



# Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

## Holy Eucharist

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.

We try to minimize individuals' appearances on camera for the stream.

Prelude

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

Territorial Acknowledgment

*For the Beauty of the Earth* <sup>1</sup>

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

Welcome <sup>2</sup>

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.

God of Abraham, Moses, and the prophets,  
your covenant binds us as sisters and brothers:  
help us to overcome the scandal of poverty,  
the fixed chasm of indifference,  
and to recognize you in the wounded poor;  
through Jesus Christ, the Builder of Bridges.  
**Amen.**

## Unfolding the Scriptures

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading <sup>4</sup>

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, "Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the LORD: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

Jeremiah said, "The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.'" Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with

the word of the LORD, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out the silver to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the silver on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase containing the terms and conditions and the open copy, and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.”

*Jeremiah 32. 1 – 3a, 6 – 15*

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

**They shall say to the Lord,**

**“You are our refuge and our stronghold,  
our God in whom we put our trust.”**

The Lord shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter  
and from the deadly pestilence.

**The wings of the Lord shall cover you,  
and you shall find refuge under them;  
the faithfulness of God shall be a shield and buckler.**

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;  
**of the plague that stalks in the darkness,  
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.**

“Because they are bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver them;  
**I will protect them, because they know my name.**

They shall call upon me, and I will answer them;  
**I am with them in trouble;  
I will rescue them and bring them to honour.**

With long life will I satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.”

A reading from the first letter to Timothy.

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

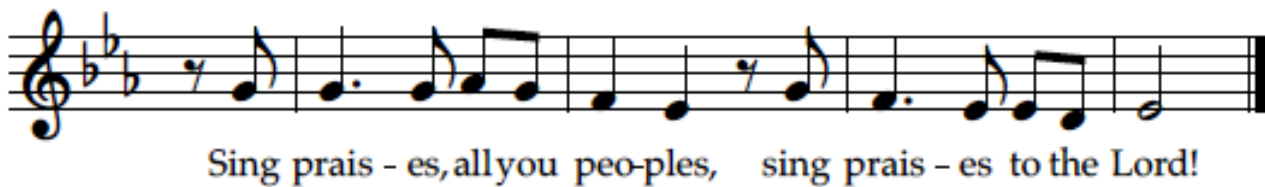
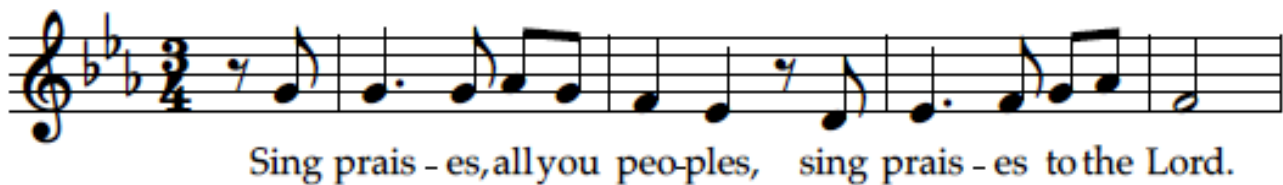
As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

*1 Timothy 6. 6 – 19*

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel <sup>7</sup>



Creator Sets Free be with you.

**And also with you.**

Shining Light (*Jesus*) Tells the Good Story.

**Glory to you, Creator Sets Free.**

Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) said, "There was once a man with many possessions who always dressed in the best clothes, had more than enough to eat, and lived a life of ease. Every day, a beggar named Creator Helps Him (*Lazarus*) was laid at the gate of his lodge. Dogs would come and lick the sores that covered his body as he begged for crumbs from the rich man's table.

"When the time came for the beggar to cross over to the world of the dead, spirit messengers carried him into the welcoming arms of his ancestor, Father of Many Nations (*Abraham*).



“At the same time, the rich man also crossed over to death, and his body was buried. In the Dark Underworld of Death (*Hades*), he was suffering and in pain. He looked up and saw his ancestor, Father of Many Nations (*Abraham*) far off in the distance. He could see Creator Helps Him (*Lazarus*) being comforted in his arms.

