



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19th, 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

Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult ¹

Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me!"

As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store;
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Saviour, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

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 of the dispossessed,
you teach us to hunger for justice
even when the weak are shut out
and the powerful turn over in their beds:
in the heat of our anger and the bitterness of our complaints,
give us the courage to protest,
the persistence to pray and the heart to love;
through Jesus Christ, the true judge.

Amen.

Unfolding the Scriptures

1st Reading ⁴

A reading from the prophet of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and

break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

‘The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 31. 27 – 34

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Oh, how I love your law!
All the day long it is in my mind.
**Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies,
and it is always with me.**

I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my study.
**I am wiser than the elders,
because I observe your commandments.**

I restrain my feet from every evil way,
that I may keep your word.
**I do not shrink from your judgements,
because you yourself have taught me.**

How sweet are your words to my taste!
They are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
**Through your commandments I gain understanding;
therefore I hate every lying way.**

A reading from the second letter to Timothy.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.

For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

2 Timothy 3. 14 – 4. 5

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

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 Luke.

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

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Luke 18. 1 – 8

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Affirmation of Faith ⁸

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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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 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.

It is our privilege and our joy
to give you thanks and praise, Lord God,
because you created all things
in order to dwell in covenant love with your people.
When that covenant was broken,
you promised to make a new covenant
with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,
in which you would put your law within them

and write it on their hearts;
you would be their God, and they would be your people.
They would all know you,
from the least of them to the greatest;
for you would forgive their iniquity
and remember their sin no more.
In the body and blood of Jesus you made that new covenant,
and in his death and resurrection
we are bound to you and you to us for evermore.
And so we join with all the company of heaven
in the song of your everlasting 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.



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.

Abiding God,
you shape us through this holy meal to be your companions,
to befriend one another,
and to be reconciled with the whole earth.
Send your Spirit on your Church,
that your people may endure suffering,
and that, being encouraged,
they may proclaim your truth and learn to live in your good patience.
Sanctify these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may 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.

God of justice, your children call upon you
like a widow pleading her cause.
As you constantly knock on the door of our hearts,
inviting us to embrace your ways,
so we seek to wear you out
with our longing for you to grant justice
to your children who cry to you day and night.
Give hope to any who are close to losing heart.
Bring consolation to all who can hardly continue another day.
Uphold those who have nowhere to turn.
Hasten the day when every tear turns to joy and all sorrow to dancing,
when you are all in all,
one God, Trinity of peace and love.



A musical score for the phrase "Amen, amen, amen." in 8/8 time. The score is written for a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics "A - men, a - men, a - men." are written below the notes. The music features a simple, repetitive melody with a final cadence. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with eighth and sixteenth notes.

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

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.

Dear God, Compassionate and Kind ¹⁶

Dear God, compassionate and kind, forgive our foolish ways.
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise, in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee, rise up and follow thee!

O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love, interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace, the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

All your works praise you, O Lord.
And your faithful servants bless you.

Gracious God
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Your Hand, O God, Has Guided ¹⁸

**Your hand, O God, has guided your flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page.
Our forebears owned your goodness and we their deeds record,
and both of this bear witness: one church, one faith, one Lord.**

**Your heralds brought glad tidings to greatest as to least;
they bade them rise to hasten to share the royal feast;
and this was all their teaching, in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming one church, one faith, one Lord.**

**When shadows, thickly falling, engulfed the world in night,
you summoned forth your servants, your messengers of light.
On them and on your people your plenteous grace was poured,
and this was still their message: one church, one faith, one Lord.**

**And we, shall we be faithless, shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the struggle and cast away the crown?
Not so; in God's deep counsels some better gift is stored:
the covenant of promise—one church, one faith, one Lord.**

**Your mercy will not fail us, nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us, your people shall be one;
and then, by all creation, your name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem: one church, one faith, one Lord.**

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 loving memory of
John I. Smith and Dorrie Smith,
a gift from son Doug;
and in loving memory of
George McCoy and Helen McCoy,
a gift from daughter Barbara McCoy.*

For Your Consideration

The Nativity Marketplace is Nov. 8th!

Can you help us to get ready...

... by doing some baking?

Containers and sample recipes are on the table in the Narthex!

Interested in helping in another way?

Speak to Helen!

Don't forget to tell

EVERYONE YOU KNOW

about the Marketplace,
and get them to come check it out!

Save the Date

Monday, November 17th



High Tea

2026 Calendars:

2026
is the 120th year of the
Canadian Church Calendar!

This year's theme is "Arise, shine!"



Reserve a copy today by signing up in the narthex!

HARVEST THANK YOU

**Nativity gave 400 pounds of food
to St. Matthew's House Food Bank
through your generosity—thank you!**

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. Paul, in Caledonia;
For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop,
and for Shane, our Primate;
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,
and especially the Episcopal Church;

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:

For Elsie; for Beth; for Matthew;

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 Valrie Lashley;

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



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