



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

Saint Mary, the Mother of Our Lord

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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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Praise to the Holiest in the Height ¹

**Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God! When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight and to the rescue came.**

O generous love! that flesh and blood, which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe, should strive and should prevail:

and that the highest gift of grace should flesh and blood refine;
God's presence and his very self, and essence all-divine;

who in the garden secretly, and on the cross on high,
should teach his followers, and inspire to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.

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.

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary,
mother of your incarnate Son.

May we who have been redeemed by his blood
share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Unfolding the Scriptures

1st Reading ⁴

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

Isaiah 7.10—15

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

“The Ark! We heard it was in Ephratah;
we found it in the fields of Jearim.

**Let us go to the dwelling place of the Lord;
let us fall upon our knees before the footstool of the Lord.”**

Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, you and the ark of your strength.
**Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;
let your faithful people sing with joy.**

For your servant David’s sake,
do not turn away the face of your anointed.
**If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore.”**

For you, O Lord, have chosen Zion,
and have desired it for your habitation:
**“This shall be my resting-place for ever;
here will I dwell, for I delight in it.**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the followers of Jesus in Galatia.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Galatians 4. 4 – 7

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.** ♪

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

Luke 2. 1 – 7

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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Tell Out, My Soul ¹⁰

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and forevermore!**

Prayer over the Gifts ¹¹

God of mercy, receive all we offer you this day.
May we share with Saint Mary the joys of your eternal kingdom,
and live with you in unending love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

Worship and praise belong to you, Holy God,
in every place and at all times.
You made us, all the people of the world,
and everything that is.
You give us the daylight.
Your Word lights up our minds.
Jesus was born among us to be light in our darkness.
Your Spirit lives in us so that we can look at the world with your eyes.
One day we will be with you in heaven,
but already we laugh with the saints and angels,
and sing their joyful song:



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.

Gracious God,
you never forget us or turn away from us,
even when we fail you.
You sent your Son Jesus who gave his life for us.
Jesus healed those who were sick,
cared for those who lived in poverty,
and cried with those who were sad.
He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive.
For all your love we give you thanks in the way that Jesus showed us.

On the night before Jesus died,
while he was having supper with his friends,
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

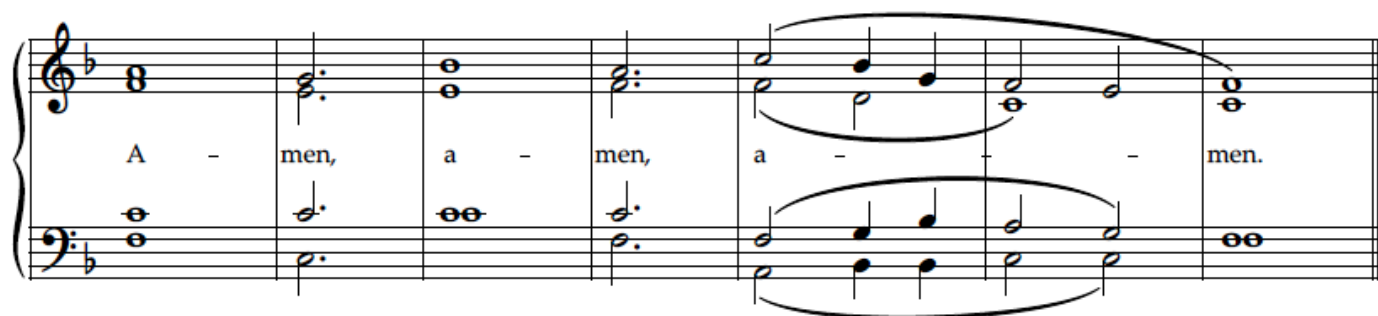
After supper, Jesus took the cup,
offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

So, as we do what Jesus told us, we open our hearts to him;
we remember how he died and rose again to live now in us.

Together with Jesus we offer you these gifts:
in them we give you ourselves.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and this wine,
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ,
and that, sharing your life,

we may travel in your company to our journey's end.
With all your people we give you thanks and praise
through the Son and in the Spirit, 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

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

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.

Heavenly message, brought by an angel,
coming to lift the hopes of the earth;
bringing to Mary humble and lowly,
God's invitation to the Christ birth.

Refrain: Mary we hail you, full of God's favour,
blessed are you, and blessed your son;
he will be called the child of the highest,
Saviour of all, the holy one.

Mary replied to Gabriel's message,
"I am the servant, maid of the Lord.
Let it be done just as you have spoken.
My soul rejoices in God's saving word." *Refrain...*

In the beginning, when God had spoken,
through God's own Word all things came to be;
now by that Word, embodied through Mary,
God's glory blazes, that our eyes may see. *Refrain...*

Prayer after Communion ¹⁷

God of grace,
today we raise our voices to magnify your holy name,
and, in our own generation,
to call her blessed who became the mother of our Saviour Jesus Christ.
May we who have shared this holy food
continue, with her, in your glorious kingdom,
founded and established in Jesus Christ our Lord.
We ask this in his 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

Look forward in faith –
all time is in God's hand.
Walk humbly with him,
and trust his future plan.
God has wisely led
his people by his power.
Look forward in hope,
he gives us each new hour.

Look forward in faith –
the world is in God's care.
His purpose of love
he calls on us to share.
In our neighbour's need
the Lord is present still.
He blesses the meek!
The earth will know God's will.

Look forward in faith –
God gives us life each day.
Go onward with Christ,
the Spirit guides our way.
Now God lets us live
within the sphere of grace.
Trust ever, in him –
God rules o'er earth and space!

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.

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"



Alongside Hope

(formerly PWRDF)

announces

\$150, 000 matching gift for Solar Suitcases

Babies aren't good at scheduling their births. They just... show up. And at night, in places with electricity like off-grid communities in Mozambique and Madagascar deliveries are much riskier.

Enter our help... via a bright yellow Solar Suitcase.

The life-saving case is mounted on a clinic wall and connected to a high-efficiency solar panel on the roof. The sun charges a long-lasting battery.

The kit offers nurses, midwives, and birth attendants everything they need to support a safe delivery: bright LED lights, a fetal Doppler to monitor babies during labour, headlamps, phone chargers... and real peace of mind for labouring women.

The **Coming Alongside Hope with Light** campaign aims to install 35 Solar Suitcases in Mozambique, and 14 in Madagascar. This will bring clean, reliable power to 49 clinics where women and babies deserve the very best care, no matter the hour.

Each Solar Suitcase costs \$6, 500. The goal of 49 Solar Suitcases will cost \$320, 000 – and thanks to a generous donor, every dollar you give will be matched up to \$150, 000—doubling your impact.

Visit <https://alongsidehope.org/solar-suitcase/>
for more information!

You can donate directly at the site, or through the parish.
Let's shed a little light – and invite our friends, family, and neighbours to do so, too!

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, Orangeville;
For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop,
and for Shane, our Primate;
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,
and especially the Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda;

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:

For Doug & Barb; for Doug & Barb; for Dawn, Lovelie, Domenic & Junelle;

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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