

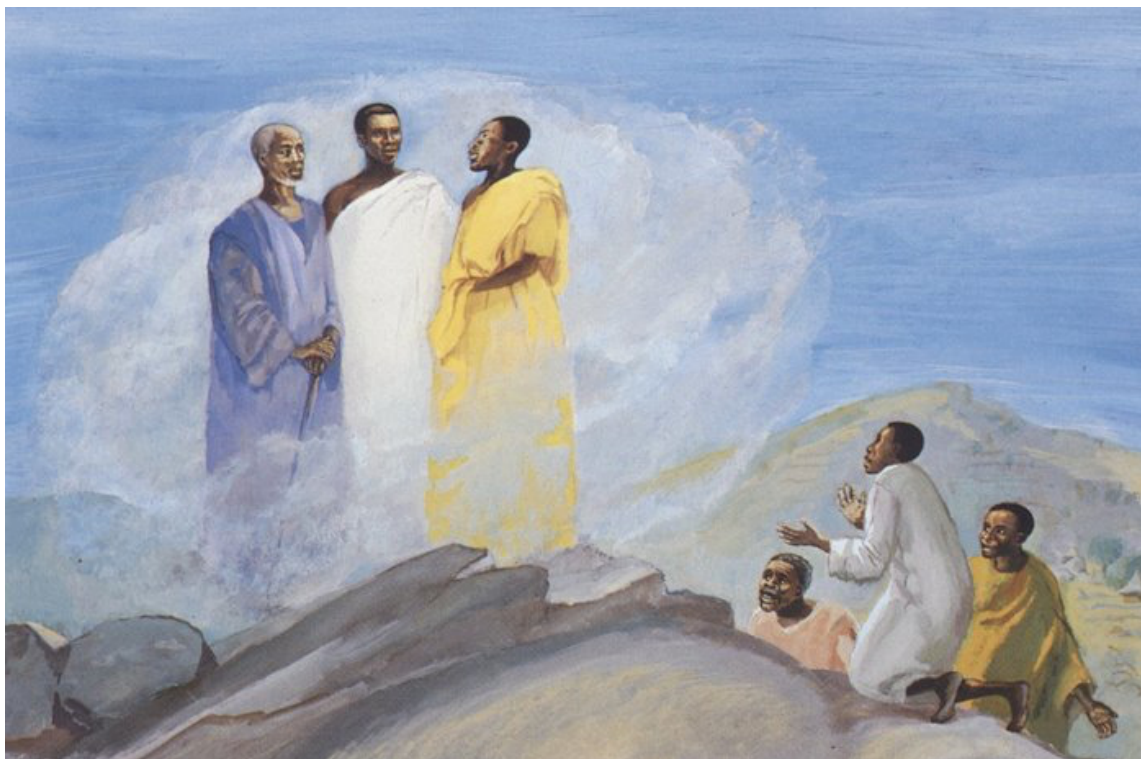


# Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

## Holy Eucharist

19 February 2023

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany



**WEB & LARGE PRINT EDITION**

*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.*

**Praise to the Holiest in the Height <sup>1</sup>**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God! When all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight and to the rescue came.**

**O generous love! that flesh and blood, which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe, should strive and should prevail:**

**and that the highest gift of grace should flesh and blood refine;  
God's presence and his very self, and essence all-divine;**

**who in the garden secretly, and on the cross on high,  
should teach his followers, and inspire to suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.**

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.**

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 <sup>3</sup>

Let us pray.

Friend of Moses, strength of Elijah,  
you go with your people and give them your Spirit:  
may the Child of your heart transfigure the moral world,  
so that love may know no bounds;  
through Jesus Christ, the beloved one,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## Unfolding the Scriptures

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Moses sees the glory of the Lord.

The LORD said to Moses, ‘Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.’ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, ‘Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.’

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*Exodus 24.12—18*

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99

*Dominus regnavit*

The Lord reigns; let the people tremble;  
the Lord is enthroned upon the Cherubim;  
let the earth shake.

**The Lord is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.**

Let them confess your name, which is great and awesome;  
you are the Holy One.

**“O mighty Sovereign, lover of justice,  
you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and fall down before the footstool of God;  
the Lord is the Holy One.

**Moses and Aaron among your priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon your name,**

they called upon you, O Lord,  
and you answered them.

**You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.**

“O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.”

**Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and worship upon the holy hill of God;  
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Peter reminds his readers that he taught as one who was an eyewitness to the majesty of Christ.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

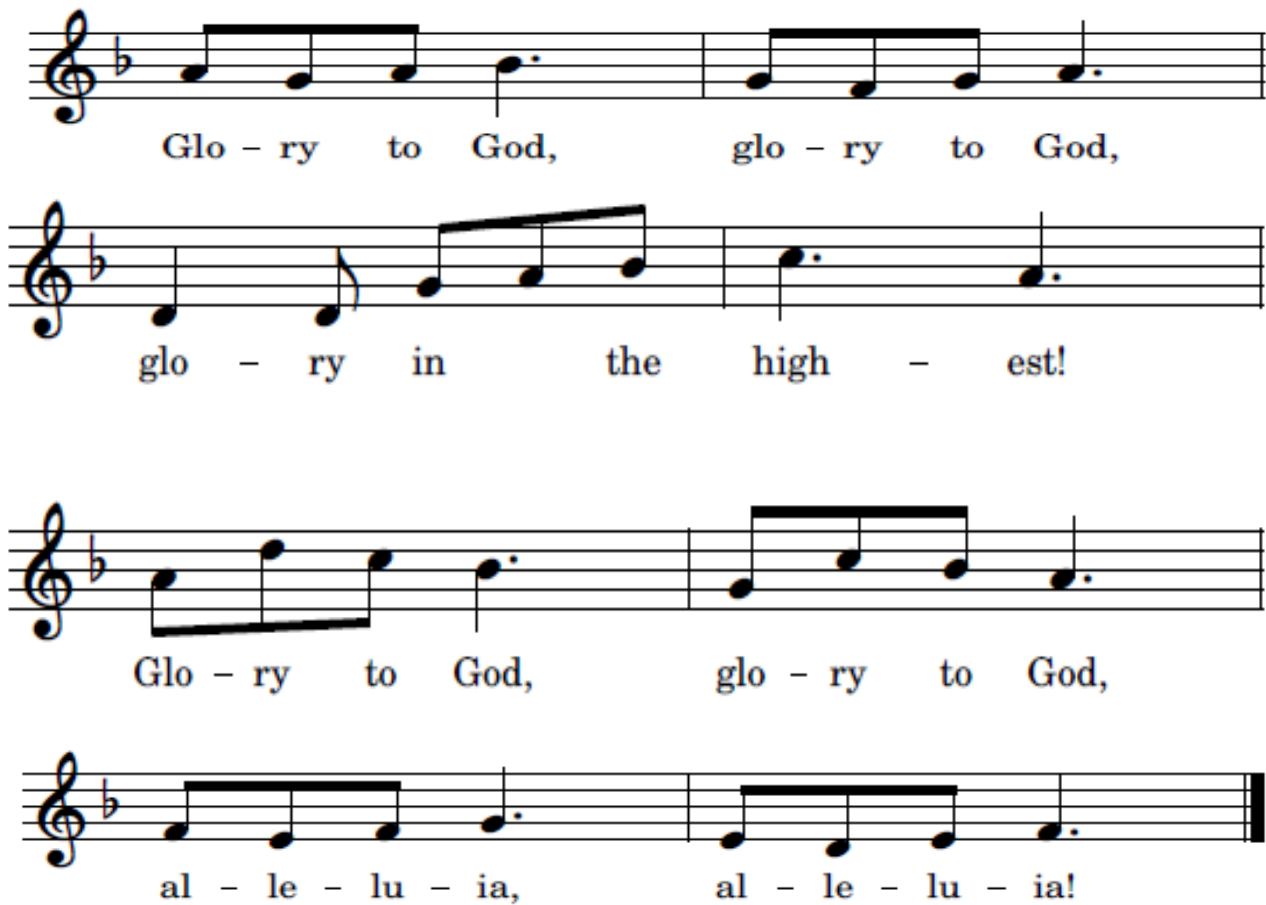
So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

2 Peter 1.16—21

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 Matthew.

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the

cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’

*Matthew 17.1—9*

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

The Prayers of the People

✠ Merciful God,  
✠ **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 # 166

## **We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding <sup>5</sup>**

**We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,  
where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.  
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,  
searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.**

**Light breaks through our clouds and shadows;  
splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word;  
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.  
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the law and prophets meet:  
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,  
stands transfigured and complete.**

**Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,  
we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.  
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,  
that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.**

## **Prayer over the Gifts <sup>6</sup>**

**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.**

Creating and liberating God,

you called your people into covenant with you,

and sealed your trust with Moses on the mountain;

you called your people back to that covenant through your prophets

and spoke in a still small voice to Elijah on a mountain.

