



# Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

## Holy Eucharist

The Sunday of the Passion  
with the Liturgy of the Palms

March 29<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.

*Streaming:* Our principal services are streamed to YouTube. We try to minimize individuals' appearances on camera. The beginning of the streaming is marked with an announcement, and then the service will continue as follows.

Prelude

*Music is offered in the church to provide a time for quiet prayer and preparation.*

*The congregation is encouraged to gather, milling about in the chapel — where there are seats — and in the narthex (lobby), and along the front walk. Pick up some palm fronds to wave! If you'd prefer not to be part of the procession, you are welcome to collect a frond and find a seat in the nave of the church.*

Territorial Acknowledgment

Welcome <sup>1</sup>

Hosanna to the Son of David!  
**Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the source of all being and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**Amen.**

Dear Friends in Christ,  
during Lent we have been preparing  
for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery.  
On this day our Lord Jesus Christ  
entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph.  
The people welcomed with palms and shouts of praise,  
but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death.  
Today we greet him as our king,  
although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross.  
We follow him this week from the glory of the palms  
to the glory of the resurrection  
by way of the dark road of suffering and death.  
United with him in his suffering on the cross,  
may we share his resurrection and new life.

Psalm 118

*Confitemini Domino*

I will give thanks to the Lord  
who answered me and has become my salvation.  
**The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! Lord, send us now success.  
**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.**

God is the Lord and has shined upon us;  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.  
**Give thanks to the Lord who is good;  
the mercy of the Lord endures for ever.**

Let us pray.

*All raise their palms in the air.*

Holy and immortal God,  
as we enter into this holy week,  
turn our hearts to Jerusalem,  
so that, united with Christ and all the faithful,  
we may enter the city not made with hands,  
your promised realm of justice and peace.  
Let these branches be for us signs of Christ's victory,  
and grant that we who bear them in his name  
may ever hail him as our king,  
following him in the way that leads to eternal life.

**Amen.**

*All are invited to join in the procession following the clergy and server.*

Let us go forth in peace.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Processional Hymn

# 181 *All Glory, Laud, and Honour* <sup>2</sup>

*Refrain:* **All glory, laud, and honour to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the king and blessed One.**

*Refrain*

**The company of angels are praising thee on high,  
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.**

*Refrain*

**The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.**

*Refrain*

**To thee, before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee now high exalted our melody we raise.**

*Refrain*

**Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!**

*Refrain*

### The Collect of the Day <sup>3</sup>

Let us pray.

Lord your love is broken open among cheering crowds and traitor's coins,  
deserting friends and hands washed clean,  
the mockery of power and the baying mob.

As we follow your way of passion,  
give us the faith to bring our weak and divided hearts  
to the foot of the cross and the door of the guarded tomb  
that they might be opened, astonished, and healed;  
through Jesus Christ, who carries the weight of the world.

**Amen.**

# Unfolding the Scriptures

Affirmation of Faith

*Philippians 2. 5 – 11*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited, but emptied himself,  
**taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.**

**And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits—**

who forgives all your iniquity,  
and heals all your diseases,

**who redeems your life from the grave,  
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**O Lord you provide vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

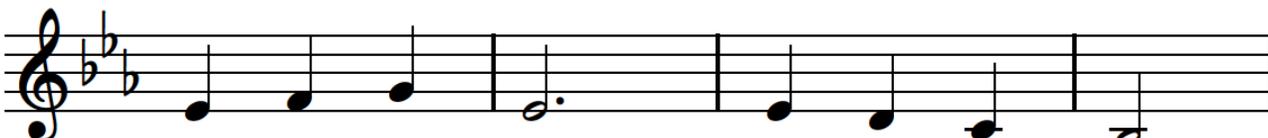
You made known your ways to Moses,  
and your works to the children of Israel.

**Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

The Gospel <sup>4</sup>



Your words are spir - it and life, O Lord;



rich - er than gold, strong - er than death.



Your words are spir - it and life, O Lord:



life ev - er - last - ing.

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.** ♪

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ”

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

“Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

*Luke 19. 28 – 40*

The Gospel of Christ.

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

The Prayers of the People

✠ God, in your mercy,  
✠ receive our prayer.

The Peace

Having offered our thanks and praise,  
let us share in God's peace as we gather.

