



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 15th, 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

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*We Have Come At Christ's Own Bidding*¹

**We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.**

**Light breaks in upon our darkness;
splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word;
Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the law and prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.**

**Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.**

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.

God of Israel,
giver of love's law,
in whom there is no blandness,
no dullness of oppression:
liberate us from all that numbs compassion,
so that we may find in your commands
light undimmed and flavour undiminished;
through Jesus Christ, fulfiller of the law.
Amen.

Unfolding the Scriptures

1st Reading ⁴

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Exodus 24. 12 – 18

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord reigns; let the people tremble;
the Lord is enthroned upon the Cherubim;
let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.

Let them confess your name, which is great and awesome;
you are the Holy One.

**“O mighty Sovereign, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before the footstool of God;
the Lord is the Holy One.

**Moses and Aaron among your priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon your name,**

they called upon you, O Lord, and you answered them.
You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

**“O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.”**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship upon the holy hill of God;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

2 Peter 1. 16 - 21

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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.** ♪

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’

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

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

Feasting at the Table

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Offertory Hymn

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*Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining*⁹

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.**

Refrain:

**Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness;
search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
shine on me, shine on me.**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness;
ever-changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story,
shine on me, shine on me.**

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.

Creating and liberating God,

you called your people into covenant with you,

and sealed your trust with Moses on the mountain;

you called your people back to that covenant through your prophets

and spoke in a still small voice to Elijah on a mountain.

Then, in your Son Jesus,

on a mountain you stood between the Law and the Prophets

and revealed the radiance of your gospel.

On Calvary's hill your Son redeemed us

by the blood of your new covenant,

and on the mountain in Galilee

he ascended to your right hand on high.

Dazzling God, you set up your tent and make your dwelling among us.
Abide with us now through the power of your Holy Spirit,
that your people may become a temple of your presence,
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.

Transfiguring God, it is good for us to be here.
Through this holy sacrament make us your sons and daughters,
and be close to all children who have no one
to share your love and mercy with them.
Make us your beloved,
and visit us with all who have no one to call them beloved.
Give us grace to listen to your voice,
and bring to your heart any who have no one to listen to them.

Surround us with your prophetic company
and take us up in the whirlwind of your glory,
until the day comes when the waters of the Jordan are parted
and the heavens are opened and the chariots bring us home to you,
ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

A musical score for piano and voice. The piano part is in the left hand, and the voice part is in the right hand. The score is in 8/8 time and has a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are "A - men, a - men, a - men." The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The voice part has a melodic line with a long note in the final measure.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.

We Hail Thee Now, O Jesus ¹⁵

**We hail thee now, O Jesus: thy presence here we own,
though sight and touch have failed us, and faith perceives alone.
Thy love has veiled thy glory and hid thy power divine,
in mercy to our weakness, beneath an earthly sign.**

**We hail thee now, O Jesus: in silence hast thou come,
for all the hosts of heaven with wonderment are dumb –
so great the condescension, so marvellous the love,
which for our sakes, O Saviour, have drawn thee from above.**

**We hail thee now, O Jesus: for law and type have ceased,
and thou in each communion art sacrifice and priest.
We make this great memorial in union, Lord, with thee,
and plead thy death and passion to cleanse and set us free.**

**We hail thee now, O Jesus: for death is ever near,
and in thy presence only its terrors disappear.
Dwell with us, sweetest Saviour, and guide us through the night,
till shadows end in glory, and faith be lost in sight.**

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

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*¹⁸

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, the heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, life divine,
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, you martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain you trod,
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all.

Let every tongue and every tribe, delivered from the fall,
to Christ all majesty ascribe,
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all.

O that, with heaven's sacred throng, we at his feet may fall,
lift high the universal song,
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Announcements

Pancake Feast

Shrove Tuesday

February 17th

On February 17th, enjoy Pancakes! Why pancakes?

Well, the Lenten fast begins on Ash Wednesday. Pancakes the day before were a way of using up fats that weren't supposed to be enjoyed during the fast. For the same reason, other places developed *Mardi Gras* (Fat Tuesday) and its celebratory meal. Maybe you think of *Carnival* in Rio: it comes from the Latin *carnelevamen* which means "the putting away of flesh."

So, come enjoy pancakes!

Lunch is from 12 noon to one o'clock; Supper is from 5 to 6.

Tickets are \$10 for adults.

Ash Wednesday

February 18th

Make a great start to Lent, and participate in one of the services on Ash Wednesday as we celebrate the Eucharist and receive the imposition of ashes.

Services at 10 am and 7pm!

Vestry & Farewell Celebration

February 22nd

On February 22nd, we will have only one service at 9:30. Following the service, we'll conduct our annual meeting of Vestry. Then we will have a farewell celebration and reception for Matthew, including lunch. Tickets are \$25 per person (children under 12 are free), and are available from the office or one of the wardens and must be purchased *BEFORE* this Tuesday!

Lent Series

(mostly) Wednesdays in Lent!

The downtown Anglican parishes are putting on a joint Lenten Series! This year the theme is "Maturing into the Fullness of Christ."

(Saturday) Feb 21st from 1 – 3 @ St. John the Evangelist:

Exploring the Jewish-Christian Relationship Today

Wednesday Mar 4th from 7 – 8:30 @ the Nativity

Learning to Lament: Prayer Workshop

Wednesday Mar 11th from 7 – 8:30 @ St. Luke's Mission

Evening Prayer with the Community of Common Prayer

Wednesday Mar 18th from 7 – 8:30 @ St. Paul's, Westdale

Discipleship Lessons from Paul:

"Super Apostle" and "Worst of Sinners"

Wednesday Mar 25th from 7 – 8:30 @ the Cathedral

An Introduction to "Being With"

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. Alban the Martyr, in Glen Williams.

For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop,

and for Shane, our Primate.

For the worldwide Anglican Communion,

and especially the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:

For Alexandra; for Pam; for Doug.

For the needs of the world:

For peace:

Remembering especially the people of Cuba during the fuel blockade.

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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