



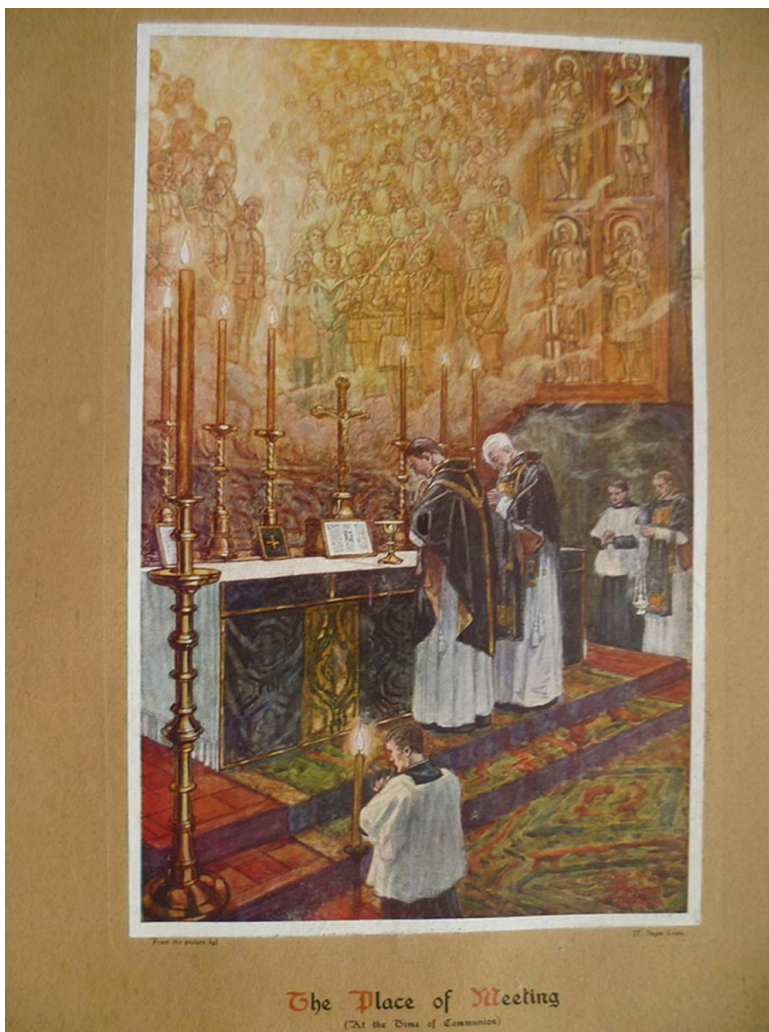
Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

with time of Remembrance

November 10th, 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.

Gathering

Prelude

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

A bell is rung, and the service begins.

Territorial Acknowledgment

The Sentences

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

– Psalm 46.1

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

– Psalm 121.1—2

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.

– Lamentations 3.21—23

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

– Isaiah 40.31

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

– Micah 6.8

The Gathering

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace. We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror. We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

We will remember them.

Last Post

Two Minutes of Silence

Reveille

Prayers of Commemoration and for Peace

Ever-living God,
we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war
into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace.
Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wrath and sorrow,
and give peace to your Church,
peace among nations,
peace in our homes,
and peace in our hearts;
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will.

Merciful God,

we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love:
may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people,
and live lives of justice, courage and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer.

Amen.

God grant

to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to all people unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants, life eternal;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Source of all being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Welcome & Collect ¹

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

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of fierce justice,
you close the mouth of those who hide behind their prayer
as they devour those living in poverty:
humbled by the giving of those who have so little,
let us live from your abundance;
through Jesus Christ, the judgement of God,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

Amen.

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:**

**under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.**

Unfolding the Scriptures

1st Reading

A reading from the book of Ruth.

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, 'My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing-floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing-floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.' She said to her, 'All that you tell me I will do.' Remain this night, and in the morning, if he will act as next-of-kin for you, good; let him do so. If he is not willing to act as

next-of-kin for you, then, as the LORD lives, I will act as next-of-kin for you. Lie down until the morning.’

So she lay at his feet until morning, but got up before one person could recognize another; for he said, ‘It must not be known that the woman came to the threshing-floor.’ Then he said, ‘Bring the cloak you are wearing and hold it out.’ So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley, and put it on her back; then he went into the city. She came to her mother-in-law, who said, ‘How did things go with you, my daughter?’ Then she told her all that the man had done for her, saying, ‘He gave me these six measures of barley, for he said, “Do not go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.”’

Ruth 3. 1 – 5, 13 – 17

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

Lauda, anima mea ³

Alleluia! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.**

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
For their hope is in the Lord their God,**

who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps promises for ever;

**who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
food to those who hunger and sets the prisoners free.**

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind!

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down and loves the righteous.

**The Lord cares for the stranger
and sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

The Lord shall reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

Alleluia!

2nd Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Hebrews 9. 24 – 28

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 Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As Jesus taught, he said, ‘Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.’

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.’

Mark 12. 38 – 44

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

The Prayers of the People

✠ Merciful God,
✠ **receive our prayer.**

Confession & Absolution

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.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.**
We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.
Unbind us and set us free.
Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
**that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbours,
following in the servant way of Jesus.**
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 of the Lord be always with you!
And also with you.

