



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

Sunday of Thanksgiving

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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.

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.

**Let us with a gladsome mind, praise the Lord forever kind:
for his mercies aye endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

**Who with all-commanding might filled the new-made world with light:
for his mercies aye endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

**Who the golden-tressed sun caused all day its course to run:
for his mercies aye endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

**All things living God doth feed, with full hand supplies their need:
for his mercies aye endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

**Let us with a gladsome mind, praise the Lord, forever kind:
for his mercies aye endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

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.

Gracious One,
you satisfy the need of every living creature.

Fill us with gratitude

for the abundance of the earth

and for the bonds of love and care that unite all creation into one family.

May our thanks be the soil in which dreams of justice grow and thrive;

through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Unfolding the Scriptures

1st Reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna

that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Deuteronomy 8.7—18

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

*Psalm 65*³

Te decet hymnus

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come.

Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you will blot out our transgressions.
**Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.**

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas
that are far away.
**You make fast the mountains by your power;
they are girded about with might.**

You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,
and the clamour of the peoples.
**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your marvellous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
**You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.**

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.
**May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.**

2nd Reading

A reading from the second letter to the followers of Jesus in Corinth.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.’

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for

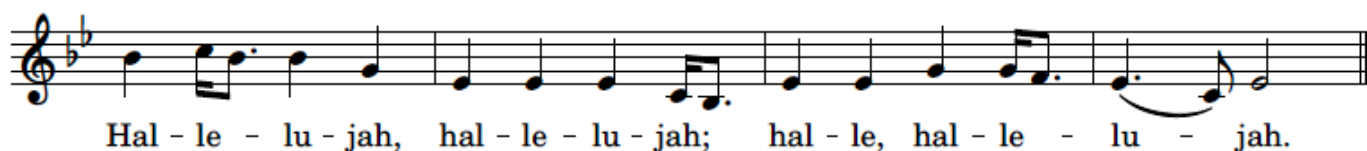
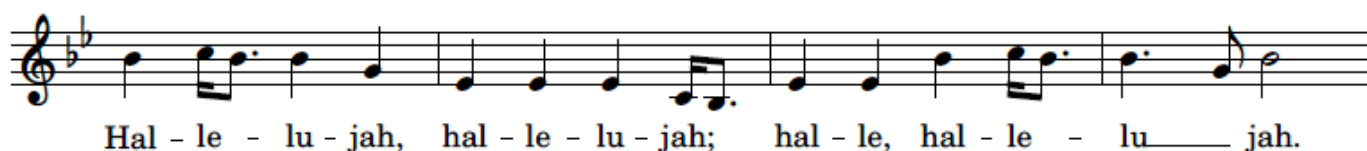
you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9.6—15

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!’ When he saw them, he said to them, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, ‘Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?’ Then he said to him, ‘Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.’

The Gospel of Christ.

♪ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. ♪

Homily

Affirmation of Faith ⁴

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 # 258

We Plough the Fields and Scatter⁶

**We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.**

Refrain: **All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.**

**He only is the maker of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him; by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread. *Refrain...***

**We thank thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest, our humble, thankful hearts. *Refrain...***

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Prayer over the Gifts ⁷

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving ⁸

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.

Hearts and minds and souls and voices

we lift in praise to you, Ruler of heaven and earth.

You made the earth as a playground for us to enjoy your glory,

and yet we consistently turn your abundance into scarcity,

your elegance into our meanness,

and your simplicity into our corruption.

In Noah you drew all the goodness of your creation into one ark,

and in Moses you placed the law of love into the ark of your covenant.

In Christ you turned the wood of manger and cross

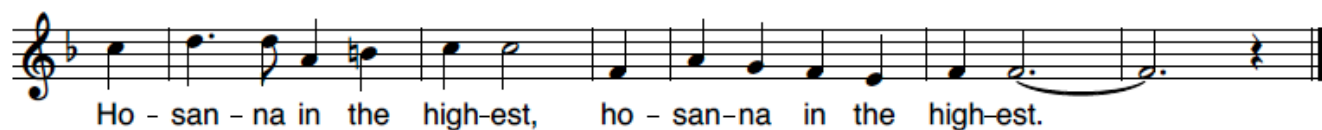
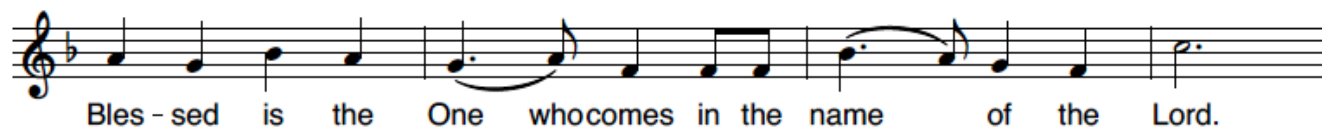
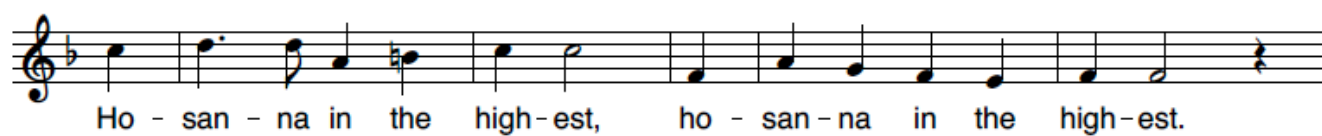
into the ark of your salvation.

