



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

Sunday of Thanksgiving

October 13th, 2024



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.

Territorial Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn

398 *Let Us with a Gladsome Mind*¹

**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.**

Greeting

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.

The Collect ²

Let us pray.

God of evolving diversity,
made known in seed and soil,
and in the wonder of animal worlds:
free our hearts from anxiety
and open them to learn from the life which surrounds us;
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 prophet Joel.

Do not fear, O soil;
 be glad and rejoice,
 for the LORD has done great things!
Do not fear, you animals of the field,
 for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit,
 the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad
 and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
 he has poured down for you abundant rain,
 the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
 the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years
 that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
 my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
 and praise the name of the LORD your God,
 who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
 and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again
 be put to shame.

Joel 2. 21 – 27

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

*In convertendo*³

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

**Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

A reading from the first letter to Timothy.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God;

 there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
 who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

1 Timothy 2. 1 – 7

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

The acclamation is sung

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 Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6. 25 – 33

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

✠ Merciful God,
✠ receive 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.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
We confess that we have honoured you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbours with our tongues.
The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.
In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.
We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.
In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.
Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Lord. 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.

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Monetary contributions to the Church of the Nativity and its ministries as we live out God's mission can be mailed to the parish, dropped off in the mailbox, or made via e-transfer to donations.nativity@gmail.com

Offertory Hymn

258 *We Plough the Fields and Scatter*⁵

**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...***

Prayer over the Gifts⁶

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
 help us to serve one another and all in need,
 through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and 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.

Worship and praise belong to you, Holy God,
in every place and at all times.

All power is yours.

You created the heavens and established the earth;
you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.

He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit
you call us to new birth in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose and stewards of your creation
who give thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season,

we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:



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.

Gracious God,

you never forget us or turn away from us,
even when we fail you.

You sent your Son Jesus who gave his life for us.

He healed those who were sick,
cared for those who were living in poverty,
and cried with those who were sad.

He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive.

For all your love we give you thanks in the way that Jesus showed us.

On the night before he died,
while he was having supper with his friends,
he took bread and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:

“Take, eat.

This is my Body: it is broken for you.”

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:

“Drink this, all of you.

This is my Blood of the new covenant;

it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

So, as we do what he told us, we open our hearts to him;

**we remember how he died and rose again
to live now in us.**

Together with him we offer you these gifts:

in them we give you ourselves.

Send your Holy Spirit on us

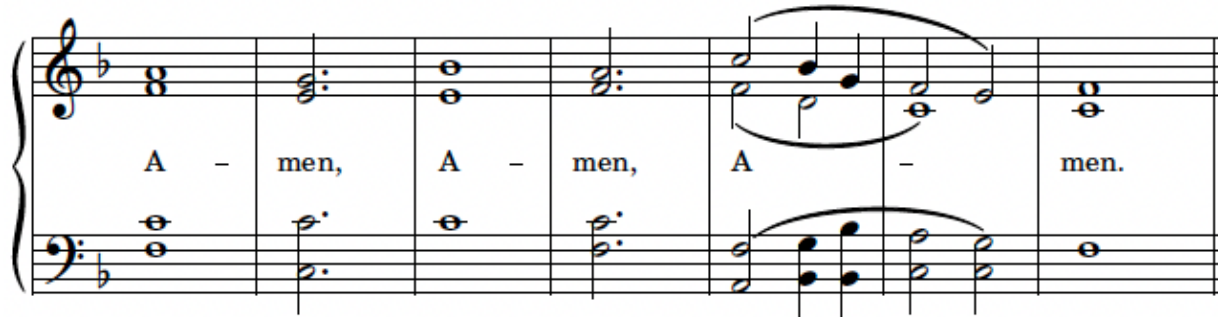
and on this bread and wine,

that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ,

and that, sharing your life,

we may travel in your company to our journey's end.

With all your people we give you thanks and praise
through the Son and in the Spirit,
now and for ever.



**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 ⁸

“I am the bread of life,” says the Lord.
“Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in God!**

Communion ⁹

Jesus welcomes you to this table.
Come, here is your God.
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.

**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.**

Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through 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

**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!

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God,
and in thanksgiving for our many blessings.
We also remember loved ones gone but not forgotten,
Especially George, Jane, Murray, and Rick Collinson,
and Harriet Thompson.
Given with love, Larry & Jan*

This coming Saturday!

The Taste of Spirit Fundraiser



1 – 5 pm

Church of the Nativity

Tickets \$30.⁰⁰

Includes 3 sample tastings

Charcuterie Boards

Entertainment

Beer, Wine, & additional samples for purchase

Gift Baskets, Draws, and other prizes

Great fun, whether you're sampling or not!

Community Lunch



Come out on **Friday, October 18th**, 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.

NATIVITY MARKETPLACE

November 2nd 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 \$25 today!

admin@worshipwithnativity.org or 905-549-4335

Your Daily Prayers are Requested:

For the Church:

For Susan our bishop;
and for & all the people of the Diocese of Niagara;
For the parish of St. Luke, Oakville;
For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop and Acting Primate;
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,
remembering the Episcopal Church of the Philippines;

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:

For Shayna & Michael, and for Adriana and Kenzie; for Tom & Maxine;
for Chris.

For the needs of the world:

For all those offering support to folk recovering after the landfalls of
hurricanes Helene and Milton.

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**



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