

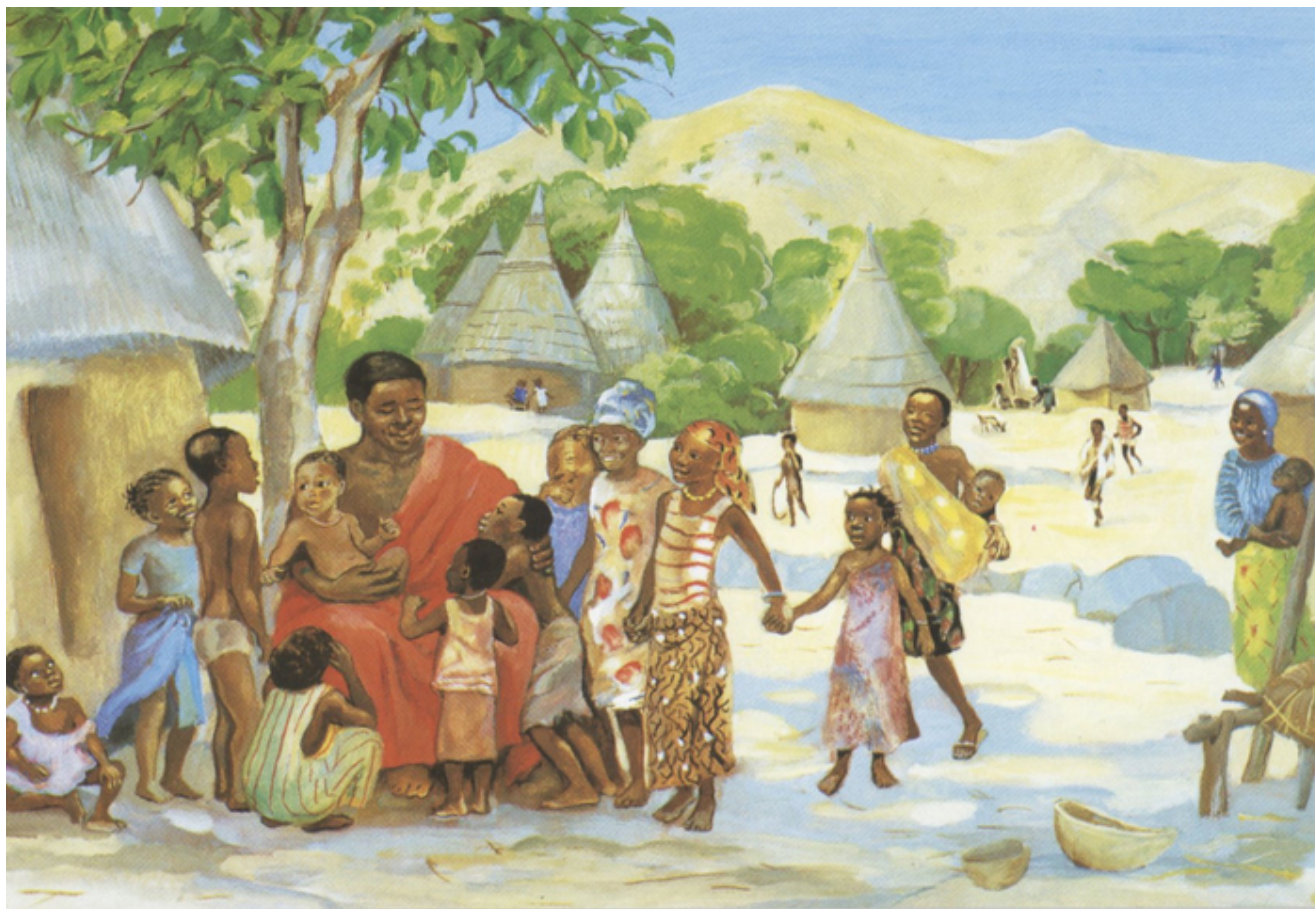


# Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

## Holy Eucharist

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023



**WEB 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.*

**Come, Let Us to the Lord Our God**<sup>1</sup> Verses 1, 2, 5, & 6

**Come, let us to the Lord our God with contrite hearts return;  
our God is gracious, nor will leave the desolate to mourn.**

**His voice commands the tempest forth and stills the stormy wave;  
and though his arm be strong to smite, 'tis also strong to save.**

**As dew upon the tender herb, diffusing fragrance round,  
as showers that usher in the spring and cheer the thirsty ground,**

**so shall his presence bless our souls and shed a joyful light.  
That hallowed morn shall chase away the sorrows of the night.**

Welcome

La grâce de Jésus-Christ notre Seigneur,  
and the love of God,  
et la communion de l'Esprit-Saint  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

The Collect<sup>2</sup>

Let us pray.

