



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

The Last Sunday after Pentecost:
The Reign of Christ

November 23rd, 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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*O Worship the King*¹

Verses 1, 2, 3, & 6

**O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,**

and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

**The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.**

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 of unbroken weakness,
you laugh at our love of power:
may we find kingship
in the love that is killed for speaking its name
without even the shadow of force;
through Jesus Christ, King of Fools.
Amen.

Unfolding the Scriptures

1st Reading ⁴

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord.

Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them.

So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Jeremiah 23. 1 – 6

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

at 8:30:

Blessed are you O Lord our God: •
you have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, •
born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets you promised of old •
that you would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.
You promised to show mercy to our forbears •
and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: •
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship you without fear, •
holy and righteous in your sight, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High: •
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
to give God's people knowledge of salvation •
through the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God, •
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, •
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

at 10:00:



1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us
 2. With promised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re -
 3. My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the



free and rais - es up new hope for us; a Branch from Da - vid's
 - call, the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us
 way, to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal



tree. So have the proph - ets long de - clared that
 all; that we might wor - ship with - out fear and
 sway. Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine



with a might - y arm God would turn back our en - e - mies and
 of - fer lives of praise, in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to
 forth and nev - er cease to drive a - way the gloom of death and



al who wish us harm.
 serve God all our days.
 lead us in - to peace.

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

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1. 11 – 20

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 they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been

condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Luke 23. 33 – 43

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

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

Lord of the Dance ¹¹

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth
at Bethlehem I had my birth.**

Refrain: **Dance then wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he;
I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
I will lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on. *Refrain...***

**I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and they left me there on a cross to die. *Refrain...***

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black -
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone -
but I am the dance and I still go on. *Refrain...***

**They cut me down and I leap up high:
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the Dance said he. *Refrain...***

Prayer over the Gifts ¹²

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.

Blessed are you, Lord God,

for you have looked favourably on your people and redeemed them.

You raised up a mighty saviour for us

in the house of your servant David,

as you spoke through the mouth of your holy prophets from of old.

You have shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,

and have remembered your holy covenant,

the oath that you swore to our ancestor Abraham,

to grant that we, being rescued by the hands of our enemies,

might serve you without fear,

in holiness and righteousness before you all our days,

and finally come to dwell with you,

with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,

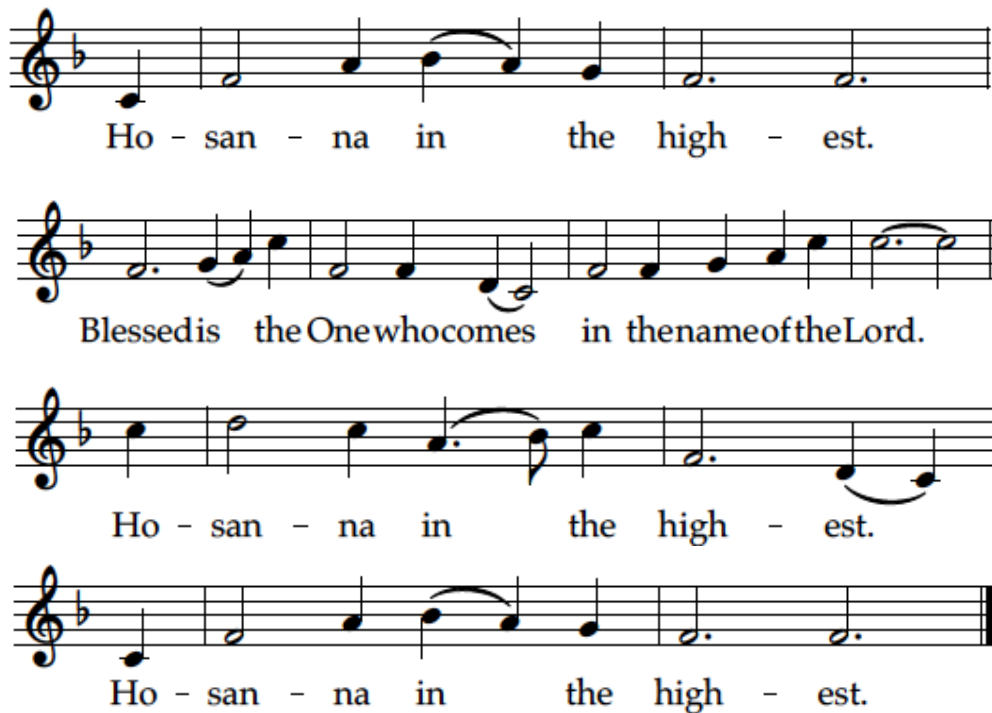
singing the hymn of your unending praise.



