



# Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

## Holy Eucharist

Last Sunday after Pentecost

## The Reign of Christ

November 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.*

*Opening Hymn*

*# 379 Rejoice, the Lord is King! <sup>1</sup>*

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope; Jesus, the Judge, shall come  
and take his servants up to their eternal home.  
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!**

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 <sup>2</sup>

Let us pray.

You who are, who were, who are to come,  
before whose judgement all that is not love fades away:  
save us from the violence that seeks to claim our hearts,  
so that we may hear a different voice and belong to you in truth;  
through Jesus Christ, the wounded king of all.

**Amen.**

# Unfolding the Scriptures

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,  
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,  
the anointed of the God of Jacob,  
the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the LORD speaks through me,  
his word is upon my tongue.  
The God of Israel has spoken,  
the Rock of Israel has said to me:  
One who rules over people justly,  
ruling in the fear of God,  
is like the light of morning,  
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,  
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God?  
For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,  
ordered in all things and secure.  
Will he not cause to prosper  
all my help and my desire?  
But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;  
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;  
to touch them one uses an iron bar  
or the shaft of a spear.  
And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

*2 Samuel 23. 1 – 7*

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

Lord, remember David, and all the hardships he endured.

**How he swore an oath to the Lord  
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob.**

“I will not come under the roof of my house, nor climb up into my bed;  
I will not allow my eyes to sleep, nor let my eyelids slumber;  
**until I find a place for the Lord,  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.”**

“The Ark! We heard it was in Ephratah;  
we found it in the fields of Jearim.  
**Let us go to the dwelling place of the Lord;  
let us fall upon our knees before the footstool of the Lord.”**

Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place,  
you and the ark of your strength.  
**Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;  
let your faithful people sing with joy.**

For your servant David’s sake,  
do not turn away the face of your anointed.  
**You, O Lord, have sworn an oath to David;  
in truth, you will not break it:  
“A son, the fruit of your body will I set upon your throne.**

If your children keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,  
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore.”  
**For you, O Lord, have chosen Zion,  
and have desired it for your habitation:**

“This shall be my resting-place for ever;  
here will I dwell, for I delight in it.  
**I will surely bless its provisions,  
and satisfy its poor with bread.**

I will clothe its priests with salvation,  
and its faithful people will rejoice and sing.  
**There will I make the horn of David flourish;  
I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.**

As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame;  
**but as for him, his crown will shine.”**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

A reading from the Revelation of Jesus Christ to John.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,  
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ,  
the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the  
earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to  
be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and  
dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

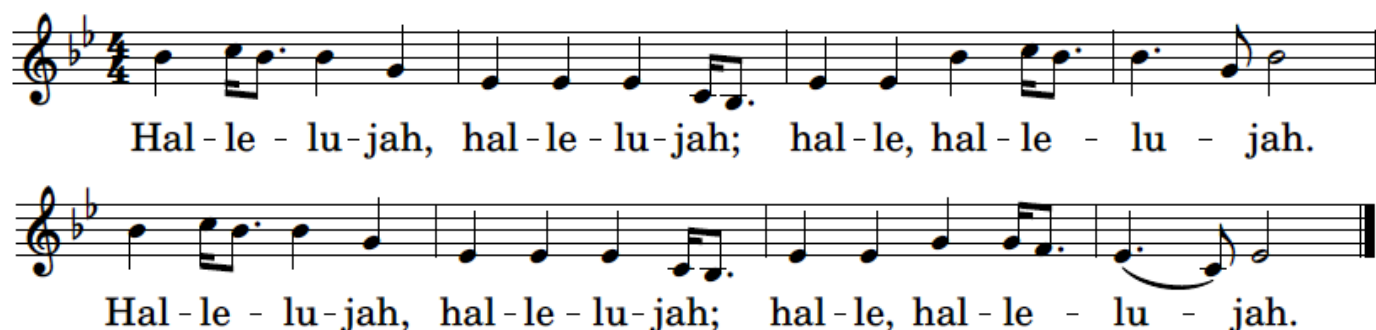
‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’, says the Lord God, who is and who was and  
who is to come, the Almighty.

*Revelation 1.4<sup>b</sup> – 8*

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 John.

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

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’ Pilate replied, ‘I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?’ Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’ Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’

*John 18. 33 – 37*

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

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.

