



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

The First Sunday in Lent

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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 Acknowledgment

The Great Litany

God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,
have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God,
have mercy on us.

Lord, remember not our offences, nor the offences of our forebears;
spare us, good Lord, spare your people
whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief, from sin,
and from the crafts and assaults of the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all spiritual blindness, from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all deadly sin, and from the deceits of the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism;
from hardness of heart, and contempt of your word and commandment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From earthquake and tempest; from drought, fire, and flood; from civil
strife and violence; from war and murder;
and from dying suddenly and unprepared,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation,
by your baptism, fasting, and temptation;
and by your proclamation of the kingdom,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony and bitter grief, by your cross and passion,
by your precious death and burial,
by your glorious resurrection and ascension,
and by the coming of the Holy Spirit,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity,
in the hour of death, and on the day of judgement,
Good Lord, deliver us.

Receive now our prayers, Lord God.
May it please you to rule and govern
your holy Church universal and lead it in your way.
Hear us, good Lord.

Strengthen your servant Charles our king
in true worship and holiness of life,
be his defender and keeper,
that he may always seek your honour and glory,
and endue the leaders of this nation with wisdom and understanding.
Hear us, good Lord.

Bless and defend all who strive for our safety and protection,
and shield them in all dangers and adversities.
Hear us, good Lord.

Grant wisdom and insight to those who govern us,
and to judges and magistrates the grace to execute justice with mercy.
Hear us, good Lord.

Guard, strengthen and enlighten Susan our bishop,
and all bishops, priests, and deacons
with true knowledge and understanding of your word,
that in their preaching and living

they may declare it clearly and show its truth.

Hear us, good Lord.

Encourage and prosper your servants
who spread the gospel in all the world,
and send out labourers into the harvest.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bless and keep your people,
that all may find and follow their true vocation and ministry.

Hear us, good Lord.

Give us a heart to love and reverence you,
that we may diligently live according to your commandments.

Hear us, good Lord.

To all your people give growth in grace to listen to your word,
to receive it gladly, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Hear us, good Lord.

Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith, encourage the faint-hearted,
raise up those who fall, and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

Hear us, good Lord.

To all nations grant unity, peace, and concord,
and to all people give dignity, food, and shelter.

Hear us, good Lord.

Grant us abundant harvests,
strength and skill to honour the resources of the earth,
and wisdom to use them well.

Hear us, good Lord.

Enlighten with your Spirit all who teach and all who learn.

Hear us, good Lord.

Come to the help of all who are in danger, necessity, and trouble;
protect all who travel by land, air, or water;
and show your pity on all prisoners and captives.

Hear us, good Lord.

Defend and provide for the widowed and the orphaned,
the refugee and the homeless, the unemployed,
and all who are desolate and oppressed.

Hear us, good Lord.

Heal those who are sick in body or mind,
and give skill and compassion to all who care for them.

Hear us, good Lord.

Grant us true repentance, forgive our sins,
and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit
to amend our lives according to your holy word.

Hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Let us pray.

God of the wilderness, your Spirit leads us to face the truth,
unprotected and exposed:
in our times of trial help us to resist
the worship of empty power,
so that we may find our true food
in Jesus Christ, the broken bread,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Unfolding the Scriptures

1st Reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us

harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Deuteronomy 26.1 – 11

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

Psalm 91. 1 – 2, 9 – 16

Qui habitat ¹

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

**They shall say to the Lord,
“You are our refuge and our stronghold,
our God in whom we put our trust.”**

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,
**there shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

For the angels of God shall have charge over you,
to keep you in all your ways.

**They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

**“Because they are bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver them;
I will protect them, because they know my name.**

They shall call upon me, and I will answer them;
I am with them in trouble;

I will rescue them and bring them to honour.

**With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.”**

A reading from the letter to the followers of Jesus in Rome.

‘The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart’

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Romans 10. 8^b – 13

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

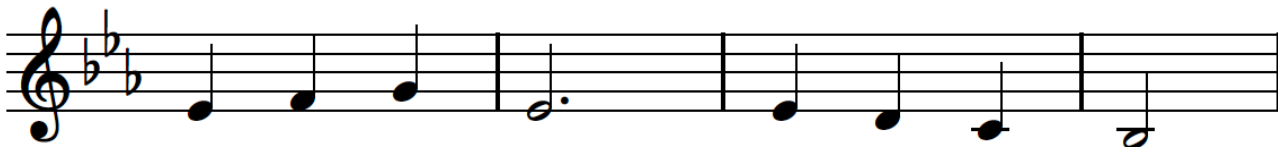
Thanks be to God.