Feasting at the Table

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 Song

*Walls that Divide*⁴

**Though ancient walls may still stand proud and racial strife be fact,
though boundaries may be lines of hate, proclaim God's saving act!**

Refrain:

Walls that divide are broken down; Christ is our unity!

Chains that enslave are thrown aside; Christ is our liberty!

**When vested power stands firm entrenched and breaks another's back,
when waste and want live side by side, it's gospel that we lack.**

**The truth we seek in varied scheme, the life that we pursue,
unites us in a common quest of self and world made new.**

**The church divided seeks that grace, that newness we proclaim,
a unity of serving love that lives praise to God's name.**

**This broken world seeks lasting health and vital unity.
God's people, by God's Word renewed, cast off all slavery.**

Prayer over the Gifts ⁵

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
you offered yourself in love for the world,
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.
Fill us with your abundance,
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,
trusting in your name.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving ⁶

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.

God of judgement and mercy,
we rejoice to give you thanks and praise,
for like the widow who put into the temple treasury
two copper coins, which were all she had,
you give to us your very heart

in the flesh and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

For he is our great high priest who once for all
removed sin by the sacrifice of himself.

He entered into heaven and appeared in your presence on our behalf.

Having been offered once to bear the sins of many,
he will appear a second time

to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

And so with all the company of heaven,
we gladly sing the praise of your 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.

Generous God, as creator you give to us out of your abundance,
and as redeemer you take on our poverty.
Since the foundation of the world
you have longed to bring us to share in the banquet of your reign.
Send upon your people the comfort of your Holy Spirit
that we may be clothed with power from on high.
Through your Spirit's grace, bless this bread and this cup,
that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord 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 all 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.”

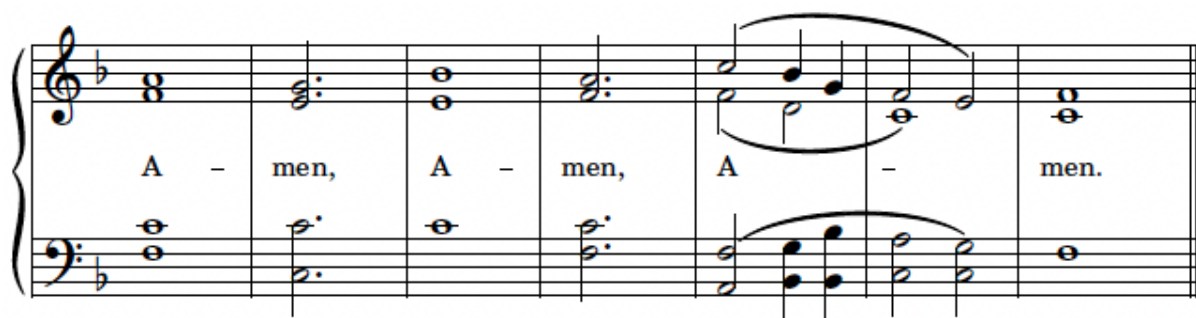
Great is the mystery of faith.

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

In Ruth you brought to Canaan
one who was an orphan, a widow and a stranger,
and from her faithfulness and imagination
you brought forth the line of David,
whose son was your Messiah.

Visit today in the power of your Spirit
those who are alone, bereaved, powerless, and lost,
and make them bearers of your hope and carriers of your redemption,
that as your people continue to meet you in the hungry and the homeless,
the least of these may be a source of renewal for your church and world;
until the day when every knee shall bow
and every tongue confess Jesus as saviour,
ever one God, Trinity of grace.





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 ⁷

“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 ⁸

Behold, God is making all things new.
Take your place in the new creation.
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 ⁹:

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.

**My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.**

Refrain:

**No storm can shake my inmost calm,
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**

**Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing;
it sounds and echoes in my soul; how can I keep from singing?**

Refrain...

**When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells ringing;
when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?**

Refrain...

**What though the tempest 'round me roar, I hear the truth it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.**

Refrain...

**The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am his; how can I keep from singing?**

Refrain...

Prayers after Communion¹¹

Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labour with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and 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.**

Sending

Parish Announcements

Blessing

Closing Hymn

593 O God of Every Nation ¹²

**O God of every nation, of every race and land,
redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.**

**From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.**

**Lord, strengthen all who labour that all may find release
from fear of rattling sabre, from dread of war's increase;
when hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.**

**Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of all who have served in armed forces,
and all who have been killed by war and conflict.*

The Anglican Church of Canada's 2025 Canadian Church Calendar



This year, the theme of the calendar is *Pathways*. With a range of photos featuring our beloved churches across the country, you'll enjoy the spectacular pictures. Reserve a copy through the office **before November 26th**! Calendars purchased through the office will cost \$10.

Advent Brunch



Save the Date!

Sunday, December 1st
after the 10 am service

Your Daily Prayers are Requested:

For the Church:

For Susan our bishop;
and for & all the people of the Diocese of Niagara;
For Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton;
For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop and Acting Primate;
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,
remembering the Church of South India (United);

For all saints of our parish:

For Elsie; for Beth; for Matthew;

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**



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Wardens

Sources

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