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

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

## Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

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Offertory Hymn                      # 357    *Let All the World In Every Corner Sing*<sup>6</sup>

**Let all the world in every corner sing:**

**my God and King!**

**The heavens are not too high,**

**his praise may thither fly;**

**the earth is not too low,**

**his praises there may grow.**

**Let all the world in every corner sing:**

**my God and King!**

**Let all the world in every corner sing:**

**my God and King!**

**The church with psalms must shout,**

**no door can keep them out;**

**but above all, the heart**

**must bear the longest part.**

**Let all the world in every corner sing:**

**my God and King!**

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

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.**

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.**

Glory and dominion be to you, Lord God,  
for your Word was alive in creation,  
is present in the power of the Spirit,  
and will come in glory on the last day.

You made with the house of David an everlasting covenant,  
and your goodness is like the sun on a cloudless morning,  
gleaming from the rain on a grassy land.

You sent Jesus Christ,  
the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead,  
and ruler of the kings of the earth.

He freed us from our sins by his blood  
and made us to be a kingdom of priests serving you for ever.

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





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.**

God of truth,  
your Son came to testify to you and lead us into all righteousness.  
You have prepared for us such things as pass our understanding.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon your people  
that your word may be on our lips. Sanctify this bread and this cup,  
that 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.

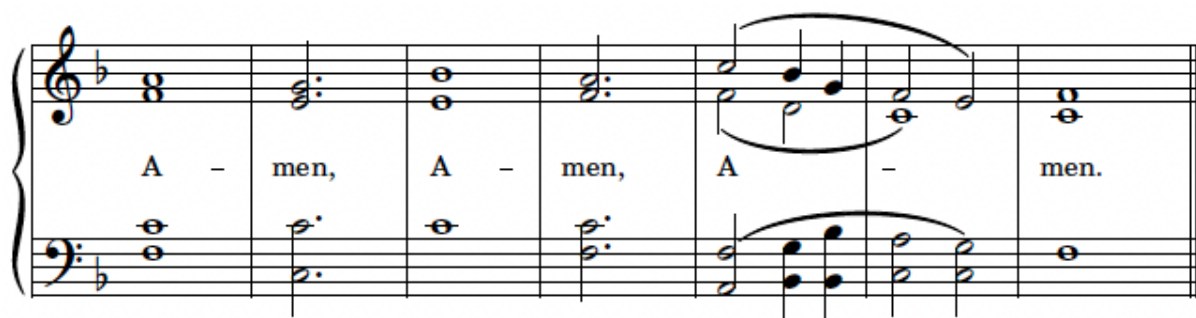
Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

God of all beginnings and endings,  
your Son declared his kingdom was not of this world.  
Bless the governance of every earthly kingdom,  
that they may be ruled justly, in spirit and in truth.  
Visit your children who live in fear, dwell under oppression,  
experience cruelty, or suffer discrimination.  
Turn struggle into hope, hope into freedom,  
freedom into justice, and justice into love.  
Bring to those who have never known you,  
or have forgotten or rejected you,  
the light of your grace and the thirst for your mercy;  
until your Son comes with the clouds,  
and all eyes will see him,  
and every tribe and tongue will lift your name on high,  
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>

“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 <sup>10</sup>

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 <sup>11</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.



**What feast of love is offered here,  
what banquet come from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life,  
what gracious gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
the bread come down from heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
How sweet the manna given!**

**What light of truth is offered here,  
what covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life,  
what wondrous word is given?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
the sun come down from heaven.  
Oh, see and hear and sing!  
The Word of God is given!**

**What wine of love is offered here,  
what holy drink from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life,  
what precious blood is given?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
the sweetest wine of heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
The Son of God is given!**

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.**

Parish Announcements

Blessing

**O worship the King, all glorious above;  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

**The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,  
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**O measureless Might, ineffable Love,  
while angels delight to hymn thee above,  
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.**

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,  
in memory of loved ones.  
Given by David & Susan Linn.*

# 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 26<sup>th</sup>**! Calendars purchased through the office will cost \$10.

## **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 the Church of the Nativity (hey wait! that's us!);

For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop and Acting Primate;

For the worldwide Anglican Communion,  
remembering the Anglican Church of South America;

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

For Carol; for Giselle, Seth, Ares, and Cersei; for Laura, Andy, Lily, & Daphne;

### ***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:***

For the repose of the souls of Freda Lane, Bev Hill, and Mary Wilson.

**Thank you for your daily prayers  
for the people, worship, fellowship, and ministries  
of the Church of the Nativity**



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