



# Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

## Holy Eucharist

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Passion Sunday



**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

*Music is offered to provide a time for quiet prayer and preparation.*

## **Gathering**

*The congregation is encouraged to gather, milling about in the chapel—where there are seats—and in the narthex (lobby), and along the front walk. Pick up some palm fronds to wave! Those who feel unable to be part of the procession are welcome to collect a frond and find a seat in the nave of the church.*

*A bell is rung, and the service begins.*

Hosanna to the Son of David!  
**Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Grace, mercy, and peace,  
from God the source of all being and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you.

**Amen.**

Dear Friends in Christ,  
during Lent we have been preparing  
for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery.  
On this day our Lord Jesus Christ  
entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph.  
The people welcomed with palms and shouts of praise,  
but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death.  
Today we greet him as our king,  
although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross.  
We follow him this week  
from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection  
by way of the dark road of suffering and death.  
United with him in his suffering on the cross,  
may we share his resurrection and new life.

Responsory from Psalm 118

*Confitemini Domino* <sup>2</sup>

I will give thanks to the Lord who answered me  
and has become my salvation.

**The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

Hosanna, Lord, hosanna!  
Lord, send us now success.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.**

God is the Lord and has shined upon us;  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

**Give thanks to the Lord who is good;  
the mercy of the Lord endures for ever.**

Let us pray.

*All raise their palms in the air.*

Holy and immortal God, as we enter into this holy week,  
turn our hearts to Jerusalem, so that, united with Christ and all the faithful,  
we may enter the city not made with hands,  
your promised realm of justice and peace.

Let these branches be for us signs of Christ's victory,  
and grant that we who bear them in his name  
may ever hail him as our king,  
following him in the way that leads to eternal life.

**Amen.**

*All are invited to join in the procession following the clergy and server.*

Let us go forth in peace.

**In the name of Christ.**

**Amen.**

*Refrain:* **All glory, laud, and honour to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the king and blessed One.** *Refrain*

**The company of angels are praising thee on high,  
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.** *Refrain*

**The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.** *Refrain*

**To thee, before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee now high exalted our melody we raise.** *Refrain*

**Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!** *Refrain*

The Peace

Having offered our thanks and praise,  
let us share in God's peace as we gather.

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

Youth Focus

*Young people will be invited to come forward and share with the priest what's made them happy this week and what they'd like help with, and the priest will pray with them. Those who choose to will make their way to the youth Faith/Nurture program.*

## Tell Me the Stories of Jesus<sup>3</sup>

Tell me the stor-ries of Je - sus I love to hear;  
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
scenes by the way - side, tales of the sea,  
sto - ries of Je - sus, tell them to me.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Tell Me the Stories of Jesus'. It consists of four staves of music in G major, 8/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with a dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note, and a quarter note followed by an eighth note. The lyrics are: 'Tell me the stor-ries of Je - sus I love to hear;'. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:'. The third staff has the lyrics: 'scenes by the way - side, tales of the sea,'. The fourth staff concludes with the lyrics: 'sto - ries of Je - sus, tell them to me.' and ends with a double bar line.

The Collect<sup>4</sup>

Let us pray.

Compassionate God,  
your love finds full expression in the gift of Jesus Christ your Son,  
who willingly met betrayal and death to set us free from sin.  
Give us courage to live obediently in these days  
until we greet the glory of our risen Saviour 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 prophet Isaiah.

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

*Isaiah 50. 4—9a*

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem

“Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates”

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Though he was divine,  
 Jesus did not cling to equality with God,  
 but made himself nothing.

**Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness.**

**He humbled himself and was obedient to death,  
 even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high,  
 and given him the name above every name:  
 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
 and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
 to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Gospel

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful,  
 in the Lord I will re - jice!  
 Look to God, do not be a - fraid;  
 lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near;  
 lift up our voic - es, the Lord is near. In the

*fine*



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. ♪**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, “Why are you doing this?” just say this, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.”’

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

‘Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

Then Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

*Mark 11. 1—11*

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

*V* Hear us, O God.

*R* **Your mercy is great.**

The Peace

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

## Feasting at the Table

*Offertory Hymn # 184*

*My Song Is Love Unknown*<sup>6</sup>

**My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I, that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?**

**He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;  
but all made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know:  
but O my friend, my friend indeed,  
who at my need his life did spend.**

**Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing,  
resounding all the day hosannas to their King;  
then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.**

**Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these  
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.**

**They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save, the Prince of life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,  
that he his foes from thence might free.**

**Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine,  
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend!**

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(1831 King Street East, Hamilton, ON L8K 1V8) or via e-transfer to  
donations.nativity@gmail.com*

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

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.  
Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.  
Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.  
We pray this in your name.  
**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..**

It is our joy and destiny to praise you, Lord God,  
for in wondrous love you cast stars into space,  
and in meek obedience your Son surrendered to cruel nails.  
With loving kindness you called your people in Abraham and Sarah,  
and in covenant with Moses and Miriam you bound up your life in theirs.  
Through exile you stayed close to them,

and in Jesus you came among them  
bearing the fullness of grace and truth.  
Your Son Jesus faced rejection, cruelty, and death,  
yet in resurrection you exalted him,  
and in sending your Spirit you shed glory on all people.  
And so we rejoice with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
singing the song of your unending praise.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow - er and might,  
hea - ven 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.

