



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

The Holy Day of St. Mary Magdalene

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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.

God, Your Glorious Presence ¹

**God, your glorious presence draws us to adore you,
and with awe appear before you.**

**In your holy temple all keep mystic silence,
prostrate lie with deepest reverence.**

**You alone God we own, you our God and Saviour:
praise your name for ever.**

In God's glorious presence hear the harps resounding!

See the hosts the throne surrounding!

**"Holy, holy, holy," hear the hymn ascending,
angels, saints, their voices blending!**

**Bow your ear to us here: hear, O Christ, the praises
that your church now raises.**

**Fount of every blessing, purify my spirit,
trusting only in your merit.**

**Like the holy angels who behold your splendour,
may I ceaseless worship render.**

**Let your will ever still rule your church terrestrial,
as the hosts celestial.**

Welcome

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body
and called her to be a witness of his resurrection,
forgive us and heal us by your grace,
that we may serve you in the power of his risen life;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Unfolding the Scriptures

1st Reading

A reading from the book of Judith.

Then Judith prostrated herself, put ashes on her head, and uncovered the sackcloth she was wearing. At the very time when the evening incense was being offered in the house of God in Jerusalem, Judith cried out to the Lord with a loud voice, and said:

‘For your strength does not depend on numbers, nor your might on the powerful. But you are the God of the lowly, helper of the oppressed, upholder of the weak, protector of the forsaken, saviour of those without hope. Please, please, God of my father, God of the heritage of Israel, Lord of heaven and earth, Creator of the waters, King of all your creation, hear my prayer! Make my deceitful words bring wound and bruise on those who have planned cruel things against your covenant, and against your sacred house, and against Mount Zion, and against the house your children possess. Let your whole nation and every tribe know and understand that you are God, the God of all power and might, and that there is no other who protects the people of Israel but you alone!’

Judith 9.1, 11—14

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

Psalm 42.1—5 ³

Quemadmodum

As the deer longs for the water-brooks,
so longs my soul for you, O God.

**My soul is athirst for God,
athirst for the living God;
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?**

My tears have been my food day and night,
while all day long they say to me,
“Where now is your God?”

**I pour out my soul when I think on these things:
how I went with the multitude**

and led them into the house of God,
with the voice of praise and thanksgiving,
among those who keep holy-day.

**Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul,
and why are you so disquieted within me?**

Put your trust in God;
**for I will yet give thanks to the Holy One
who is the help of my countenance and my 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.

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.** ♪

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ When she had

said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

John 20.1—3, 11—18

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

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.

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,
welcoming sinners and inviting us to this 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 neighbour, 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

The peace of the Lord be always with you!
And also with you.

Feasting at the Table

Offertory Hymn # 232

Jesus Is Risen from the Grave⁶

Jesus is risen from the grave,
Jesus is risen from the grave,
Jesus is risen from the grave, alleluia.

Jesus was seen by Mary...

Peter will soon be smiling...

Thomas will stop his doubting...

Jesus will meet his people...

Jesus is here in bread and wine...

Jesus will live for ever...

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Prayer over the Gifts⁷

God of life and health,
in your Son Jesus Christ
we find the forgiveness of all that is past.
Grant that in this eucharist today
we may find the healing of all our sins.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

Eternal God, Source of all being,

we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love.

You call us into friendship with you and one another

to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us,

unfailingly you remain with us.

When we injure others,

you confront us in your love

and call us to the paths of righteousness.

You stand with the weak,

and those, broken and alone,

whom you have always welcomed home,

making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels,

forever praising you and saying (singing):



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.**

Blessed are you, O Holy One:
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness
you followed her and gave her hope.
When Joseph was sold into bondage,
you turned malice to your people's good.
When you called Israel out of slavery,
you brought them through the wilderness
into the promised land.
When your people were taken into exile
you wept with them by the river of Babylon
and carried them home.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with those living in poverty,
those who have been cast out,
and those who are being oppressed.
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria
and offered her the water of new life.
Christ knew the desolation of the cross
and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus,
at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, gave it to them, and said,
“Take and 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.”

Loving and Holy One,
recalling Christ’s death and resurrection,
we offer you these gifts,
longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come.

Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

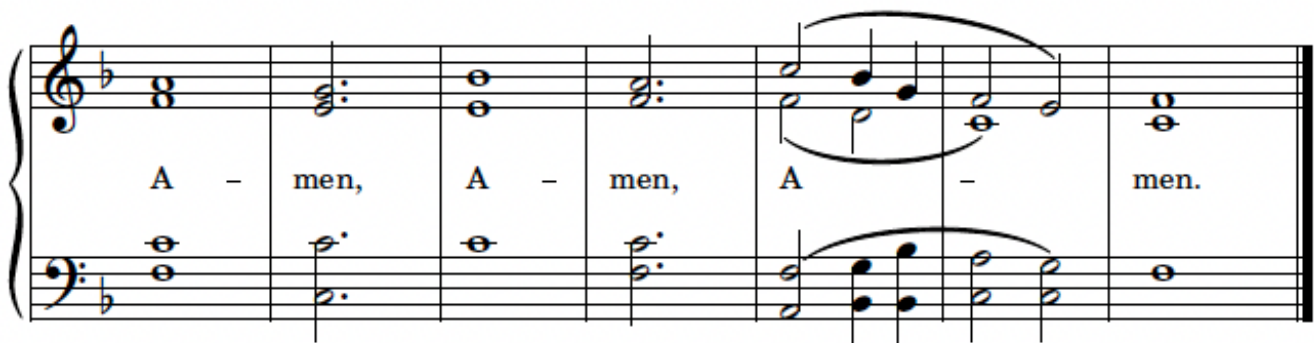
Pour out your Spirit on these gifts
that through them you may sustain us
in our hunger for your peace.

We hold before you all whose lives
are marked by suffering, our siblings.

When we are broken and cast aside,
embrace us in your love.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O Source of all life, 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 ⁹

Creator of all,
you gave us golden fields of wheat,
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.**

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.
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 ¹⁰:

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 Song # 89

As Longs the Hart ¹¹

**As longs the hart for flowing streams,
so longs my soul for you, O God;
my soul does thirst for the living God:
when shall I come to see your face?**

**My tears have fed me day and night,
while others said, “Where is your God?”
But I recall, as my soul pours dry,
the days of praise within your house.**

**Why do I mourn and toil within,
when it is mine to hope in God?
I shall again sing praise to God,
who is my help, who is my God,**

Prayer after Communion ¹²

Compassionate God,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing.
Grant that all who have shared in holy things
may bring your healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.

Parish Announcements

Blessing

Rejoice, the Lord is King!¹⁴

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope; Jesus, the Judge, shall come
and take his servants up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!**

Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

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;
diocesan cycle: St. John the Evangelist, Niagara Falls;
wider: Anne, our metropolitan archbishop;
Linda, our primate;
The Church of the Province of Central Africa

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:

William, Liam, & Millie; Gwen; Paul;

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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Sources

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