

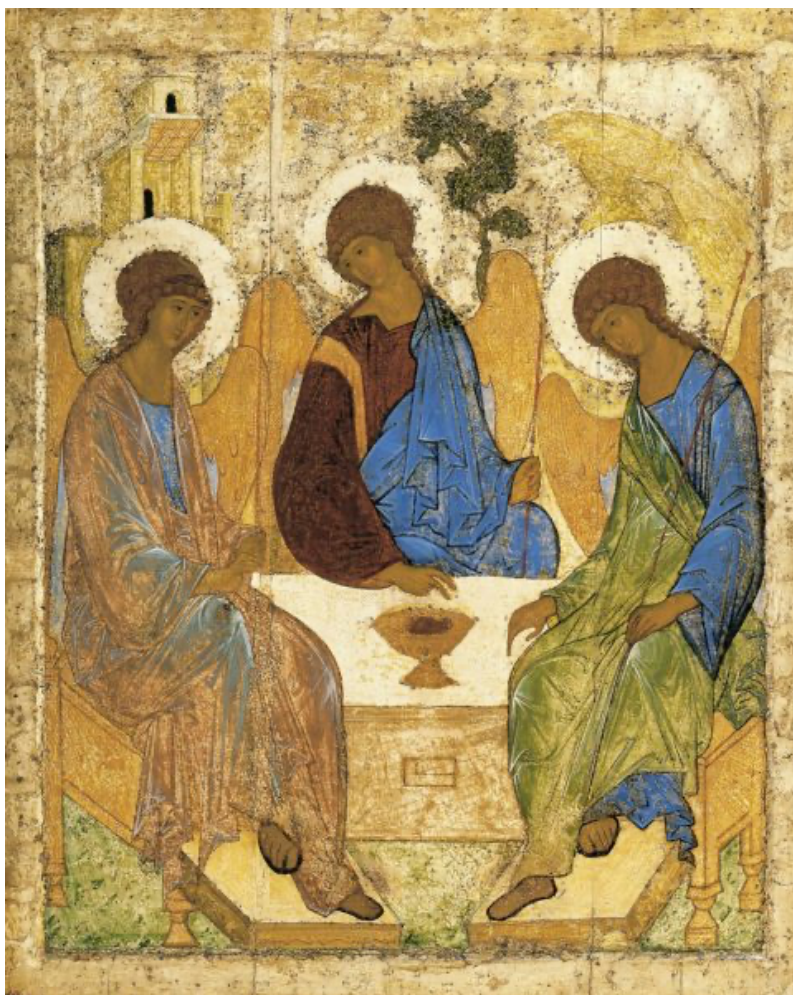


Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

The Feast of the Holy Trinity

June 15th, 2025



WEB EDITION

Called to Life — Compelled to Love



We will strive to live up to our responsibilities as members of the Dish with One Spoon wampum, first established between the Anishinaabek and Haudenosaunee to set out how this part of Turtle Island would be shared.

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.

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Prelude

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

Territorial Acknowledgment

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Verses 1 – 3, & 4

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though our sinful human gaze thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Welcome²

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.

Let us pray.

Holy Trinity,
you are neither monarch nor monologue
but an eternal harmony of gift and response:
through the Uncreated Word and the Spirit of Truth
include us and all creation in your extravagant love;
through the Wisdom of God,
who raises her voice to call us to life.
Amen.

Unfolding the Scriptures

1st Reading ⁴

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Does not wisdom call
and understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
“To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all who live.
“The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,
when he had not yet made earth and fields
or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker,
and I was daily his delight,
playing before him always,
playing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

Proverbs 8. 1 – 4, 22 – 31

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

O Lord our governor,
how exalted is your name in all the world!
**Out of the mouths of infants and children
your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

what are mortals that you should be mindful of them,
their children that you should seek them out?
**You have made them but little lower than the angels;
you adorn them with glory and honour;**

you give them mastery over the works of your hands;
you put all things under their feet;
**all sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and all that walks in the paths of the sea.**

O Lord our governor,
how exalted is your name in all the world!

