



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 6th, 2025



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.

Gathering

Prelude

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

Territorial Acknowledgment

Opening Hymn

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We'll Sing in the Morning

Welcome

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

Let us pray.

God, whose kingdom comes impossibly near: share with us
the authority that sets others free; send us on the way of
challenge and conversion; reveal to us the vision of hatred
falling from its throne in summer lightning storms; through
Jesus, who empowers us.

Amen.

Unfolding the Scriptures

1st Reading

2 Kings 5. 1 – 14

Psalm 30

Exaltabo te, Domine

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**Sing to the Lord, you servants of God;
give thanks for the remembrance of the holiness of God.**

For the wrath of God endures but the twinkling of an eye,
the divine favour for a lifetime.

**Weeping may spend the night,
but joy comes in the morning.**

While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.
Lord, with your favour, you made me as strong as the
mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

I cried to you, O Lord;

I pleaded with you, saying,

**"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"**

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;

O Lord, be my helper."

You have turned my wailing into dancing;

you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;

O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

2nd Reading

Galatians 6. 7 – 16

The Gospel

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah;
hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.
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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
Luke.

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

Luke 10. 1 – 11, 16 – 20

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm the faith we share.

**We trust in God, who has created and is creating;
who came to us in Jesus, the word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new;
who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.**

**We believe we are called to be God's people:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus' death and resurrection
by word and deed.**

**We live in hope because in life, in death,
in life beyond death, we are not alone:
God is with us. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

✠ Gracious God,
✠ graciously hear us.

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.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
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.

Feasting at the Table

Monetary contributions to the Church of the Nativity and its ministries as we live out God's mission can be placed in the church-shaped box (located at the entrance of the church) at any time.

Offertory Hymn

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Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

Offering Prayer

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

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.

Exalted is your name always and everywhere, Lord God, for you created all things. By your grace you wash away our sin and make all things new. When your people crossed the Jordan into the Promised Land, you washed away their bondage and betrayals and gave them new life with you. Your prophet Elisha sent Naaman into this same water to wash in humility and be cleansed of his leprosy. When your

Son came to be baptized by John at the Jordan, you brought him up out of the waters to usher in your new creation, your kingdom. And so we rejoice with all who are water-washed and Spirit-born, and in the company of those who have crossed over Jordan into the land of everlasting life with you, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, as we join their unending hymn.



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, heaven 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.

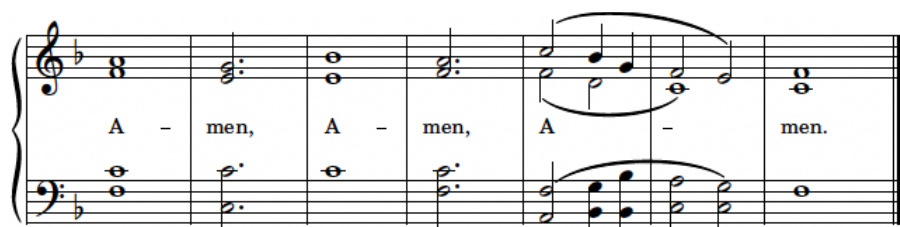
God of the harvest, you sowed among us the seed of your only Son. When he died for our salvation, he was buried in the earth and raised on the third day to be the firstfruits of resurrection. Send down your Holy Spirit upon your church to go as labourers into your fields, to reap the bountiful harvest of your kingdom. Sanctify this bread and 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.

Glorious God, you have revealed to us your creative joy in a tapestry of spreading prairies and Rocky Mountains, great lakes and lordly rivers hailed by the call of loons, and maples and pines stretching always toward you. Let your grace fall upon your broad domain, on all who call this place home, from those in high places to the least of these. Have

mercy wherever the beauty of this land has been stripped and sold. Make First Nations, Inuit, Metis, and settler peoples flourish alike together, and bring us, with your children from every nation, to the day when we shall enter your heavenly city undimmed by human tears and rejoice in every gain divine, all-holy 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.**

Amen.

**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.**

We keep silent and pray for a short time.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ in their lives are welcome to this bread and wine of the Eucharist. For gluten-free wafers, ask the priest. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your hands over your chest when you go up to the communion station, and the priest will bless you.

The kingdom of God is set before you.

Eat and rejoice.

Thanks be to God!

Communion Hymn

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Prayers after Communion

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

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

Closing Hymn

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Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Our cover image is a photograph of a mural of a priest reaching out to heal a man with leprosy. The original is in the Basílica de São Francisco das Chagas in Canindé, Brazil; the picture was shared to the Wikimedia Commons by the photographer, Eugenio Hansen, OFS. We use it with gratitude, and under the CC-BY-SA 3.0 license.

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. John's, Jordan;
For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop;
and for Shane Parker newly chosen as our Primate;
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,
and especially the Church of Nigeria;

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:

For Paul Rawlins; for John & Blanche Robertson; for Wayne & Cathy Rolph;

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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