

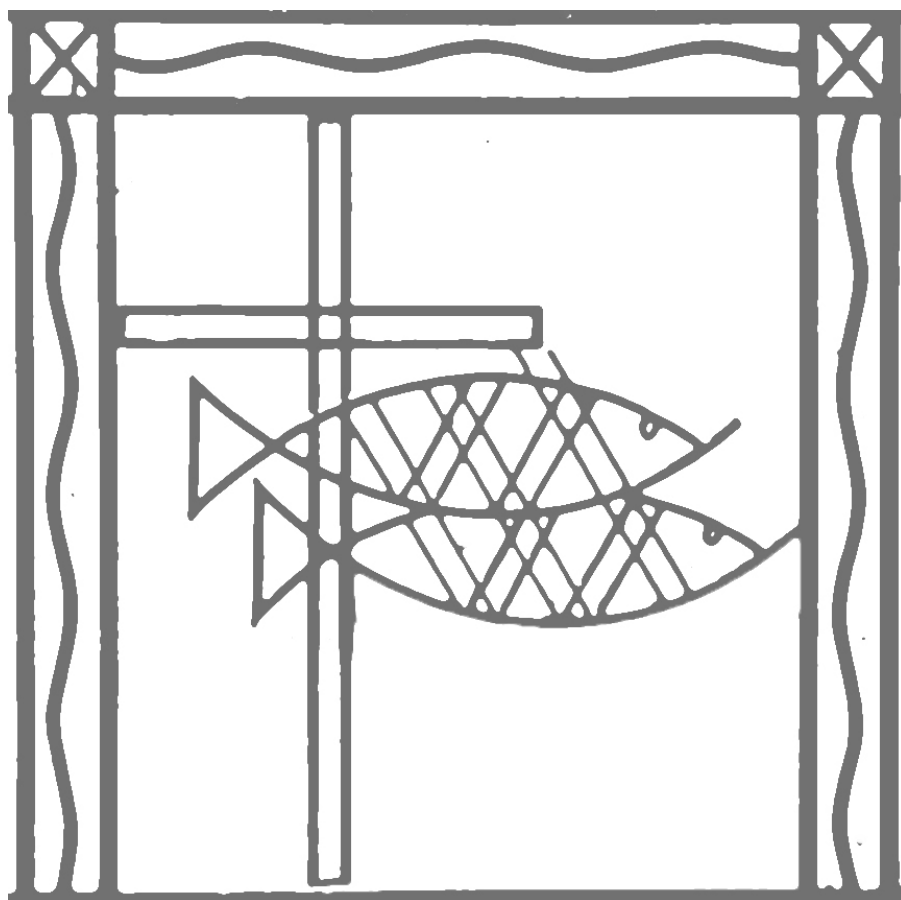


# Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

## Holy Eucharist

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany



**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.*

Processional Hymn # 383  
**Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun**<sup>1</sup>

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
doth its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where e'er he reigns:  
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honours to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen.**

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.**

Perfect Light of revelation,  
**as you shone in the life of Jesus,  
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.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
with those you called by the lakeside, may we follow you,  
proclaiming the reign of God,  
and sharing your mission to bring good news to all;  
for you live and reign with the Father 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 Jonah.

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ‘Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.’ So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, ‘Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!’ And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon

them; and he did not do it.

*Jonah 3.1—5, 10*

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

**For God alone my soul in silence waits;  
truly, my hope is in God.**

God alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

In God is my safety and my honour,  
my strong rock and my refuge.

**Put your trust in God always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before the One who is your refuge.**

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath,  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

**On the scales they are lighter than a breath,  
all of them together.**

Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

**God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.**

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord,  
**for you repay all according to their deeds.**

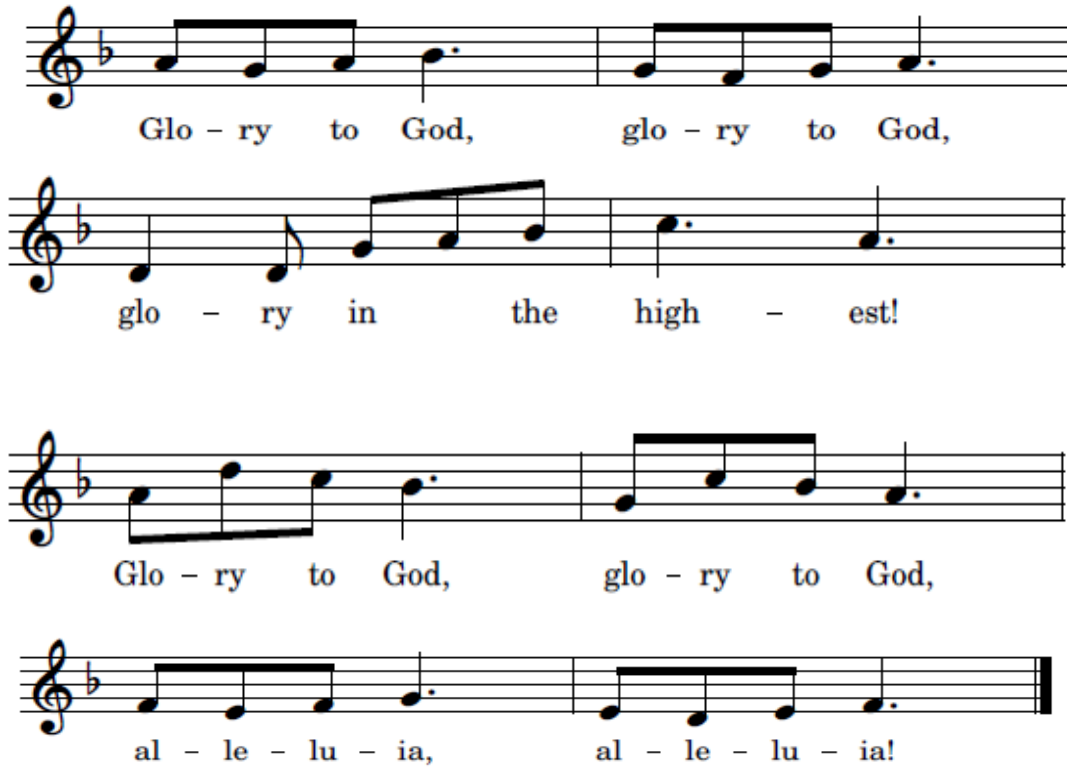
A reading from the first letter to followers of Jesus in Corinth.

