



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16th, 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

Opening Hymn

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Stand Up and Bless the Lord ¹

**Stand up and bless the Lord, you people of God's choice;
stand up and bless the Lord of hosts with heart and soul and voice.**

**Though high above all praise, above all blessing high,
who would not fear God's holy name, and laud and magnify!**

**O for the living flame from God's own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire, and wing to heaven our thought!**

**God is our strength and song, who makes salvation ours;
then be God's love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.**

**Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless the glorious name henceforth for evermore.**

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, who is faithful when all the foundations crumble:
in the time of crisis,
as holy places fall and nations stumble,
give us the conviction to bear witness to love, whatever the cost;
through Jesus Christ,
the Word and Wisdom of God.

Amen.

Unfolding the Scriptures

1st Reading ⁴

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labour in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—
and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the LORD.

Isaiah 65. 17 – 25

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence,
and he will be my Saviour.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.

**And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;**

make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his name is exalted.

**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
**for the great one in the midst of you
is the Holy One of Israel.**

A reading from the second letter to the believers in Thessalonica.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat.

For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

2nd Thessalonians 3. 6 – 13

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.** ♪

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately."

Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Luke 21. 5 – 19

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

℣ Hear us, O God.

℟ Your mercy is great.

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you!
And also with you.

Feasting at the Table

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Offertory Song

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God ¹⁰

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and God's righteousness
and all these things shall be added unto you.**

Alleluia, alleluia.

**We do not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.**

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.**

Alleluia, alleluia.

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.

We lift our hearts to you in praise and thanksgiving, faithful God,
because in your generosity you created all things in overflowing plenty,
in love you called the children of Abraham to be your companions,
in covenant goodness you sent prophets to restore their life,
and in grace you sent your Son
to redeem the past and embody our future in you.

In his crucifixion we see the worst that we can do,
yet in his resurrection we behold your will and your power
to make sin and death the threshold of everlasting life in you.
And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels,
singing the praise of your glory.



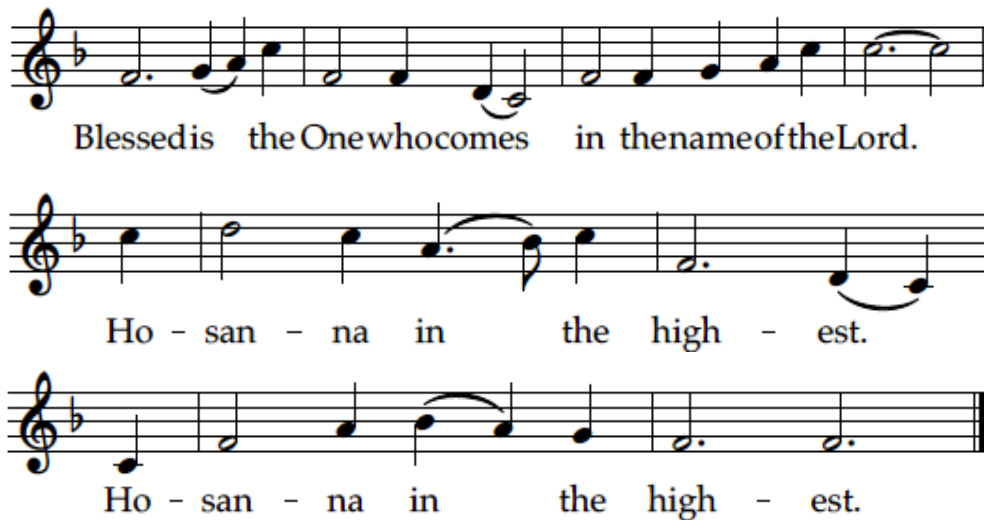
Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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 destiny and coming joy,
you have prepared for those who love you
such things as pass our understanding.
As wheat and grapes reach their fulfillment in bread and wine,
so we your children await the day
when you will turn us from faltering followers into faithful friends.
Bless your church in the power of your Spirit
that it may be ready to meet you in glory.
Send your Holy Spirit on this bread and this cup
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 hope, in you the future is always bigger than the past.

Visit your children

when the sound of their weeping is heard in your cities;

comfort your people when an infant lives but a few days;

transfigure the lives of any who labour in vain,

or bear children for calamity.

Strengthen those who build houses and plant vineyards,

and inspire all who strive to restore communities

after conflict or disaster.

Give endurance to those who are hated and betrayed,

until the time when you create new heavens and a new earth,

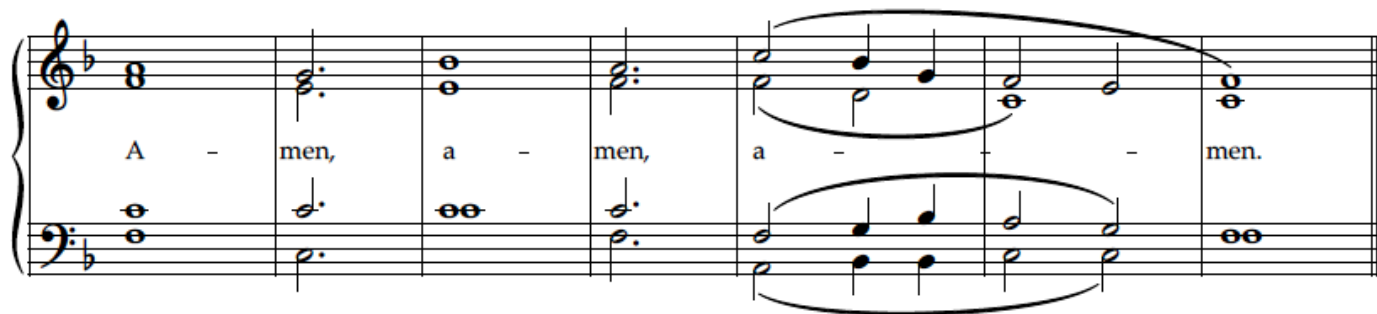
and the former things shall pass away,

and you make Jerusalem a joy, and its people a delight,

and your whole creation is once again a blessing,

one God, Father, Son, and Holy 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

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.

I come with joy a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

The spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound,
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy to give the world
the love that makes us one.

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah ¹⁸

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.**

**Open thou the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow,
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.**

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 my mother, Dorothy Oliver.
Always in my heart, Sue Pleli.*

Announcing:

The High Tea is Tomorrow!

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



only \$5!

Call the office now to get your ticket!

Community Lunch: November 21st at noon

Advent Quiet Morning:

Saturday, November 29 from 9:30am to 12:30

At Christ's Church Cathedral

A look at the stories of Zechariah & Elizabeth, John the Baptist, Joseph, and Mary.

A time of exploration in music, images, scripture, reflection, and response.

How can we live in expectation and hope for the Christ Child in our midst

Pastor's Pies

Meat Pies! Get your meat pies!

Large: \$ 7

Small: \$ 4

Speak with Sue at 8:30 or a warden at 10:00
to get your pies!

Or call Laura in the office to have her set some aside for 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 Christ Church in Flamborough;
For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop,
and for Shane, our Primate;
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,
and especially the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria;

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:

For Adele; for Anne; for Jan & Larry;

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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