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

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Romans 5. 1 – 5

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.



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.** ♪

Jesus said, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

John 16. 12 – 15

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

✠ God of grace,
✠ hear our prayer.

The Peace

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

Feasting at the Table

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Offertory Hymn

Come Join the Dance of Trinity ⁸

**Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun —
the interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
The universe of space and time did not arise by chance,
but as the Three, in love and hope,
made room within their dance.**

**Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem;
then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem.
The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone;
when fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.**

**Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame
set people free at Pentecost to tell the Saviour's name.
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!**

**Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,
we sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.**

Prayer over the Gifts ⁹

Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labour,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving ¹⁰

May God be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.

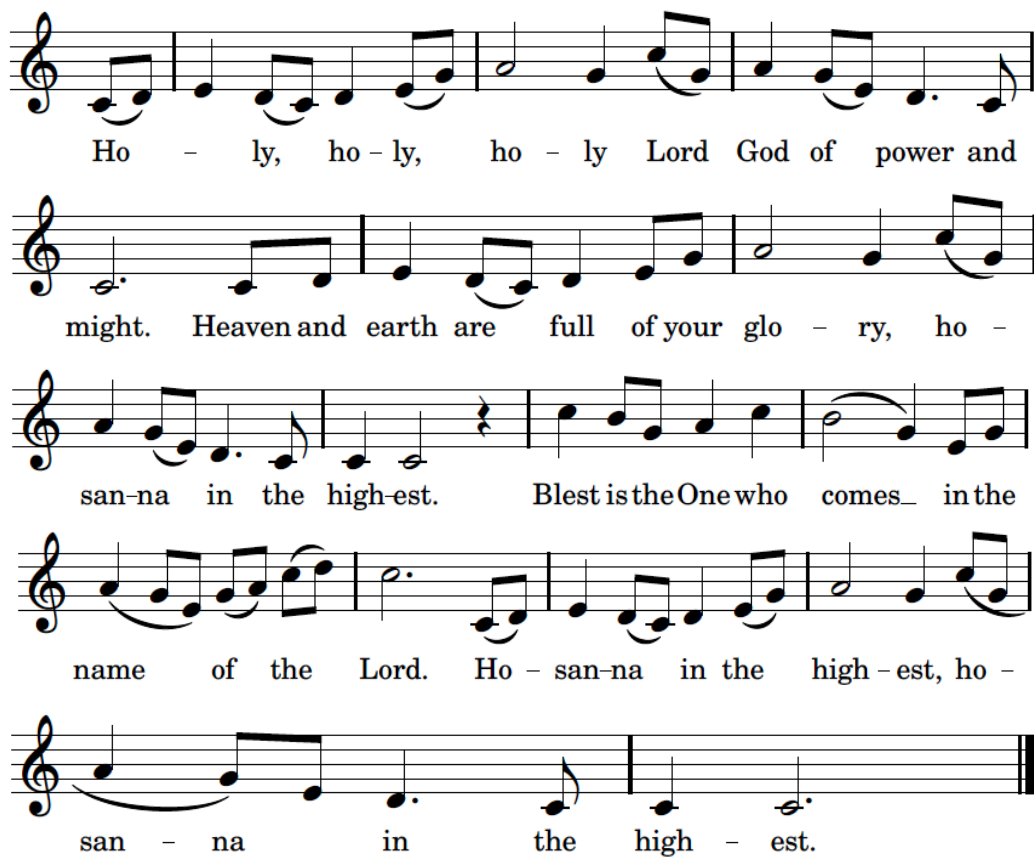
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
and so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:





