



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

November 9th, 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

The Sentences

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

– Psalm 46. 1

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

– Psalm 121. 1 – 2

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.

– Lamentations 3. 21 – 23

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

– *Isaiah 40. 31*

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

– *Micah 6. 8*

The Gathering ¹

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith
for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may, together,
live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all
who in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow
those whose lives,
in world wars and conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

We will remember them.

Last Post

Two Minutes of Silence

Reveille

Prayers of Commemoration and for Peace

Ever-living God,
we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war
into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O God, it is your will
to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace.
Let the design of your great love
shine on the waste of our wrath and sorrow,
and give peace to your Church,
peace among nations, peace in our homes,
and peace in our hearts;
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will.

Merciful God,

we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love:
may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people,
and live lives of justice, courage and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer.

Amen.

God grant

to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to all people unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants, life eternal;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Source of all being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

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.

Living God, burning wild and unconfined,
you call us to a new being:
free us from the fear of death,
and take away the limits
which bind our imagination and choke our compassion,
so that we may feel your pleasure in all that brings us life;
through Jesus Christ, risen and ascended.

Amen.

Unfolding the Scriptures

1st Reading ⁴

A reading from the prophet Haggai.

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say,

Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory?
How does it look to you now?
Is it not in your sight as nothing?

Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt.

My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

Haggai 1. 15^b – 2. 9

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

I will exalt you, O God my sovereign,
and bless your name for ever and ever.

**Every day will I bless you
and praise your name for ever and ever.**

Great are you, O Lord, and greatly to be praised;
there is no end to your greatness.

**One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

I will ponder the glorious splendour of your majesty
and all your marvellous works.

**You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

You are near to those who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

**You fulfil the desire of those who fear you,
you hear their cry and help them.**

You preserve all those who love you,
but you destroy all the wicked.

**My mouth shall speak your praise, O Lord;
let all flesh bless your holy name for ever and ever.**

A reading from the second letter to the followers of Jesus in Thessaloniki.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

2 Thessalonians 2. 1 – 5, 13 – 17

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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 Luke.

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

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of

Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

Luke 20. 27 – 38

The Gospel of Christ.

♪ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. ♪

Homily

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

✠ Hear us, O God.

✠ **Your mercy is great.**

Confession & Absolution ⁹

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

Faithful God,
**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbours.
We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new 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 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 Song

Walls that Divide ¹⁰

**Though ancient walls may still stand proud
and racial strife be fact,
though boundaries may be lines of hate,
proclaim God's saving act!**

Refrain: **Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;
Christ is our liberty!**

**When vested power stands firm entrenched
and breaks another's back,
when waste and want live side by side,
it's Gospel that we lack. *Refrain...***

**The truth we seek in varied scheme,
the life that we pursue,
unites us in a common quest
of self and world made new. *Refrain...***

The church divided seeks that grace,
that newness we proclaim,
a unity of serving love
that lives praise to God's name. *Refrain...*

This broken world seeks lasting health
and vital unity —
God's people in the Christ made new
cast off all slavery! *Refrain...*

Prayer over the Gifts ¹¹

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Saviour,
now and forever.
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.

God of time and eternity,

the living and the dead,

we thank and praise you

because in you the future is always bigger than the past,

the splendour of your coming glory always greater than the former.

You made a promise with your people when you led them out of Egypt;

you held fast to that trust through waywardness and exile,

and in Jesus

you fulfilled and embodied that covenant in flesh and blood.

In him you love us,

and through grace you give us eternal comfort and constant hope.

And so we gladly thank you,

with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,

praising you in everlasting joy.



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.

God of wisdom and grace,
 you chose us as the firstfruits of salvation through sanctification.
 Through the power of your Holy Spirit,
 make us a people who walk with your Son
 on the way of the cross and share with him in the glory of resurrection.

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.

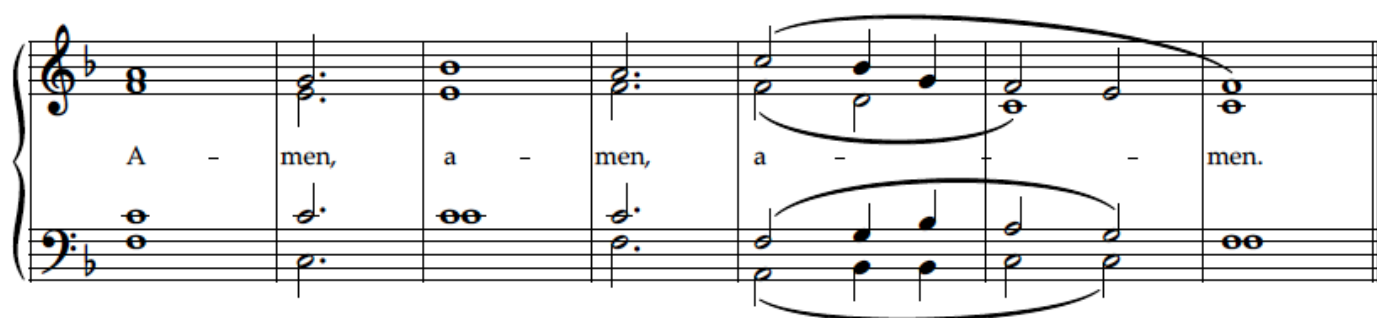
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
you have given us marriage as an earthly sign
of your heavenly will to be inseparable from us forever.

Bless any who find their marriage
a source of grief instead of joy,
sadness rather than comfort,
or pain instead of hope.

Be close to all who find themselves alone
without the life-partner they feel called to meet
or without the one they fondly remember.

Heal those for whom home is or has been a place of fear or distress.

Make your church a community
that fosters children of the resurrection,
strengthened in every work and word;
until the heavens and earth are shaken,
the nations are drawn to you,
and you fill all creation with the splendour of your majesty,
God the one in three,
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 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

There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.
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.

My Life Flows On In Endless Song ¹⁶

My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real, though far off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm,
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing;
it sounds and echoes in my soul;
how can I keep from singing? *Refrain...*

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,
and hear their death knells ringing;
when friends rejoice both far and near,
how can I keep from singing? *Refrain...*

What though the tempest 'round me roar,
I hear the truth it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close,
songs in the night it giveth *Refrain...*

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am his;
how can I keep from singing? *Refrain...*

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

O God of every nation,
of every race and land,
redeem your whole creation
with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us
and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us
and heal our strife-torn world.

From search for wealth and power
and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower
destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station
and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation,
eternal God, we pray.

Lord, strengthen all who labour
that all may find release
from fear of rattling sabre,
from dread of war's increase;
when hope and courage falter,
Lord, let your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter,
your servants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division

give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious
when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious
o'er all the world's domain.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God,
and in loving memory of
the soldiers who fought bravely for their country
and the families who miss their loved ones.*

A Word or Two...

The Nativity Marketplace was yesterday...

Thank you!

Thank you for baking, for helping to set up, for cleaning up, for selling books and pies, for inviting friends, neighbours, acquaintances and strangers.

Thank you.

(Did you miss out on the raffle table yesterday?

Last chance at coffee hour...)

High Tea

Monday, November 17th, from 1 pm to 3 pm



only \$5!

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!

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. James in Dundas;
For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop,
and for Shane, our Primate;
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,
and especially the Church in the Province of the West Indies;

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:

For Diane; for Brad & Julie Ann, Evan & Jamie; for Carol;

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:

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



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