And so we rejoice to thank you,

singing with all the company of heaven

the hymn of your unending praise.





**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.**

God our rock,
to trust in you is to build a house on solid ground
that will never shift through wind and rain.
You make and renew your church through your word of life.
Send your Holy Spirit upon your people,
that all who eat and drink in your name
may behold you face to face and see that you are good.
By that same Spirit, come down upon these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord;
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.

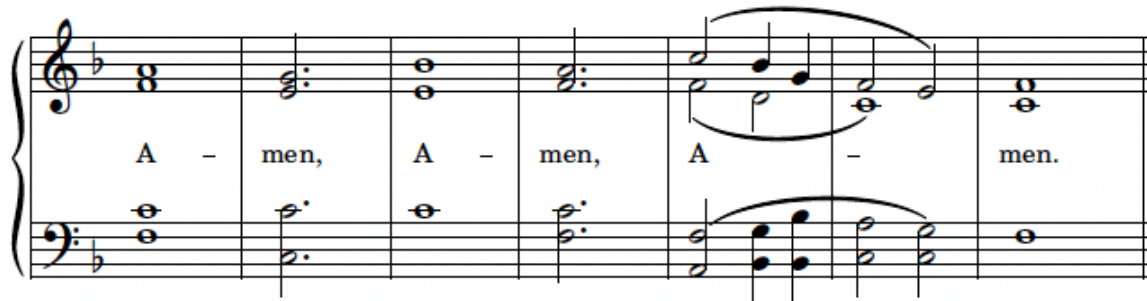
Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Renewing God, after half a year of flood
you brought the ark of hope to solid ground
and gave your creation new birth.
Heal your stricken world today,
that the groaning of the soil, the skies, and the seas
may foretell the greater glory you have prepared
for your time of eternal covenant grace.
As you justify your children by faith,
uphold all who face injustice and neglect and cruelty.

Hasten that day when your new heaven and new earth
will engulf the distress and disappointment and destruction of your people,
and you will be all in all,
everlasting God,
Source of all being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit.



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.**

**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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

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 Hymn # 259

For the Fruit of All Creation ¹¹

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
gifts bestowed on every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Prayer after Communion ¹²

Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus,
the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

Doxology ¹³

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

Recessional Hymn # 399

Now Thank We All Our God¹⁴

**Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and nourish us with grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God eternal now be given,
to Spirit and to Word, who reign in highest heaven:
our ever faithful God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

Dismissal

**Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

A nnouncements, nnouncements, nnouncements!

NATIVITY MARKETPLACE

November 25th between 9 am and 2 pm

If you are a vendor or a crafter, or know someone who is, contact Laura in the office to secure a table for \$35 today!

admin@worshipwithnativity.org or 905-549-4335

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Come out on **Friday, October 20th**, from 12 – 1 pm for a Community Lunch with homemade soup and sandwiches. There is no cost for the lunch; any one interested in making a donation can give a free-will offering.





PENNY SALE

We are bringing back the Penny Sale this fall on:
Wednesday, November 1.

In order to make it a wonderful success as in the past, we hope you can help us in the following ways:

- donations of new articles such as
 - toys,
 - linens,
 - gift cards,
 - baby items,
 - household items,
 - toiletries, etc. are greatly appreciated!

- One of the items we offer up for raffle is a household basket. This is a large basket we fill with non-perishable food and household cleaning items, such as paper towels, Kleenex, detergent, etc.

All donations can be dropped off at the church office anytime.

Your Daily Prayers are Requested:

For the Church:

our Bishop: † Susan;
our diocese: all the people of the Diocese of Niagara;
diocesan cycle: All Saints, Erin;
wider: Anne, our metropolitan archbishop;
Linda, our primate;
the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East;

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:

Susan; Allan; Ron & Marilyn;

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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