Ruler of the universe,  
you call us to a loyalty beyond all earthly claims;  
grant us strength to offer ourselves to you  
as a people who have been raised from death to life;  
through Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

# Unfolding the Scriptures

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis.

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The LORD will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.'

*Genesis 22. 1 – 14*

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

**How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,  
and grief in my heart, day after day?**

**How long shall my enemy triumph over me?**

Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God;

give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

**lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over this one,"  
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**

But I put my trust in your mercy;

my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

**I will sing to the Lord who has dealt with me richly;**

**I will praise the name of the Lord Most High.**

A reading from the letter to the followers of Jesus in Rome.

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Romans 6.12—23*

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah;  
hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.  
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah;  
hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

Le Seigneur soit avec vous.

**And also with you.**

L'évangile de Jésus-Christ selon saint Matthieu.

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

Jesus said, 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

*Matthew 10.40—42*

Acclamons la Parole de Dieu.

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

Affirmation of Faith <sup>4</sup>

Let us affirm the faith we share.

**We trust in God, who has created and is creating;  
who came to us in Jesus, the word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new;  
who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.**

**We believe we are called to be God's people:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus' death and resurrection  
by word and deed.**

**We live in hope because in life,  
in death,  
in life beyond death,  
we are not alone:  
God is with us.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

**℣** God, in your love,  
**℟** hear our prayer.



Mes amis dans le Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,  
il accueille les pécheurs et les invite à sa table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Steadfast and faithful God,  
**you have revealed the ways of justice,  
yet we fail to follow you.**  
**We are overwhelmed  
by the world's violence and suffering.**  
**We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.**  
**For the harm we have caused,  
known and unknown, forgive us.**  
**For the unjust demands we place on others  
and your creation, forgive us.**  
**For the ways we turn away  
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**  
**Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.**

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

The Peace

Que la paix du Seigneur soit toujours avec vous.  
**Et avec ton esprit.**

# Feasting at the Table

Offertory Song # 32

## Walls that Divide

Though ancient walls may still stand proud  
and racial strife be fact,  
though boundaries may be lines of hate,  
proclaim God's saving act!

*Refrain:*

Walls that divide are broken down; Christ is our unity!  
Chains that enslave are thrown aside; Christ is our liberty!

When vested power stands firm entrenched  
and breaks another's back,  
when waste and want live side by side,  
it's gospel that we lack.

The truth we seek in varied scheme,  
the life that we pursue,  
unites us in a common quest  
of self and world made new.

The church divided seeks that grace,  
that newness we proclaim,  
a unity of serving love  
that lives praise to God's name.

This broken world seeks lasting health  
and vital unity.  
God's people, by God's Word renewed,  
cast off all slavery.

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

God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving <sup>7</sup>

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Élevons notre cœur.

**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;  
you are the source of light and life for all your creation.

Tu nous as faits à ton image  
et nous appelle à une vie nouvelle  
en Jésus-Christ notre Sauveur.

Nous te louons en joignant nos voix  
pour proclamer la gloire de ton nom.



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est,  
 ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bles-sed 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,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Nous te rendons grâce, Seigneur Dieu,  
pour la bonté et l'amour que tu nous as manifestés dans la création,  
dans la vocation d'Israël, ton peuple,  
dans ta parole proclamée par les prophètes,  
et par-dessus tout,  
dans le Verbe fait chair, Jésus-Christ,  
ton Fils unique, notre Seigneur.

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.

La nuit où il fut livré à la souffrance et à la mort,  
une mort qu'il avait librement acceptée,  
notre Seigneur Jésus-Christ prit du pain,  
et, t'ayant rendu grâce,  
il le rompit et le donna à ses disciples en disant :  
« Prenez, mangez-en tous : ceci est mon corps livré pour vous.  
Faites ceci en mémoire de moi. »

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;**

et nous t'offrons ce sacrifice de louange et d'action de grâce,  
Seigneur de l'univers,  
te présentant ce pain et ce vin,  
fruits de ta création.

We pray to 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.