**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest.
Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honour are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human,
to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us,
a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:
“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing,
gave it to his friends and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed
and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:
Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power,

may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life,

draw us together in the Body of Christ,

and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people

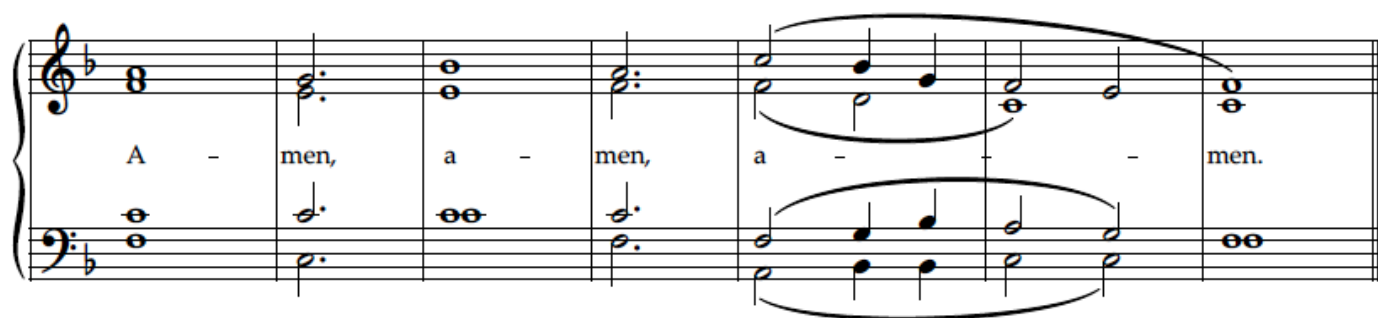
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you, 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 ¹¹

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into this one bread.

**So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth
into your reign of justice and peace.**

Communion ¹²

The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.
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:*

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.

Who comes from God, as Word and Breath? Holy Wisdom.
Who holds the keys of life and death? Mighty Wisdom.
Crafter and Creator too, Eldest, she makes all things new;
Wisdom guides what God would do,
Wisest One, Radiant One, welcome, Holy Wisdom.

Who lifts her voice for all to hear? Joyful Wisdom.
Who shapes a thought and makes it clear? Truthful Wisdom.
Teacher, drawing out our best, magnifies what we invest,
names our truth, directs our quest.
Wisest One, Radiant One, welcome, Holy Wisdom.

Whom should we seek with all our heart? Loving Wisdom.
Who, once revealed, will not depart? Faithful Wisdom.
Partner, Counselor, Comforter, love has found none lovelier,
life is gladness lived with her.
Wisest One, Radiant One, welcome, Holy Wisdom.

Prayer after Communion ¹⁵

Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbours as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Doxology ¹⁶

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.

Announcements

Blessing

Amen.

Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness ¹⁷

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
at thy speaking it was done;
for created light we thank thee
while thine ordered seasons run:
alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia without end!

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
dark as night and deep as death,
broke the light of thy salvation,
breathed thine own life-giving breath:
alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia without end!

Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
bright with thine own holiness,
glorious now, we press toward glory,
and our lives our hope confess:
alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia without end!

God the Father, Light Creator,
to thee laud and honor be;
to thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally;
Holy Spirit, Light Revealer, glory, glory be to thee:
mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Your attention, please...

Community Lunch

noon on June 20th

Come out and enjoy a delicious lunch with fabulous company on the first official day of summer! Bring a friend! Or three!

Picnic

10 am on June 22nd

Weather permitting, we'll celebrate the eucharist outside on the morning of June 22nd, followed by a parish picnic! Bring a lawn chair, a hat, and some sunscreen. Summer's coming! Consider bringing a side or a dessert, and we'll provide the burgers!

Summer Sundays – One Service

From Sunday, June 29 through August 31st, we will have only one service **at 9 am.**

(We'll go back to two services at 8:30 am and 10:00 am on September 7th)

While this was once our common practice, we haven't done it for over a decade. We're trying this to make things easier for summer coverage and a number of other reasons. We will be asking for everyone's feedback in September about their experience.

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. Paul, Mount Forest;
For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop and Acting Primate;
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,
and especially La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico;

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:

For David & Jeanette; for Liza; for Ken, Julie, Sam, & Abby;

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:

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



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Wardens

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