“The rich man cried out in his pain, ‘Father of Many Nations, my ancestor, have pity on me. Send Creator Helps Him to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my thirsty tongue. Help me, for I am suffering in this flame.’

“Father of Many Nations said to him, ‘My son, do you not remember? All your days were filled with good things, but the days of Creator Helps Him were filled with sorrow and pain. It is now his time for comfort, but it is your time for sorrow and pain. Look! There is a great canyon between us, so wide that none can make the journey from here to there.’

“The rich man hung his head and said, ‘Please, my ancestor, send him back to the lodge of my father and my five brothers. He can warn them of this place of suffering and pain, so they will not have to come here also.’

“Father of Many Nations said to him, ‘They have the words of Drawn from the Water (*Moses*) and the words of the prophets. Let your family listen to them.’

‘No!’ the rich man cried out. ‘If someone goes back to them from the world of the dead, they will turn their hearts back to Creator.’

“Father of Many Nations shook his head and said, ‘If your family will not listen to Drawn from the Water and the prophets, then they will not listen even to one who comes back from the dead.’”

*Luke 16. 19 – 31*

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Affirmation of Faith <sup>8</sup>

Let us affirm the faith we share.

We believe and trust in God.

**We believe and trust in God,  
the Source of all being and life,  
in whom and for whom we exist.**

**We believe and trust in God,  
the Word of God incarnate,  
who took our human nature,  
who died for us and was raised  
so that we might be children of God.**

**We believe and trust in God,  
the Advocate and Guide,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in all the world.  
This is the God in whom we believe and trust.**

The Prayers of the People

**℣** God of grace,  
**℟** receive our prayer.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful and loving God,  
**we are your stiff-necked people.**  
**We trample on the needy.**  
**We grumble about your grace to others.**  
**We turn away from those living in poverty.**  
**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**  
**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found.**  
**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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*When Long Before Time*<sup>10</sup>

**When long before time and the worlds were begun,  
when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,  
and all was deep silence and night reigned supreme,  
and even our Maker had only a dream...**

**...the silence was broken when God sang the Song,  
and light pierced the darkness and rhythm began,  
and with its first birth cries creation was born,  
and creaturely voices sang praise to the morn.**

**The sounds of the creatures were one with their Lord's,  
their harmonies sweet and befitting the Word;  
the Singer was pleased as the earth sang the Song,  
the choir of the creatures re-echoed it long.**

**Though, down through the ages, the Song disappeared—  
its harmonies broken and almost unheard—  
the Singer comes to us to sing it again:  
our God is with us in the world now as then.**

**The Light has returned as it came once before,  
the Song of the Lord is our own song once more;  
so let us all sing with one heart and one voice  
the song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.**

To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise;  
to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise;  
to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,  
be glory forever, through life and through death.

### Prayer over the Gifts <sup>11</sup>

Lord of the harvest,  
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.  
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,  
but on you, who richly provides for us.  
Multiply what we have gathered  
to bless all who are suffering and in need,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving <sup>12</sup>

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.**

Immortal God of unapproachable light,  
honour and dominion be unto you,  
for you invite us to dine with you  
at the heavenly banquet with your Son Jesus Christ,  
the blessed and only Sovereign, King of kings and Lord of lords.

When in Christ you were incarnate among us,  
 you came not as the proud and haughty rich man  
 but lived and died as the poor man at the gate.  
 He laid down his life that we might be reconciled with you  
 and in his resurrection showed us your love and your power.  
 And so we celebrate your glory,  
 with all the company of heaven,  
 singing the everlasting song.



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed 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.**

Trusting God, your servant Jeremiah believed  
the exile of your people would come to an end,  
and so he bought a field that would one day reward his faith in you.  
In this meal of earthly bread and heavenly wine  
you make a promise to us  
that though our time on earth be short,  
our abiding with you in heaven will be forever.  
By the power of your Holy Spirit,  
make us rich in good works,  
generous, and ready to share,  
that we may take hold of the life that lies in you.  
By that same Spirit make this bread and cup  
be for us the body and blood of our Lord 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.**

Generous and ever-giving God,

make money an instrument of your peace.

