hymn # 465

**Here in this Place New Light Is Streaming<sup>1</sup>**

**Here in this place, new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness, vanished away,  
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a mystery;  
we are the old, who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.**

Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven light years away,  
but here in this space, the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in, and hold us forever;  
gather us in, and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Remembrances

Teach Us to Love Your Word, Lord <sup>2</sup>

*Refrain:* Teach us to love your word, Lord;  
Let it cleanse us through and through.  
As we open our hearts to obey you,  
Break us, remake us anew

Your people were slaves in Egypt;  
your mighty word set them free.  
Calling them into a new land,  
you led them safe through the sea. *Refrain...*

When we were yet not a people,  
your word gathered us in.  
You made of us a new nation  
to praise you in wonder and love. *Refrain...*

Teach us to walk in your way, Lord.  
Your kindness to us sets us free,  
Turns us to love one another,  
Sharing your mercy and peace. *Refrain...*

# Unfolding the Scriptures

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,  
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,  
and their going from us to be their destruction;  
but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished,  
their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,  
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;  
like gold in the furnace he tried them,  
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,  
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples,  
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.

Those who trust in him will understand truth,  
and the faithful will abide with him in love,  
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,  
and he watches over his elect.

*Wisdom 3.1—7*

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?  
**My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

The Lord will not let your foot be moved  
and the One who watches over you will not fall asleep.  
**Behold, the One who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord, the Lord, watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your side,  
**so that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil  
and shall keep you safe.  
**The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore.**



A reading from the first letter of Peter.

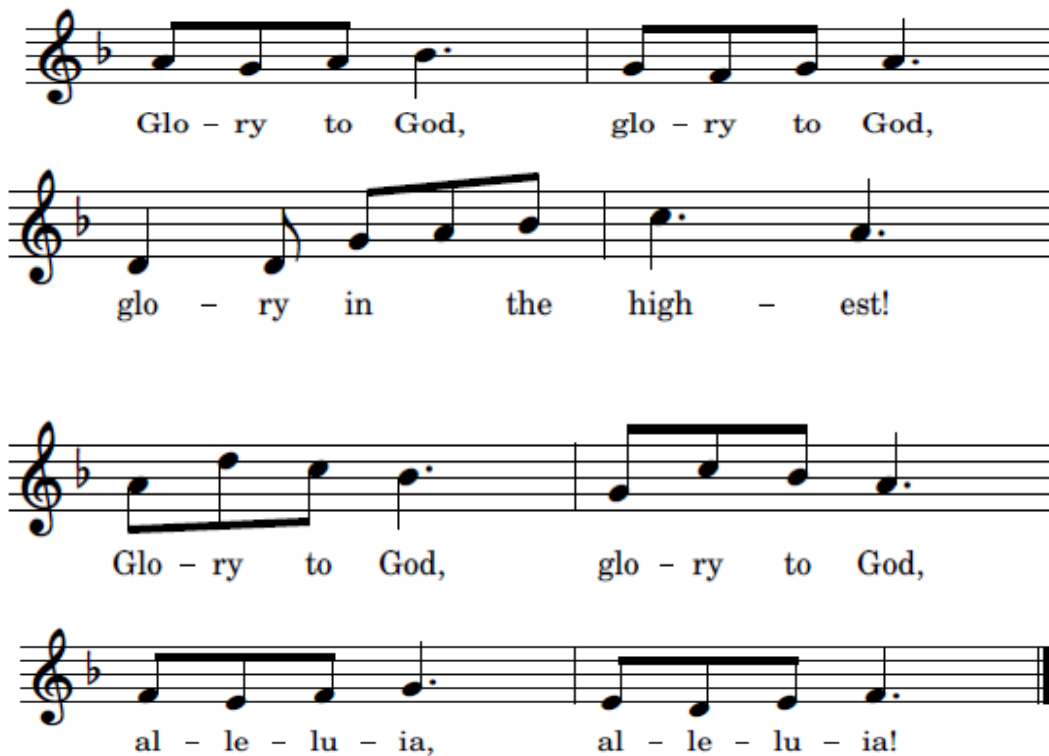
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*1 Peter 1.3—9*

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The acclamation is sung*



The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

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

Jesus said, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

*John 14.1—6*

The Gospel of Christ.

♪ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. ♪

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

*V* Merciful God,  
*R* **hear our prayer.**

## The Peace

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

# Feasting at the Table

Offertory Hymn

**Hosanna, Loud Hosanna** <sup>3</sup>

Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang;  
to Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

Prayer over the Gifts <sup>4</sup>

God of mercy, accept the worship we offer you this day.  
Increase, we pray, our faith,  
deepen our hope,  
and confirm us in your eternal love.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
**Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving <sup>5</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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
whose victorious rising from the dead  
has given to us the hope of resurrection and the promise of eternal life.  
Therefore with angels and archangels  
and all who have served you in every age,  
we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name:



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.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, and said,  
“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,  
“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.  
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
almighty Father, 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.*

The Breaking of the Bread <sup>6</sup>

This is the bread which has come down from heaven.  
**Those who eat this bread will live for ever.**

The gifts of God, for the People of God.  
**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.

Communion Hymn  
In the Bulb There Is a Flower<sup>8</sup>

In the bulb there is a flower,  
in the seed, an apple tree,  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

*(Interlude)*

There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody,  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future,  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

*(Interlude)*

In our end is our beginning,  
in our time, infinity,  
in our doubt there is believing,  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection,  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.  
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something God alone can see.

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

God of love, you have fed us at the table of your kingdom.  
Teach us to trust, without fear, in your eternal goodness and mercy.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
**Amen.**

## The Commendation

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,  
**where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all;  
**and we are mortal, formed of the earth,  
and to earth shall we return.**

For so did you ordain when you created me, saying,  
“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”  
**All of us go down to the dust;  
yet even at the grave we make our song:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,  
**where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour,  
we commend your servant Dorothea.  
Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold,  
a lamb of your own flock,  
a sinner of your own redeeming.  
Receive her into the arms of your mercy,  
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,  
and into the glorious company of the saints in light.  
**Amen.**

Blessing

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!  
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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 claim his own, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"   *Refrain*

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



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