



**Church of the Nativity, Hamilton**

**Holy Eucharist**

**The Epiphany of Our Lord**

January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026



**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                      # 103    *On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry* <sup>1</sup>

**On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.**

**Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within.  
Prepare we in our hearts a home,  
where such a mighty guest may come.**

For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent doth thy people free;  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Welcome <sup>2</sup>

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.**

There is one body and one Spirit,  
**There is one hope in God's call to us;**

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
**one God and Father of all.**

Let us pray.

God of freedom,  
your beloved meets us where we are,  
immersed in the flow of life;  
by his humility and solidarity  
raise us from fear and guilt;  
may the arc of the Spirit's flight make us a people of peace;  
through Jesus Christ, the Son of Righteousness.  
**Amen.**

## Unfolding the Scriptures

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading <sup>4</sup>

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry out or lift up his voice  
or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth,

and the coastlands wait for his teaching.  
Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

*Isaiah 42. 1 – 9*

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due the divine name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon,  
**and makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
**the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.

**And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"**

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign for evermore.

**The Lord shall give strength to this people;  
the Lord shall give this people the blessing of peace.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

*Acts 10. 34 – 43*

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**



The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

*Matthew 3. 13 – 17*

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily



Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
our rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Water is poured into the font.*

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word, you claim us as children,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.  
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honour and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Dear friends,

through the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus,  
we have been buried with Christ in baptism,  
so that we may rise with him to new life.

Let us renew the promises we made in baptism,  
when we rejected Satan and all his works,  
and promised to serve God faithfully in God's holy catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil  
and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**With God's help, I will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin,  
repent and return to the Lord?

**With God's help, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**With God's help, I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,  
loving your neighbour as yourself?

**With God's help, I will.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,  
and respect the dignity of every human being?

**With God's help, I will.**

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation,  
and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

**With God's help, I will.**

God the creator, the rock of our salvation,  
has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit,  
and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins,  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

May God keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*As we sing the hymn, the presider will move through the church and share the water to remind us of our baptism into Christ.*

1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
 2. Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
 3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be  
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called to be  
 great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll

light for the king - dom, to live in the free - dom of the  
 hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and blind - ness will  
 walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and bro - thers u -

cit - y of God.  
 be no more.  
 - nit - ted in love.

*Refrain*

We are called to act with justice, we are called to

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

-oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

## The Prayers of the People

✠ Merciful God,  
✠ receive our prayer.

## The Peace

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

## Feasting at the Table

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Offertory Hymn

# 627 *The Voice of God Goes Out* <sup>10</sup>

**The voice of God goes out to all the world,  
and glory speaks across the universe.  
The great King's herald cries from star to star:  
with power, with justice, Christ will walk his way.**

**The Lord has said: "Receive my messenger,  
my promise to the world, my pledge made flesh,  
a lamp to every nation, light from Light":  
with power, with justice, Christ will walk his way.**

**The broken reed he will not trample down,  
nor set his heel upon the dying flame,  
He binds the wounds, and health is in his hand:  
with power, with justice, Christ will walk his way.**

Anointed with the Spirit and with power,  
he comes to crown with comfort all the weak,  
to show the face of justice to the poor:  
with power, with justice, Christ will walk his way.

His touch will bless the eyes that darkness held;  
the lame shall run, the halting tongue shall sing,  
And prisoners laugh in light and liberty:  
with power, with justice, Christ will walk his way.

#### Prayer over the Gifts <sup>11</sup>

God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### The Great Thanksgiving <sup>12</sup>

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son,  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff ends with a double bar line. The third staff ends with a double bar line. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
You have filled all creation with light and life;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:  
the promise to Israel,  
the rescue from Egypt,  
the gift of the promised land,  
the words of the prophets;  
and, at this end of all the ages,  
the gift of your Son,  
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed  
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,  
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**



Therefore, O God,  
with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,  
we await his coming in power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen.**

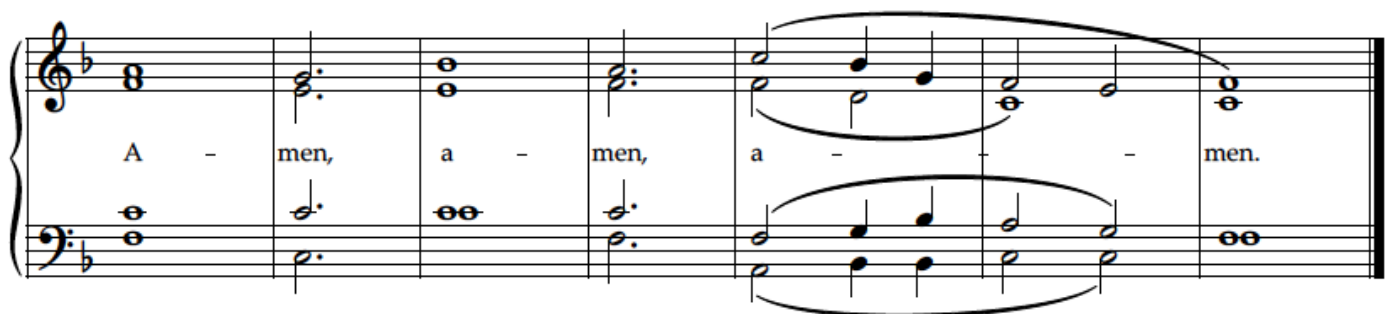
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share in Christ's body and blood  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers  
with those of your servants of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
almighty Father, now and forever.



**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 <sup>13</sup>

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**We, being many, are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

## Communion <sup>14</sup>

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

**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.

**We lay our broken world in sorrow at your feet,  
haunted by hunger, war and fear, oppressed by power and hate,  
where human life seems less than profit, might and pride,  
though to unite us all in you, you lived and loved and died.**

**We bring our broken hopes for lives of dignity;  
workless and over-worked you love, and call us to be free.**

**We bring our broken loves, friends parted, families torn;  
then in your life and death we see that love must be reborn.**

**We bring our broken selves, confused and closed and tired;  
then through your gift of healing grace new purpose is inspired.**

**Come fill us, Fire of God, our life and strength renew;  
find in us love and hope and trust, and lift us up to you.**

**Let there be light, let there be understanding,  
let all the nations gather, let them be face to face;**

**open our lips, open our minds to ponder,  
open the door of concord opening into grace;**

**perish the sword, perish the angry judgment,  
perish the bombs and hunger, perish the fight for gain;**

**hallow our love, hallow the deaths of martyrs,  
hallow their holy freedom, hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come, thy spirit turn to language,  
thy people speak together, thy spirit never fade;**

**let there be light, open our hearts to wonder,  
perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.**

## Prayers after Communion <sup>18</sup>

Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Doxology <sup>19</sup>

Glory to God,  
**whose power, working in us,**  
**can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**  
**Glory to God from generation to generation,**  
**in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.**  
**Amen.**

## Announcements

## Blessing

**Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.**

**He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.  
Before him on the mountains shall peace the herald go,  
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.**

**Kings shall fall down before him, and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing.  
To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend,  
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.**

**O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,  
from age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove.  
His name shall stand for ever: that name to us is Love.**

Dismissal

**Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

## **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 the Burlington Anglican-Lutheran Church.

For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop,

and for Shane, our Primate.

For the worldwide Anglican Communion,

and especially the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

### ***For those in our parish cycle of prayer:***

For James; for Ted; for Peter & Michelle.

### ***For the needs of the world:***

### ***For peace:***

For the people of Venezuela, joining with the World Council of Churches in praying for an immediate cessation of attacks and for renewed respect for the principles of international law and state sovereignty.

### ***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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