Where your children are too wealthy,

make them content with food and clothing,

not placing their hopes in the uncertainty of riches.

Where your people long to have more,

free them from the harmful desires

that might plunge them into ruin and destruction.

Where money causes a great chasm of division,

bring partnership, understanding, and kindness.

Visit all who are in agony

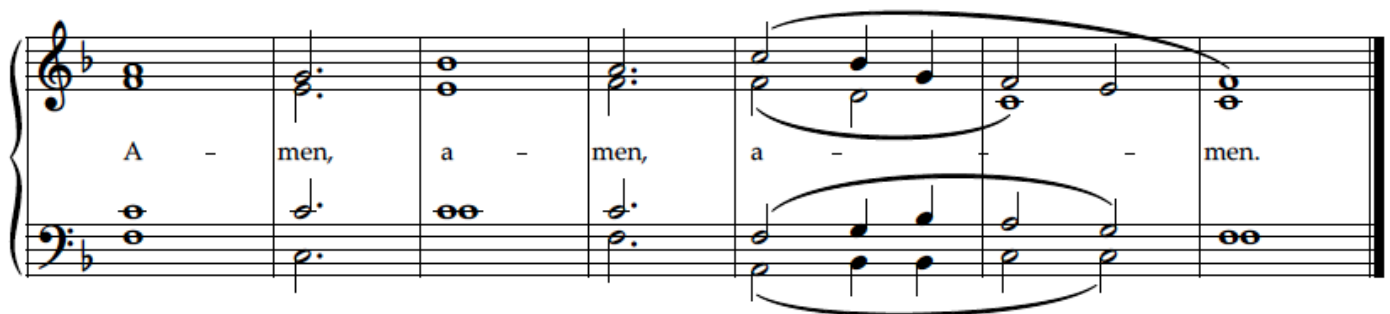
through pain or humiliation or regret or abandonment,

and set our eyes on you who provide us so richly

with everything for our enjoyment;

until the day when you are all in all,

ever one 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.**

**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 <sup>13</sup>

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 <sup>14</sup>

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.  
**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.

*Wind upon the Waters* <sup>16</sup>

Wind upon the waters, voice upon the deep;  
rouse your sons and daughters, wake us from our sleep,  
breathing life into all flesh, breathing love into all hearts,  
living wind upon the waters of my soul.

Showers from the heavens, water from the earth,  
gift so wholly given, source of every birth.  
Joy of every living thing, making all creation sing,  
Shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.

Rock and hill and garden, wood and desert sand;  
Prairie, field and meadow, shaped by Love's own hand.  
Love that fills the world around, springing up from barren ground,  
Grow your love within the garden of my soul.

Blazing light of wonder, flame that pierces night;  
Burst the dark asunder, fill our souls with light.  
Lord of glory, fill the skies, make an end to hatred's cries,  
Be the blazing Sun of justice in our lives.

Wind upon the waters, rains upon the sand,  
Grace your sons and daughters, newborn by your hand.  
Come, O Spirit and renew all the life that comes from you,  
Send your winds upon the waters of my soul.

## Prayer after Communion <sup>17</sup>

O God,  
through this meal you have strengthened us  
and appointed us to be your servants.  
Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

## Doxology <sup>18</sup>

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

The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing;  
our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,  
for all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received,  
and for the generations who faithfully believed.

The love of Jesus calls us, that we may always be  
companions on a journey, where all the world may see  
that serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy;  
where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy.

The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go,  
to challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow,  
to know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more;  
for those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.

The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days,  
to be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;  
that God with men and women may so transform the earth,  
that love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.  
Thanks be to God!

Postlude



# Save the Date

Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>



## High Tea

## **Your Daily Prayers are Requested:**

### ***For the Church:***

For Susan our bishop,  
and for all the people of the Diocese of Niagara;  
For the community of St. John the Evangelist, in Thorold;  
For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop,  
and for Shane, our Primate;  
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,  
and especially the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan;

### ***For those in our parish cycle of prayer:***

For Shayna & Michael, Adriana & Kenzie; for Maxine; for Chris;

### ***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 souls of Sherry Connor and Rita Cull;

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





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