Dans la plénitude des temps,  
réconcilie et renouvelle toutes choses dans le Christ  
et conduis-nous à la cité de lumière,  
là où tu habites avec tous tes enfants,  
par Jésus-Christ notre Seigneur, le premier-né de toute création,  
la tête de l'Église et l'auteur de notre salut ;

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.



A musical score for the word 'Amen'. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 8/8. The melody is written in the treble clef and the accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - men.' are written below the notes. The first two measures are marked with a repeat sign. The third measure has a long note with a slur over it, and the fourth measure has a long note with a slur over it. The piece ends with a double bar line.

**Amen, Amen, Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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.**

**Amen.**

### **Notre Père**

**qui es aux cieux,  
que ton nom soit sanctifié,  
que ton règne vienne,  
que ta volonté soit faite,  
sur la terre comme au ciel.**

**Donne-nous aujourd'hui  
notre pain de ce jour.  
Pardonne-nous nos offenses,  
comme nous pardonnons aussi  
à ceux qui nous ont offenses.**

**Et ne nous soumetts pas à la tentation,  
mais deliver-nous du mal.**

**Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne,  
la puissance et la gloire,  
pour les siècles des siècles.**

*We keep silent and pray for a short time.  
Une période de silence suit la Prière du Seigneur.*

Creator of all,  
tu donnes des champs de blé,  
whose many grains we have gathered  
and made into this one bread.

**So may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth  
into your reign of justice and peace.**

Le dons de Dieu pour le peuple de Dieu.  
**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.

Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou biddest me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not  
to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am—thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down—  
now to be thine, yea thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## Prayer after Communion <sup>11</sup>

We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.  
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Doxology <sup>12</sup>

Generous God,  
**you have fed us at your heavenly table.**  
**Kindle us with the fire of your Spirit**  
**that when the Lord comes again**  
**we may shine as lights before him,**  
**who is alive and reigns in glory for ever.**  
**Amen.**

## Announcements

**O Canada! Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all of us command.  
With glowing hearts, we see thee rise,  
the true north strong and free!  
From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.**

**O Canada! Where pines and maples grow,  
great prairies spread and lordly rivers flow,  
how dear to us thy broad domain,  
from east to western sea!  
Thou land of hope for all who toil!  
Thou true north strong and free!**

*Refrain*

**Ruler supreme, who hearest humble prayer,  
hold our dominion in thy loving care.  
Help us to find, O God, in thee a lasting rich reward,  
as waiting for the better day, we ever stand on guard.**

*Refrain*

## Prayer for Canada

Almighty God, you give us this good nation as our heritage.  
May we prove ourselves a people  
mindful of your generosity and glad to do your will.  
Bless our land with honest industry,  
truthful education, and an honourable way of life.  
Save us from violence, discord, and confusion;  
from pride and arrogance;  
and from every evil course of action.  
Make us who come from many nations  
with many different languages  
a united people.  
Defend our liberties  
and give those whom we have entrusted  
with the authority of government  
the spirit of wisdom,  
that there may be justice and peace in our land.  
When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful;  
and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Blessing

Recessional Hymn  
**Look Forward in Faith**<sup>13</sup>

**Look forward in faith – all time is in God’s hand.  
Walk humbly with him, and trust his future plan.  
God has wisely led his people by his power.  
Look forward in hope, God gives us each new hour.**

**Look forward in faith – the world is in God’s care.  
His purpose of love he calls on us to share.  
In our neighbour’s need the Lord is present still.  
He blesses the meek! The earth will know God’s will.**

**Look forward in faith – God gives us life each day.  
Go onward with Christ, the Spirit guides our way.  
Now God lets us live within the sphere of grace.  
Trust ever, in him – God rules o’er earth and space!**

Dismissal

Allez dans le monde,  
en vous réjouissant de la puissance de l’Esprit!

**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

**The family of Godwin Charles  
will hold a Celebration of his Life  
here at the Church of the Nativity  
on the afternoon of July 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**The family asks that those planning to attend RSVP  
to assist in their planning.**

**If you would like the link to the invitation,  
please contact the office at  
[admin@worshipwithnativity.org](mailto:admin@worshipwithnativity.org)**

## **Your Daily Prayers are Requested:**

### ***For the Church:***

our Bishop: Susan;  
our diocese: all the people of the Diocese of Niagara;  
cycle: St. Alban, Beamsville;  
wider: Anne, our metropolitan archbishop;  
Linda, our primate;  
Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

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

Jimmy;  
Thomas & Doreen;  
Joanne;

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

#### ***For peace:***

Ukraine, Sudan, South Sudan, 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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