



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 18th, 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

508 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* ¹

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
So weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.**

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.

Opening Acclamation

Perfect Light of revelation,
as you shone in the life of Jesus,
so shine in us and through us,
that we may become beacons of truth and compassion,
enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy.

The Collect of the Day ³

Let us pray.

You, who teach us a new song and train our feet to follow:
meet us in our searching
and turn our eyes and hearts
to the one who gives his life for the world;
through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.
Amen.

Unfolding the Scriptures

1st Reading ⁴

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God.'

And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
he says,
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
'Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

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

Psalm 40. 1 – 11

Expectans, expectavi ⁵

I waited patiently upon the Lord
who stooped to me and heard my cry.
**God lifted me out of the desolate pit,
out of the mire and clay,
and set my feet on a high cliff and made my footing sure.**

God put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God;
**many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the Lord.**

Happy are they who trust in the Lord!
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
**Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us!**

There is none who can be compared with you.
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them,
but they are more than I can count.
**In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure
(you have given me ears to hear you);
burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

And so I said, “Behold, I come.
In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:

**'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep within my heart.'"**

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.

**Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;**

I have not concealed your love and faithfulness
from the great congregation.

**You are the Lord;
do not withhold your compassion from me;
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.**

2nd Reading ⁶

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the followers of Jesus in Corinth.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — so that you are

not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1. 1 – 19

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel ⁷



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

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

The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because

he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

John 1. 29 – 42

The Gospel of Christ.

♪ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. ♪

Homily

The Prayers of the People

✠ Merciful God,
✠ **receive our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution ⁸

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy:
welcoming sinners and inviting them to this table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. 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

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Offertory Hymn

352 *Amazing Grace*⁹

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found:
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Prayer over the Gifts ¹⁰

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 ¹¹

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, Holy One on high,
for you have made all things in your sacred womb,
and you have named and called forth all things
according to your eternal purpose.

Praise upon praise is yours,
 for you created such goodness,
 and it was too light a thing that you should stop there,
 so you shaped your life making a covenant with your people.
 When that covenant foundered,
 it was too light a thing for you to raise up only the tribes of Jacob
 and restore only the survivors of your chosen people,
 and so you gave your Son to be a light to all nations.
 As your Son lived our life and died our death,
 you showed it was too light a thing
 that your glory should be kept in heaven,
 and so in Jesus' resurrection and ascension
 you made your glory known to the ends of the earth.
 And so with angels and archangels
 and the resounding company of saints
 we join in the 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.

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.

Summoning God,
you beckoned the first disciples
to come and see your anointed Son,
and through him you anointed each new follower
with purpose and power.

Bless us as we come to be with you at this feast today.

Send your Holy Spirit
and anoint us to be the body of our living Lord,
beckoning others to come and see the wonders of your love.

Send down your Spirit
upon this breaking bread and this sharing cup,
that they 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.

Inviting God, who calls all creation to one perfect end,

give your people grace to receive the invitation

you offer each of us this very day.

When you ask us to take holy risks, deepen our faith.

When you call us to be faithful in small things,

give us perseverance.

When you invite us to do beautiful things in the life of your reign,

inspire our imagination.

When you call us to forgiveness, lead us by the way of the cross,

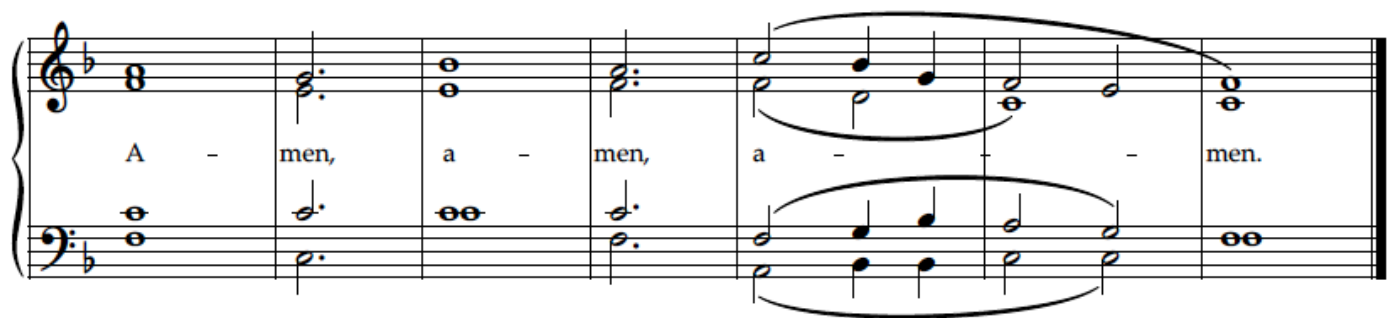
until you bring every good work you have begun to its completion

and you gather heaven and earth into a kingdom that shall have no end;

where you reign for evermore

as 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 ¹²

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 ¹³

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.

Communion Hymn



1. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin
2. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin
3. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin



of all the world a - way;
of all the world a - way;
of all the world a - way;



you suf - fered death our lives to save:
you set us free from guilt and grave:
e - ter - nal peace with God you made



have mer - cy now, we pray.
have mer - cy now, we pray.
give us your peace, we pray.

God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of your face;
shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
fill your world with light divine;
and your saving health extend
unto the earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise you, Lord;
be by all that live adored;
let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour King;
at your feet their tribute pay,
and your holy will obey.

Let the people praise you, Lord;
earth shall then its fruits afford.
God to us all blessings give,
we to God devoted live:
all below and all above
one in joy and light and love.

Prayers after Communion ¹⁶

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 ¹⁷

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

To the Name of our salvation
laud and honour let us pay,
which for many a generation
hid in God's foreknowledge lay;
but with holy exultation
we may sing aloud today.

Jesus is the name we treasure,
name beyond what words can tell;
name of gladness, name of pleasure,
ear and heart delighting well;
name of sweetness passing measure,
saving us from sin and hell.

'Tis the name that whoso preaches
speaks like music to the ear;
who in prayer this name beseeches
finds its comfort ever near;
who its perfect wisdom reaches,
heavenly joy possesses here.

Jesus is the name exalted
over every other name;
in this name, whene'er assaulted,
we can put our foes to shame:
strength to them who else had halted,
eyes to blind and feet to lame.

Therefore we in love adoring,
this most blessed name revere,
holy Jesus, thee imploring

**so to write it in us here
that, hereafter heavenward soaring,
we may sing with angels there.**

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 St. John in Burlington.
For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop,
and for Shane, our Primate.
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,
and especially the Province de l'Eglise Anglicane du Congo.

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:

For Saj; for Pat; for Anne.

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:

For the repose of the soul of Audrey Laxton.

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



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