



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13th, 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.

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.

Territorial Acknowledgment

Opening Hymn

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.**

**Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.**

**Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,**

**changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise!**

Welcome ²

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 of the Day ³

Let us pray.

God of bandit places, love that demands our all:
 reveal to us our wounds
 and give us grace to know our neighbour,
 tending us with foreign hands;
through Jesus Christ, who crossed over for us.
Amen.

Unfolding the Scriptures

1st Reading ⁴

A reading from the prophet Amos.

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said,

'See, I am setting a plumb-line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land." '

And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

'Now therefore hear the word of the Lord.

You say, "Do not prophesy against Israel,
and do not preach against the house of Isaac."

Therefore, thus says the Lord:

"Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,
and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword,
and your land shall be parcelled out by line;
you yourself shall die in an unclean land,
and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land." '

Amos 7. 7 – 17

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 82

Deus stetit ⁵

God stands in the council of heaven
and gives judgement in the midst of the gods:

**"How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favour to the wicked?**

"Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

**"Rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

"They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**"Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**

“nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.”

**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

2nd Reading ⁶

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

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossæ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be

made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1. 1 – 14

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel ⁷

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 Luke.

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

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbour as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"

Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Luke 10. 25 – 37

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Affirmation of Faith ⁸

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.

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 neighbours 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

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Offertory Hymn

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Where Charity and Love Prevail ¹⁰

**Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.**

**With grateful joy and holy fear his charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul now love him in return.**

**Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.**

**Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;
be his the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.**

**Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;
as members of his body joined, we are in him made one.**

**Love can exclude no race or creed if honoured be God's name;
our common life embraces all whose Father is the same.**

Prayer over the Gifts ¹¹

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 ¹²

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 our saviour, we give you thanks and praise,
that when the nations had strayed far from your ways
you called Abraham,
and when your people were lost and oppressed
you sent Jesus,
and when we are defeated, downcast, and desolate,
in the power of the Holy Spirit you make Jesus present to us.
You pick us up from our failure, our oppression, and our sin
and journey with us and bring us to safety and promise to return.
In the death and resurrection of Christ
you heal the wounds of the past
and offer the gift of an everlasting future with you.

So now we celebrate the wonders of your grace
with saints and angels, and all the company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending 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.

The musical score is written on seven staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

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 our redeemer, on our journey with you,
you turn us from your burden
into carriers of one another's burdens.

On the way you feed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

Now send down your Holy Spirit,

that we may be made holy as you are holy,

and that these gifts of the earth and human hands

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."

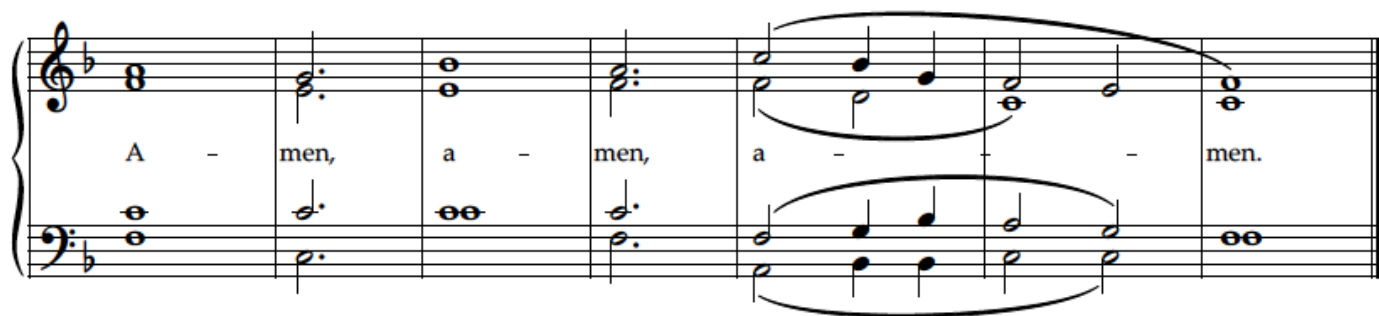
Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Merciful God, in Jesus, through story, miracle, and example,
you turn us and all creation upside down.
Direct our hearts in the ways we should go,
visit the downtrodden and set them on their feet again,
and restore the land, sea, and air of your creation,
that all things and creatures and people
may fulfill their created purpose
in reflecting your glory and singing your praise,
until the day when you are all in all, in union with Christ,
ever one God.



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 ¹³

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 ¹⁴

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.

Let there be light, let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather, let them be face to face;

open our lips, open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord opening into grace;

perish the sword, perish the angry judgment,
perish the bombs and hunger, perish the fight for gain;

hallow our love, hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom, hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come, thy spirit turn to language,
thy people speak together, thy spirit never fade;

let there be light, open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.

Prayer after Communion ¹⁷

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 ¹⁸

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

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*¹⁹

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
travelling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration
for the gospel's joyful sound:
may the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound;
may your presence, may your presence,
with us evermore be found.**

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Reminders

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's, Jarvis;
For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop,
and for Shane Parker, our Primate;
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,
and especially the Church of North India (United);

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:

For Debbie; for Joyce; for Jo-Anne & Alan;

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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