



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 27th, 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 Song

When Morning Gilds the Skies ¹

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:

"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:

"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

**Whene'er the sweet church bell peals over hill and dell,
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**O hark to what it sings, as joyously it rings,
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**In heaven's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
The power of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**To God, the Word, on high the hosts of angels cry:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
Let mortals, too, upraise their voice in hymns of praise:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"**

**Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
Let air, and sea, and sky, from depth to height reply:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"**

**Be this while life is mine, my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song through ages all along,
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

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.

Let us pray.

Lord of gifts,
share with us a hunger for the bread of your kingdom;
give to us a yearning impatience with injustice;
and teach us to pray with honesty
in words filled with earth and lit by desire;
through Jesus Christ, our Jubilee.
Amen.

Unfolding the Scriptures

1st Reading ⁴

A reading from the prophet Hosea.

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, 'Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.' So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

And the Lord said to him, 'Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.'

She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, 'Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.'

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, 'Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.'

Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people', it shall be said to them, 'Children of the living God.'

Hosea 1. 2 – 10

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,
 you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
**You have forgiven all the iniquity of your people
 and blotted out all their sins.**

You have withdrawn all your fury
 and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
**Restore us then, O God our Saviour;
 let your anger depart from us.**

Will you be displeased with us for ever?
 Will you prolong your anger from age to age
**Will you not give us life again,
 that your people may rejoice in you?**

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
 and grant us your salvation.
**I will listen to what you, Lord God, are saying,
 for you are speaking peace to your faithful people
 and to those who turn their hearts to you.**

9 Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
 that your glory may dwell in our land.
**Mercy and truth have met together;
 righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Truth shall spring up from the earth,
 and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
**Lord, you will indeed grant prosperity,
 and our land will yield its increase.**

Righteousness shall go before you,
and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.

2nd Reading ⁶

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

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Colossians 2. 6 – 15

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 Luke.

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” So he said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Luke 11. 1 – 13

The Gospel of Christ.

♪ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. ♪

Homily

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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*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*¹⁰

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us? Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,
and we'll find new courage there.**

Prayer over the Gifts¹¹

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.

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.

Hallowed be your name, heavenly Father,

for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and forever.

You formed a people for yourself and called them your children.

You delivered them from evil and saved them in the time of trial.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people,

because in the fullness of time you sent your Son

to forgive us our trespasses through the blood of his cross,

and in your Holy Spirit you give us power

to forgive those who trespass against us.

And so we gladly praise you with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven as we join the 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 blessing, you promise that as you give us our daily bread,
so shall you feed us with the bread of life for eternity.
Come down upon your church in the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as we remember your Son's saving passion and resurrection
and share this holy meal,
we may become bread for your hungry world.
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."

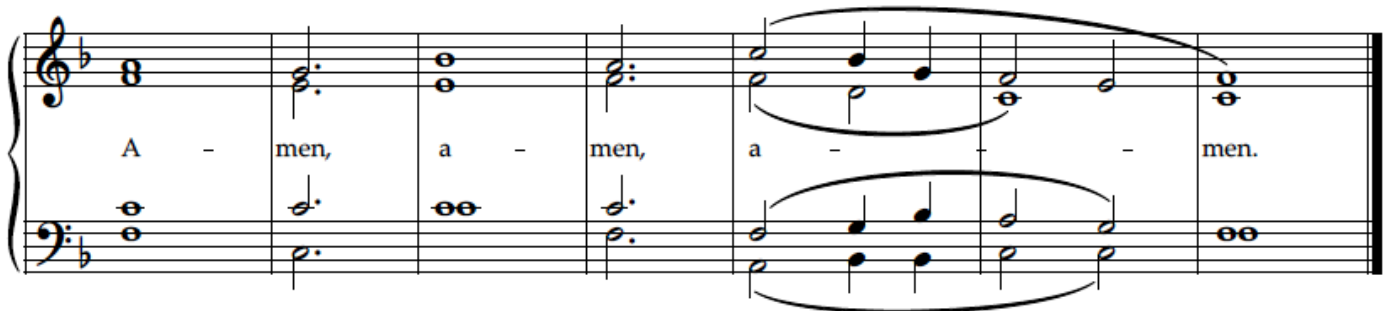
Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Giver of every good and perfect gift,
you promise that everyone who asks will receive,
everyone who seeks will find,
and to everyone who knocks the door will be opened.
Send your blessing upon those who ask for what you alone can give.
Pour your grace upon any who search and upon all who long to be found.
Give perseverance to those who knock at the door of justice.
As you dwelt bodily in your Son in all your fullness,
dwell in your church today,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
those who are called the children of the living God
may know your resurrecting power,
until the day when your kingdom comes and your will is done
on earth as it is in heaven,
most holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



Amen, amen, amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As Jesus teaches us, let us pray:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.

Amen.

We keep silent and pray for a short time.

The Breaking of the Bread ¹³

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

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.

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and God's righteousness
and all these things shall be added unto you.**

Alleluia, alleluia.

**We do not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.**

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.**

Alleluia, alleluia.

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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How Firm a Foundation ¹⁹

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not—I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!”

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.

**Next Sunday (Sunday Sunday) we'll skip Coffee Hour
for something better:
come downstairs for Sundae Sunday!**

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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. Luke, in Palermo;
For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop,
and for Shane, our Primate;
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,
and especially the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea;

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:

For Lorna; for Ken & Sigi; for James;

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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Wardens

Sources

Tradition in the Holy Land tells that Jesus taught his disciples how to pray what we call the Lord's Prayer in a shady spot on the way down the Mount of Olives toward Jerusalem. A Roman Catholic church stands on that spot today, run by French Carmelites (Domaine de l'Eleona). Throughout the courtyard, and in the church itself, plaques show the Lord's prayer in countless different languages. Today's cover image is a photo of some of those plaques, shared on Flickr by Seetheholyland.net. We use it today under the Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike 2.0 Generic license.

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