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

*1 Corinthians 7.29—31*

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**



The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

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

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.’

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fish for people.’ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.



The Gospel of Christ.

♪ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. ♪

Homily

The Prayers of the People

✠ God of grace,  
✠ receive our prayer.

Confession and Absolution <sup>5</sup>

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**God, our rock and refuge,  
we pour out our hearts before you.**

**We have known you but have not always loved you.  
We have wounded one another and sinned against you.  
We have not always recognized  
the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us.**

**Remember your covenant.**

**Renew your creation.**

**Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.**

**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 the Lord be always with you!  
**And also with you.**

## Feasting at the Table

Offertory Hymn # 430  
**Will You Come and Follow Me**<sup>6</sup>

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

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### Prayer over the Gifts <sup>7</sup>

Blessed are you, Holy One,  
for all good things come from you.  
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.  
Meet us at this table,  
that we receive what we seek  
and follow your Son, Jesus,  
in whose name we pray.  
**Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving <sup>8</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 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, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Restoring God, at your Son's birth you called together  
heaven and earth, rich and poor, humans and animals;  
among your Son's disciples you called together  
fishermen, tax collectors, and zealots;  
in his ministry you summoned  
soldiers and widows, criminals and Samaritans;  
at this table now you draw together  
the food of daily endeavour and the cup of celebration.

Send your Holy Spirit among us  
to make us your diverse but holy people.

By the power of your Spirit, make these gifts of bread and wine  
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.

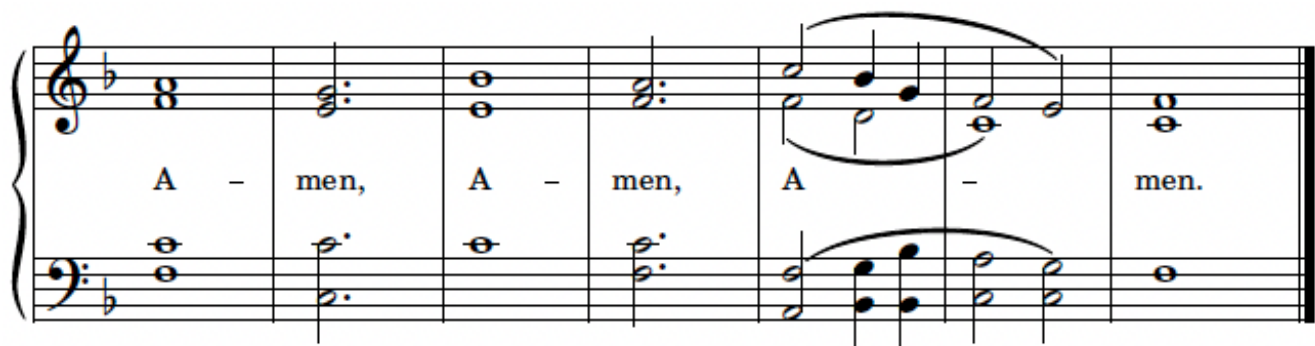
Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Calling God, you find us where we are  
and summon us to follow you.

As you sent your disciples to fish in the waters of the world,  
renew your people in their vocations and ministries;  
sanctify your children to share your good news  
and discover your kingdom near and far;  
mend the nets of those who labour long and in vain,  
that all who look to you in faith may find from you fitting work to do:  
until that day when you gather your whole creation  
into one great net of grace,  
and shower your universe with the wonder of your glory,  
ever one God, Father, Son, 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<sup>9</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>10</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.



Dear God, Compassionate and Kind <sup>11</sup>

Dear God, compassionate and kind, forgive our foolish ways.  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise, in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word,  
rise up and follow thee, rise up and follow thee!

O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity  
interpreted by love, interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace, the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

Prayer after Communion <sup>12</sup>

Giver of every gift,  
Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.  
Raise us to life by your power  
for the benefit of all and to your glory,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

Doxology<sup>13</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.

Blessing

Announcements

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know  
in all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned  
O let me cheerfully fulfil,  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes mine inmost substance see,  
and labour on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke,  
and every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look,  
and hasten to thy glorious day;

for thee delightfully employ  
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given;  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

Dismissal

Go forth in the name of Christ.  
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;

*cycle:* St. Mark, Orangeville;

*wider:* Anne, our metropolitan archbishop;

Linda, our primate;

the worldwide Anglican Communion, and in its cycle:  
the Church of the Province of South East Asia;

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

Karen; Vanessa, Brian, & Owen; Bob;

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

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

Ukraine, South Sudan, Yemen, Gaza, Palestine, Israel,  
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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