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

# Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

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Offertory Hymn

# 184 *My Song Is Love Unknown*<sup>5</sup>

**My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I, that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?**

**He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;  
but all made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know:  
but O my friend, my friend indeed,  
who at my need his life did spend.**

**Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing,  
resounding all the day hosannas to their King;  
then "Crucify!" is all their breath,  
and for his death they thirst and cry.**

**Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these  
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.**

**They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save, the Prince of life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,  
that he his foes from thence might free.**

**Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine,  
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend!**

### Offering Prayer<sup>6</sup>

Gracious God, the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, makes us pleasing in your sight. Alone we can do nothing, but through his sacrifice, may we receive your love and mercy. As we prepare to remember Christ's sacrifice in the breaking of bread and drinking of wine we pray Lord that you bless + these Palm Crosses and make them holy. As we carry them from this place may we then use them to help proclaim our faith and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life  
**Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving<sup>7</sup>

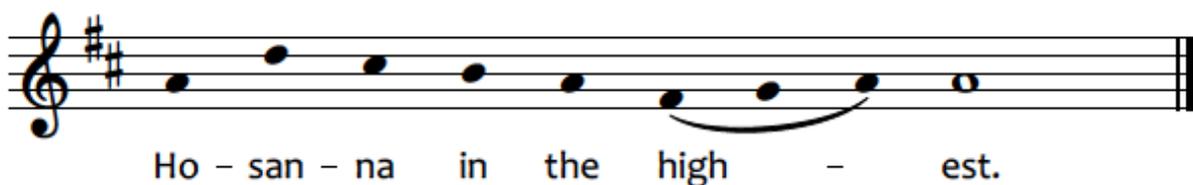
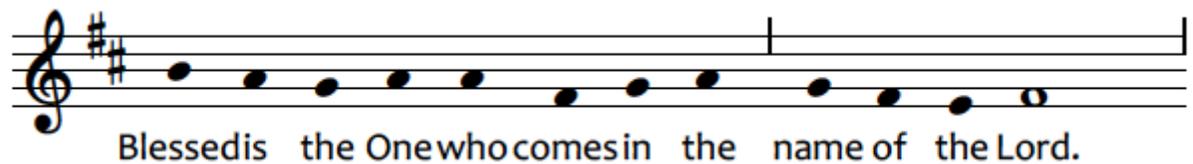
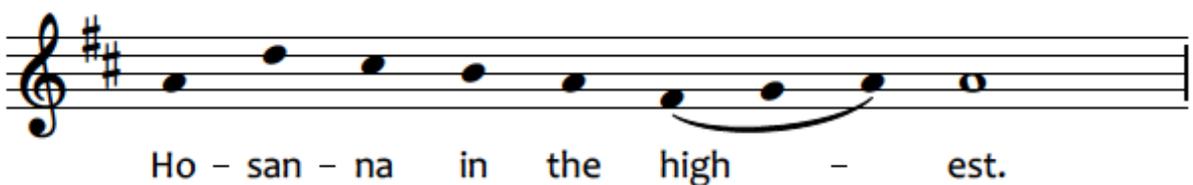
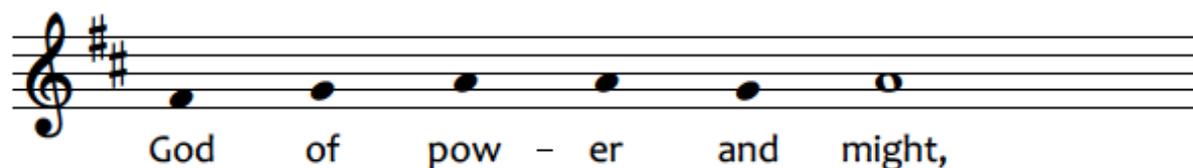
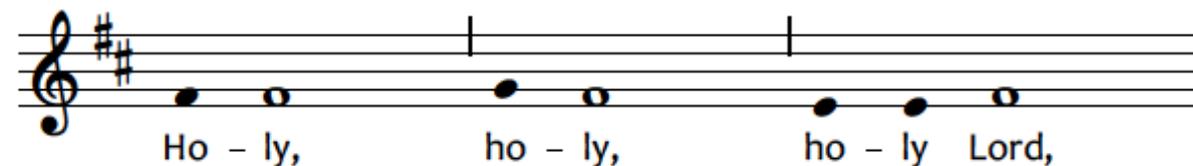
May God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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,  
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.  
You gather your people around the tree of the cross,  
transforming death into life.  
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:



**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 is our cry, Blessed One. Your Son comes on a donkey in your name. As Jesus entered Jerusalem to bear our sorrows and suffer for our sins, enter our hearts and confront our waywardness today.