**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 is our cry, Blessed One.

Your Son comes on a donkey in your name.

As Jesus entered Jerusalem to bear our sorrows and suffer for our sins,  
enter our hearts and confront our waywardness today.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,

that we may be your Son's crucified and risen body.

Send your Spirit upon this bread that it may be living bread,

and on this wine that it may be the cup of salvation, that together  
they 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.**

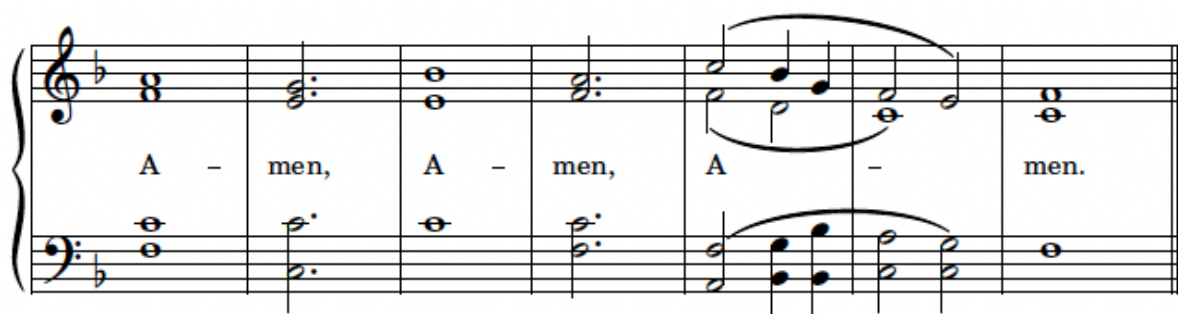
Humble God, your Son did not exploit his status but emptied himself.

Pour out your Spirit on all who are exploited, in world or church,  
on all who are humbled, by state or employer or family member,  
on all who are emptied of hope, faith, or love.

As you highly exalted your Son who had become a slave,  
highly exalt your children who suffer for righteousness,  
or grieve those they have cherished,  
or bend the knee to one who does not honour them.

Fill the earth with your justice and peace,

until every heart shall sing and every tongue confess  
that you are the joy of their desiring, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
ever one God, in all ages and forevermore.



## 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.*

We break this bread,  
**Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.  
**If we have died with Christ, we shall live with Christ.**  
**If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.**

Bread for the journey, a feast for hungry hearts. Come!  
**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.



**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>12</sup>

Generous God,  
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,  
now make us one loaf to feed the world;  
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.  
**Amen.**

Parish Announcements



**The Love that clothes itself in light,  
stands naked now, despised, betrayed,  
receiving blows to face and head  
from hands that Love itself has made.**

**The Love that lifts the stars and sun,  
collapses, spent, beneath the cross;  
the Love that fills the universe,  
goes on to death and total loss.**

**Love, helpless, comes to Calvary,  
rejected, scorned and crucified;  
Love hangs in shame, and dies alone,  
but Love abased, is glorified.**

**Extinguished with the sun at noon,  
Love's light transcends all history;  
Love, wrapped in linen, Love entombed,  
still wraps all heaven in mystery.**

**Though Love is lost, Love finds us here;  
though Love is absent, Love remains;  
where Love is finished, Love begins;  
where Love is dead, Love lives and reigns!**

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.  
Christ humbled himself,  
and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and given him the name that is above every name.

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

*The passion gospel is read;  
due to its length, you may wish to remain seated.*

*After the gospel is read*

The Passion of our Lord.

*No response is made; a silence is kept.*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;  
**by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.  
**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.**

We preach Christ crucified,  
the power of God and the wisdom of God.  
**by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

God forbid that I should glory,  
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;  
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

## Solemn Prayer over the People

Let us bow down before the Lord.

Almighty God,

we pray you graciously to behold this your family,  
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed,  
and given into the hands of sinners,  
and to suffer death upon the cross;  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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

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

For Susan our bishop & all the people of the Diocese of Niagara;  
For the parish of St. John the Evangelist, Winona;  
For Anne, our metropolitan archbishop;  
For Linda, our primate;  
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,  
especially remembering the Church in the Province of West Africa;

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

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

For peace especially in 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**

# Holy Week Services

## Wednesday in Holy Week:

10:00 am      **Eucharist**

## Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm      **Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing  
and Stripping of the Altar**

8:30—11:00      Gethsemane Watch in the Chapel

*All are welcome to stay and to pray for as long as they wish in the chapel,  
where the eucharist is reserved until the next morning.*

## Good Friday

10:00 am      **The Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

*We hear and reflect on our Lord's Passion, venerate the Cross, and share  
in receiving the reserved sacrament.*

## Holy Saturday

9:00 pm      **The Great Vigil of Easter (at the Cathedral)**

*Anglicans from all around Hamilton-Haldimand join in the solemn Easter  
Vigil with the lighting of the new fire, music, and the joyous proclamation of  
the resurrection.*

## Easter Day

8:30 am      **Holy Eucharist of Easter Day**

10:00 am      **Festal Holy Eucharist of Easter Day**



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