Your words are spir - it and life, O Lord;



Your words are spir - it and life, O Lord:



rich - er than gold, strong - er than death.



life ev - er - last - ing.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

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

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their

glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’ Jesus answered him, ‘It is written,

“Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.” ’

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you”,
and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.” ’

Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.” ’ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Luke 4. 1 – 13

The Gospel of Christ.

♪ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. ♪

Homily

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 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

175 *Forty Days and Forty Nights* ⁴

**Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled:**

**burning heat throughout the day, bitter cold when light has fled,
prowling beasts around your way, stones your pillow, earth your bed.**

**Shall not we your trials share, learn your discipline of will,
and with you by fast and prayer wrestle with the powers of hell?**

**So if Satan, pressing hard, soul and body would destroy:
Christ who conquered, be our guard; give to us the victor's joy.**

**Saviour, may we hear your voice – keep us constant at your side;
and with you we shall rejoice at the eternal Eastertide.**

Prayer over the Gifts ⁵

Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others,
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people
 through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it,
 and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
 gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
 we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:

 Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.



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

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.

Communion ⁸

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.
Thanks be to God!

Spiritual Communion

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.

**Before I take the body of My Lord,
before I share his life in bread and wine,
I recognise the sorry things within—these I lay down.**

**The words of hope I often failed to give,
the prayers of kindness buried by my pride,
the signs of care I argued out of sight, these I lay down.**

**The narrowness of vision and of mind,
the need for other folk to serve my will,
and every word and silence meant to hurt, these I lay down.**

**Of those around in whom I meet my Lord,
I ask their pardon and I grant them mine
that every contradiction to Christ's peace might be laid down.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, companion at this feast,
I empty now my heart and stretch my hands,
and ask to meet you here in bread and wine—which you lay down.**

Prayer after Communion ¹¹

Generous Host,

you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Parish Announcements

Solemn Prayer Over the People ¹²

Let us bow down before the Lord.

Grant, Almighty God,

that we your people may recognize our weakness
and put our whole trust in your strength,
so that we may rejoice for ever
in the protection of your loving providence;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, by whom all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses
saw the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting, came
the steeds and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
delivered from the lions' might;
and John, the bridegroom's friend, became
the herald of Messiah's name.

Then grant us, Lord, like them to be
full oft in fast and prayer with thee;
our spirits strengthen with thy grace,
and give us joy to see thy face.

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in threefold name adored,
from age to age, the only Lord.

Dismissal

Go in peace.
Care for others as God cares for you.
Thanks be to God!

**Today's flowers are given
to the greater glory of God,**

and

in loving memory of a wonderful husband and father, Harvey Hicks,
given by Anne Hicks and family;

and

in loving memory of parents Ernie and Gladys Tombs, given
by Anne Hicks.

Announcements, announcements, ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Joint Lenten Series!

Lent came into being as the season that prepared people for baptism at Easter. Join in as we visit other Anglican parishes and reflect together on the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, praying, and Baptism.

Check out the poster in the narthex and pick up a bookmark that has times and places for each session!

This Wednesday, March 12,
we'll gather at Christ's Church Cathedral from 7 – 9 pm.
The Reverend Andrew Rampton will be presenting on the
"Invitation to a Holy Lent"



Meat Pies

Frozen meat pies, made by the Nativity Ladies, are available for purchase for \$6 each.

Lenten Resource Launch

- Living into God's Dream

Want something for Lent that you can do from home?

PWRDF (Alongside Hope), has launched a new Lenten resource. The Reverend Johnathan Rowe of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland offers a rich tapestry for this year's resource. Titled Living into God's

Dream, Rowe entwines the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Anglican Marks of Mission, with scripture, prayer, and reflection. [The resource will be emailed daily](#) through Lent and offers the reader the opportunity to reflect on personal and corporate questions and learn more about Alongside Hope's partners.



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 All Saints, Ridgeway;
For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop and Acting Primate;
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,
and especially our province of the Anglican Church of Canada;

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:

For Karen & David; for Cathy & Peter; for Maureen;

For the needs of the world:

For peace:

For those we know in need of healing:

For those who have died, and those who mourn:

For the repose of the soul of Isabel Miller, and consolation for her family;

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



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