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

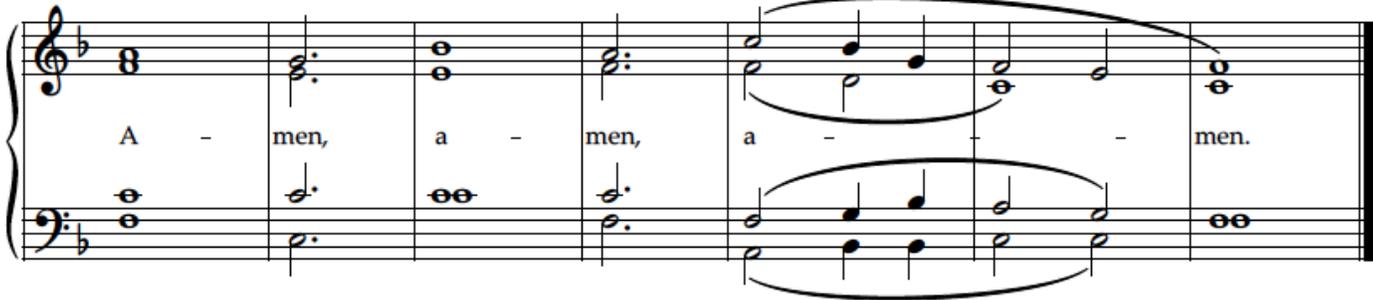
Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Humble God, your Son did not exploit his status but emptied himself. Pour out your Spirit on all who are exploited, in world or church, on all who are humbled, by state or employer or family member, on all who are emptied of hope, faith, or love. As you highly exalted your Son who had

become a slave, highly exalt your children who suffer for righteousness, or grieve those they have cherished, or bend the knee to one who does not honour them. Fill the earth with your justice and peace, until every heart shall sing and every tongue confess that you are the joy of their desiring, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God, in all ages and forevermore.



**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>8</sup>

We break this bread,  
**Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.  
**If we have died with Christ, we shall live with Christ.**  
**If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.**

The Gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Communion <sup>9</sup>

## Spiritual Communion

*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 <sup>10</sup>:*

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: 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.**

Generous Host,

you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,  
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,  
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Announcements

**The Love that clothes itself in light,  
stands naked now, despised, betrayed,  
receiving blows to face and head  
from hands that Love itself has made.**

**The Love that lifts the stars and sun,  
collapses, spent, beneath the cross;  
the Love that fills the universe,  
goes on to death and total loss.**

**Love, helpless, comes to Calvary,  
rejected, scorned and crucified;  
Love hangs in shame, and dies alone,  
but Love abased, is glorified.**

**Extinguished with the sun at noon,  
Love's light transcends all history;  
Love, wrapped in linen, Love entombed,  
still wraps all heaven in mystery.**

**Though Love is lost, Love finds us here;  
though Love is absent, Love remains;  
where Love is finished, Love begins;  
where Love is dead, Love lives and reigns!**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

*The passion gospel is read; due to its length, you may wish to remain seated.*

*After the gospel is read*

The Passion of our Lord.

*No response is made; a silence is kept.*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;  
**by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.  
**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.**

We preach Christ crucified, the power of God and the wisdom of God.  
**by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

God forbid that I should glory,  
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;**  
**by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

Solemn Prayer Over the People <sup>14</sup>

Let us bow down before the Lord.

Almighty God,  
we pray you graciously to behold this your family,  
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed,  
and given into the hands of sinners,  
and to suffer death upon the cross;  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

Dismissal <sup>15</sup>

Go in peace. Believe the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Thank you to everyone who attended our Town Hall meeting last Sunday.  
The information gathered will be most helpful in developing our Parish  
Profile. Our next meeting is Sunday April 12.

If you have not already done so, please complete the survey and return it  
by April 10.



## ***Blazing Fiddles***

Don't forget to get your tickets for the concert on April 25<sup>th</sup> for this  
wonderful concert being put on at the church!  
Tickets are \$30 and are available from the office.

## **Your Daily Prayers are Requested:**

### *For the Church:*

For Susan our bishop;  
and for & all the people of the Diocese of Niagara;  
For the parish of Church of the Epiphany, in Oakville;  
For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop;  
And for Shane, our Primate;  
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,  
and especially the Church of Melanesia.

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

For Joanne McIntosh; For Rick Toni & Rosanna Melatti;  
For Prossy & Damascus Nannozi

### *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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