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



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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 most high, you sent Jesus as a prophet and a promise;
for he went before you to prepare your ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to your people
by the forgiveness of their sins.

You show us the cost and glory of your salvation
in the breaking of bread and the pouring of wine,
shared with all.

Send down your Holy Spirit,
that your people may be sanctified by your grace,
and these gifts of bread and wine may be for us
the body and blood of your Son 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.

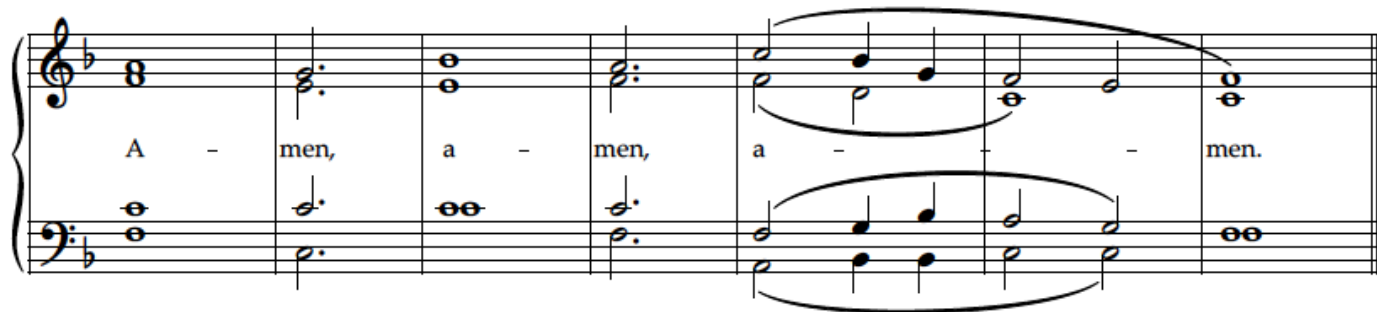
Christ will come again.

By your tender mercy, Lord God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Inscribe in us that tender mercy,
that we may be a people of tenderness and mercy.

Clothe us and all creation in the kingship of Christ,
that we may all know your power in weakness,
your rule through grace, and your triumph through sacrifice,
until all bow before your throne and worship in your glory,
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 ¹⁴

"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 ¹⁵

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.

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour ¹⁷

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, Jesus, true and living bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia, thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall forevermore remain,
alleluia, cleansing us from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,
alleluia, risen, ascended, glorified!

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

King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You ¹⁹

King of love, O Christ, we crown you
Lord of thought and Lord of will,
each demand of your high challenge
dedicated to fulfil;
we with you by grace co-workers,
till, where human foot has trod,
peoples, kings, dominions, races,
own the empire of our God.

King of life, you have created
wheat in golden harvest spread:
make your servants strong to serve you
by the gift of daily bread.
Feed us with your body broken,
with your blood outpoured sustain,
that our souls divinely strengthened
may the life eternal gain.

King of mercy, you have saved us
from the haunting sense of loss,
nailing in your vast compassion
sin's indictment to the cross.
Those who love, by your sore anguish,
from the past you cleanse and free,
breathing words of absolution
throned and reigning from the tree.

**King triumphant, King victorious,
take your throne our hearts within,
lest the might of fierce temptation
snare us into deadly sin.**

**By the Spirit's rich anointing,
grant us strength life's race to run,
till the power of sin be vanquished,
till the prize of God be won.**

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Announcing:

Advent Quiet Morning:

Saturday, November 29 from 9:30am to 12:30 **next Saturday!!**
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?

Newsletter! Get your newsletter!
NEWS!
Read All About It!

Pick up your Advent newsletter today in the Narthex!

If you're able, save the church a stamp
and take a newsletter to a neighbour!

Visitation in honour of David Piper

As there will not be a newspaper announcement, Jeanette has asked the church to share that the family will be holding visitation at PX Dermody on Monday, November 24th from 2 – 4 pm, and from 6 – 8 pm.

The service will be held at the Church of the Nativity on Tuesday, November 25th, at 11 am.

Christmas Luncheon & Carol Sing-along

The Nativity Ladies are having their annual Christmas luncheon on **Monday, December 16th** at 12 noon.

There will be a brief service at 11:30 am for those interested.

The cost is \$20 for a catered lunch followed by a festive sing-along with Peter! Be sure to let Blanche or the office know if you will be attending by December 12th. As part of their outreach efforts, toys for children or gifts for teenagers will be accepted and donated.

Pastor's (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 St. Paul in Mount Hope;
For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop,
and for Shane, our Primate;
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,
and especially the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand,
and Polynesia;

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:

For Linda & Ray; for John & Patty; for Marc & Lyn;

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 David Piper;

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



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