



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

The Holy Day of St. Mary Magdalene

July 20th, 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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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.**

**Jesus! the name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.**

**He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.**

**Hear him, ye deaf, ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come, and leap, ye lame, for joy!**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honours of thy name.**

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.

Lord of the dawn,
whose risen life began deep in the freshening earth;
you called Mary Magdalene to see what men could not,
to be the first witness whose love was stronger than fear:
speak our name,
and open our hearts
to let your Spirit shine like dawn to a darkened world;
through Jesus Christ, the Tree of Life.

Amen.

Unfolding the Scriptures

1st Reading ⁴

A reading from the book of Judith.

Then Judith prostrated herself, put ashes on her head, and uncovered the sackcloth she was wearing. At the very time when the evening incense was being offered in the house of God in Jerusalem, Judith cried out to the Lord with a loud voice and said,

“For your strength does not depend on numbers nor your might on the powerful. But you are the God of the lowly, helper of the oppressed, upholder of the weak, protector of the forsaken, savior of those without hope. Please, please, God of my father, God of the heritage of Israel, Lord of heaven and earth, Creator of the waters, King of all your creation, hear my prayer! Make my deceitful words bring wound and bruise on those who have planned cruel things against your covenant and against your sacred house and against Mount Zion and against the house your children possess. Let your whole nation and every tribe know and understand that you are God, the God of all power and might, and that there is no other who protects the people of Israel but you alone!”

Judith 9. 1, 11 – 14

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

As the deer longs for the water-brooks,
so longs my soul for you, O God.

**My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God;
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?**

My tears have been my food day and night,
while all day long they say to me, “Where now is your God?”

I pour out my soul when I think on these things:
how I went with the multitude
and led them into the house of God,
**with the voice of praise and thanksgiving,
among those who keep holy-day.**

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul,
and why are you so disquieted within me?
**Put your trust in God;
for I will yet give thanks to the Holy One
who is the help of my countenance and my God.**

2nd Reading ⁶

A reading from the second letter to the followers of Jesus in Corinth.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for the one who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5. 14 – 18

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 John.

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.”

When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?”

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

John 20. 1 – 3, 11 – 18

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

Monetary contributions to the Church of the Nativity and its ministries as we live out God's mission can be mailed to the parish, dropped off in the mailbox, or made via e-transfer to donations.nativity@gmail.com

Offertory Hymn

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*God of Grace and God of Glory*¹⁰

**God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power,
now fulfill your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways.
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**

**Cure your children's warring madness. Bend our pride to your control.
Shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

**Set our feet on lofty places, gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christ-like graces in the fight for liberty.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we fail ourselves and thee,
lest we fail ourselves and thee.**

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.

Eternal God, Source of all being,
we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love.
You call us into friendship with you and one another
to be your holy people,
a sign of your presence in the world.
When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us.
When we injure others,
you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness.
You stand with the weak,
and those, broken and alone,
whom you have always welcomed home,
making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels,
forever praising you and singing:



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 a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span multiple notes. The score concludes 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.

Blessed are you, O Holy One:

when Hagar was driven into the wilderness
you followed her and gave her hope.

When Joseph was sold into bondage,
you turned malice to your people's good.

When you called Israel out of slavery,
you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land.

When your people were taken into exile
you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with those living in poverty,
those who have been cast out,
and those who are being oppressed.

Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria
and offered her the water of new life.

Christ knew the desolation of the cross
and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, gave it to them, and said,
"Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

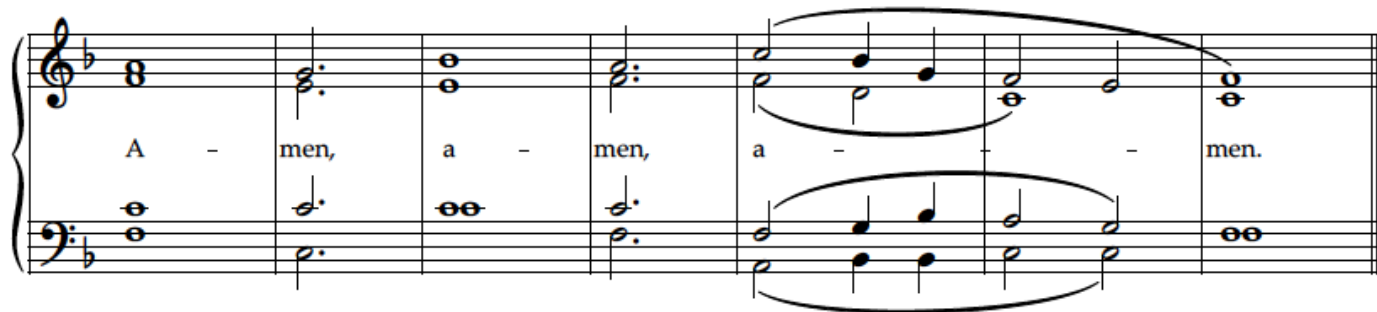
After supper he took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said,
“Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Loving and Holy One,
recalling Christ’s death and resurrection,
we offer you these gifts,
longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come.
Therefore we proclaim our hope.
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts
that through them you may sustain us
in our hunger for your peace.
We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our siblings.
When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.
Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O Source of all life, 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 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.

Blest Are the Pure in Heart ¹⁶

**Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs; their soul is Christ's abode.**

**The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us, our pattern and our King,**

**still to the lowly soul his presence doth impart
and for a dwelling and a throne chooseth the pure in heart.**

**Lord, we your presence seek; may ours this blessing be:
give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee.**

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.

Closing Hymn

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The Church's One Foundation ¹⁹

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought us to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought us, and for our life he died.**

**Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
our charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one glorious name we hallow, partake one holy food,
and to one hope we follow, with every grace endued.**

**Though with a dismay and wonder we see the church oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**

**'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation of peace for evermore,
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blessed,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three-in-One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace, that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.**

Dismissal

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

Postlude

The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God,
and in loving memory of Roy & Dorothea Sharp.
We give thanks as the family celebrates
what would have been Roy's 100th birthday on July 23rd;
and in loving memory of George Collinson,
who died on July 11th.
with much love from Jan & Larry.

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.

A Greener Future



A Greener Future is a small nonprofit trying to ensure a cleaner, healthier, and greener future for generations to come. So far this year, they've removed 250, 000+ pieces of litter from waterways—and are aiming to be at more than 400, 000 by the end of August.

They're running eight more clean-up sessions in our region through August 26th, including one on the Breezeway Trail off Beach Boulevard on August 2nd from 11 am to 1 pm, meeting at Dieppe Veterans Memorial Park by the flags. They'll offer all necessary gear and friendly staff support!

To learn more, visit www.agreenerfuture.ca and click on "Volunteer Events"

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. Mark, Niagara-on-the-Lake;
For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop,
and for Shane, our Primate;
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,
and especially the Church of Pakistan (United);

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:

For Brian & Yvonne; for Jim & Betsy; for Andrew, Kim, Samantha, & Jackson;

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 George Collinson;

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



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