



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

Sunday of Thanksgiving

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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.

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

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind ¹

Let us with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord forever kind:
for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

Who with all-commanding might
filled the new-made world with light:
for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

Who the golden-tressed sun
caused all day its course to run:
for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living God doth feed,
with full hand supplies their need:
for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord, forever kind:
for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

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,
whose word is engrained in all we eat and drink:
free us from the consumption that destroys the roots of life;
teach us to eat the living bread
in whom all hungers are satisfied
by the life that gives of itself and is never consumed;
through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Harvest.
Amen.

Choral Anthem

Unfolding the Scriptures

1st Reading ⁴

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.

You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.'

When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God:

'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.

When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.'

You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.'

Deuteronomy 26. 1 – 11

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

Psalm 100

Jubilate Deo ⁵

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come into the divine presence with a song.

**Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God;
the One made us and to whom we belong;**

we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving;

go into these courts with praise;
give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.

For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

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

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4. 4 – 9

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Thanks be to God.



Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord.



Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord!

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.** ♪

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' "

Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which[a] comes

down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir,[b] give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6. 25 – 35

The Gospel of Christ.

♪ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. ♪

Homily

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

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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We Plough the Fields and Scatter ¹⁰

**We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.**

Refrain: **All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.**

**He only is the maker of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him; by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread. *Refrain...***

**We thank thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest, our humble, thankful hearts. *Refrain...***

Prayer over the Gifts ¹¹

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 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.

All power is yours.

You created the heavens and established the earth;
you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.

He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit

you call us to new birth in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose and stewards of your creation
who give thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season,

we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:



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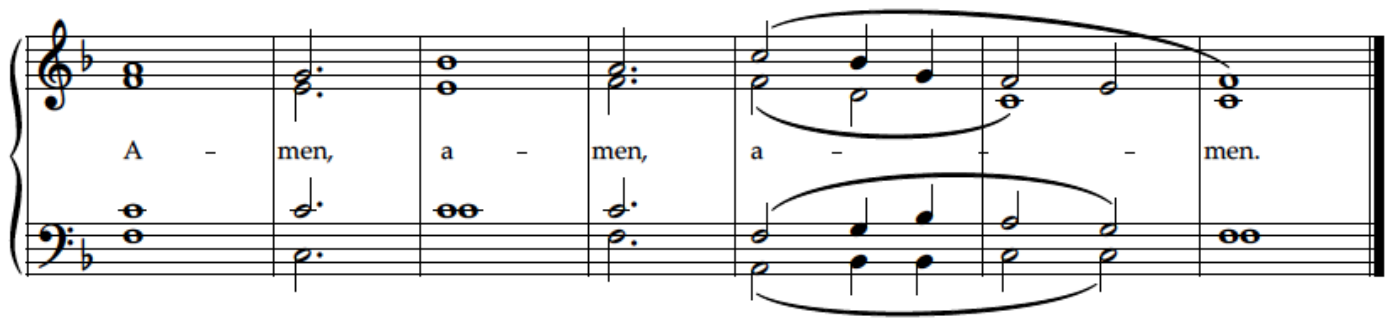
The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the last staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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.
He healed those who were sick,
cared for those who were living 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 he 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, he took the cup, he 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 he told us, we open our hearts to him;
**we remember how he died and rose again
to live now in us.**
Together with him we offer you these gifts:
in them we give you ourselves.

Send your Holy Spirit on us
and on this bread and 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.

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.

**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.**

**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

**"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst."
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in God!**

Communion ¹⁴

**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.

For the Fruit of All Creation ¹⁶

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
gifts bestowed on every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Prayer after Communion ¹⁷

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 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

Now Thank We All Our God ¹⁹

**Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and nourish us with grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God eternal now be given,
to Spirit and to Word, who reign in highest heaven:
our ever faithful God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God,
and in thanksgiving for our many blessings.*

*We also remember loved ones gone but not forgotten,
especially George, Jane, George,
Murray, and Rick Collinson,
and Harriet Thompson.*

Given with love, Larry & Jan

Your Attention, please:

The Nativity Marketplace is Nov. 8th!

We still need vendors!

Do you know someone interested in selling their creations?

Get them to talk to Laura about reserving a table!

... and it's time to start baking/preserving!

We're looking forward to having great quantities of fabulous baking to draw people in. Drop some off any time; we can keep it in our freezer until the day!

Community Lunch: October 17th at noon

High Tea: Monday, November 17th

**Advent Quiet Day
with Hamilton's Anglican parishes!**

**November 29th from 9:30 am to 12:30
at Christ's Church Cathedral**

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, in Ancaster;
For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop,
and for Shane, our Primate;
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,
and especially the Church of the Province of Uganda;

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:

For Richard, Pearl, & Kathleen; for Brad & Darlene; for Judy;

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 Valerie Lashley;

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



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