Then, in your Son Jesus,

on a mountain you stood between the Law and the Prophets

and revealed the radiance of your gospel.

On Calvary's hill your Son redeemed us by the blood of your new covenant,

and on the mountain in Galilee he ascended to your right hand on high.

And so we gladly thank you,

celebrating your glory with angels and archangels,

and all the company of heaven,

dazzled by your face and singing the hymn of your unending praise.



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.**

Dazzling God,  
you set up your tent and make your dwelling among us.  
Abide with us now through the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that your people may become a temple of your presence,  
and these gifts of bread and wine  
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.**

Transfiguring God, it is good for us to be here.  
Through this holy sacrament make us your children,  
and be close to all children who have no one  
to share your love and mercy with them.  
Make us your beloved,  
and visit us with all who have no one to call them beloved.  
Give us grace to listen to your voice,  
and bring to your heart any who have no one to listen to them.  
Surround us with your prophetic company  
and take us up in the whirlwind of your glory,  
until the day comes when the waters of the Jordan are parted  
and the heavens are opened and the chariots bring us home to you,  
ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



A musical score for a piano accompaniment of the hymn 'Amen, Amen, Amen.' The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves, treble and bass, joined by a brace on the left. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - men.' are written below the notes. The first two measures of each staff are marked with a repeat sign. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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!**

*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.



Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour<sup>10</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-imparting 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>11</sup>

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 <sup>12</sup>

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 # 347

**The God of Abraham Praise <sup>13</sup>**

**The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;  
Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heaven confessed:  
I bow and bless the sacred Name forever blest.**

**The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath depend.  
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heaven ascend.  
I shall behold God's face; I shall God's power adore,  
and sing the wonders of God's grace forevermore.**

**The goodly land I see with peace and plenty blest;  
a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest.**

**There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.**

**Triumphant hosts on high give thanks eternally  
and “Holy, holy, holy” cry, “great Trinity!”  
Hail Abraham’s God and ours! One mighty hymn we raise:  
all power and majesty be yours and endless praise!**

Dismissal

**Go forth in the name of Christ.  
Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God,  
in loving memory of Irene MacDonald.  
They are a gift from her daughter Gayle.*

## **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 the Church of the Epiphany, Oakville;  
wider: Anne, our metropolitan archbishop;  
Linda, our primate;  
L'Église Anglicane du Rwanda;

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

Ted;  
Doreen;  
Peter & Michelle;

### ***For the needs of the world:***

for the women and children of Afghanistan;  
for the earthquake response in Türkiye and Syria;

### ***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 those killed due to the earthquake in Türkiye and Syria

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

## **Shrove Tuesday Lunch**

February 21<sup>st</sup> at noon

Enjoy a fabulous lunch of pancakes, sauces & syrup, and sausage! Only \$7

## **Ash Wednesday Services**

February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The journey to Easter begins as we celebrate the Eucharist and renew our turning toward the resurrection!

## **Vestry**

February 26<sup>th</sup> after the 10 o'clock service

We're gathering to receive the accounts for 2022, and elect and appoint wardens and Lay Representatives, as well as consider the budget for 2023. All are welcome, and anyone who is over 16, has been identifiably involved with the Church of the Nativity, and hasn't voted in another parish's vestry is eligible to vote.

## **Flowers**

Would you like to give flowers for the altar? Whether in thanksgiving for a celebration, or in memory of a loved one, the flowers offer glory to God and enrich our common worship. If you'd like to know more, please speak with Patty Costen (our floral coordinator) or Laura in the office!

## **PWRDF – Türkiye and Syria**

More than 43,000 people were killed and many thousands were injured and trapped beneath rubble in the aftermath of a massive 7.8 magnitude earthquake near the Turkish/Syrian border.

PWRDF has immediately allocated \$35, 000 to support those who have been impacted. Please keep all affected in your prayers. Donations can be made to support PWRDF's response online, by phone at 416-822.9083, or through a cheque either directly to PWRDF or via the parish (please make sure to indicate "Syrian Earthquake" in the memo field.



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