



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12th, 2026



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Called to Life — Compelled to Love



The territory where the Church of the Nativity resides has long been tended by many Indigenous peoples including the Neutrals, the Mississauga, the Anishinaabe, and the Haudenosaunee. With them, we are members of the Dish with One Spoon wampum. We will strive to live up to our responsibility as treaty members and respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the nations and the Métis people of this place

May our actions be guided by our commitment to reconciliation.

Prelude

Music is offered to provide a time for quiet prayer and preparation.

A bell is rung, and the service begins.

Processional Hymn # 330

O Praise Ye the Lord ¹

**O praise ye the Lord! Give praise in the height;
rejoice in God's Word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.**

**O praise ye the Lord! Give praise upon earth,
in tuneful accord, give thanks for new birth;
praise God who hath brought you all grace from above,
praise God who hath taught you the pathways of love.**

**O praise ye the Lord! all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, God's glory proclaim in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story of what God hath done.**

**O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
be ever outpoured all ages along;
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!**

Welcome

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

May Christ's grace and peace be with you.

May Christ fill our hearts with joy.

The Collect ²

Let us pray.

O God, our beginning and our end:

accept our doubts, heal our desire for certainty and,

by your Spirit's gentle touch, make us a people forgiven and forgiving;

through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Unfolding the Scriptures

1st Reading

In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter proclaims the resurrection of Jesus.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.” This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Acts 2. 14a, 22 – 32

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the Lord,
“You are my Lord, my good above all other.”
**All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
**Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.
**I have set the Lord always before me;
because you are at my side I shall not fall.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
**For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your hand are pleasures for evermore.

We have a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1. 3 – 9

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The Gospel

The acclamation is sung

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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 Saint John.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

John 20.19—31

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
as we say,
**I believe in God,
the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

✠ Merciful God,
℟ receive our prayer.

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his 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

Offertory Hymn # 371
To God Be the Glory ⁴

To God be the glory, who great things has done!
God so loved the world, freely sending the Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear God's voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give God the glory, who great things has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God:
that when the offender, repenting believes,
through Jesus' atonement, God's pardon receives. *Refrain...*

Great things God has taught us, great things God has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our gladness when Jesus we see! *Refrain...*

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Prayer over the Gifts ⁵

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Jesus the Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

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.

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, - ho - ly, - ho - ly Lord
God of pow'r and might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry,

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The first staff begins with a whole rest followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The second staff continues with quarter and eighth notes. The third staff continues with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blest 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.

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise your holy Name, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the world was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child. When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among those living in poverty, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

On 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.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

Amen!

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

Amen!

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

Amen!

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Saviour, life in you, now and forever.



A musical score for the phrase "Amen, Amen, Amen." The score is written on a grand staff with a treble clef and a bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 8/8. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics "A - men, A - men, A - men." are written below the notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

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 ⁷

Lord, we died with you on the cross.
Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.
**Now we share in your resurrection.
Live in us, that we may live in you.**

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,
gives everyone a place at the welcome table.
Alleluia! Come to the feast, for all is now ready.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Communion

Communion Hymn # 516

Dear Lord, We Long to See Your Face⁸

**Dear Lord, we long to see your face, to know you risen from the grave,
but we have missed the joy and grace of seeing you, as others have;
yet in your company we'll wait, and we shall see you, soon or late.**

**Dear Friend, we do not know the way, nor clearly see the path ahead;
so often, therefore, we delay and doubt your power to raise the dead;
yet we with you will firmly stay—you are the truth, the life, the way.**

**We find it hard, Lord, to believe. Long habit makes us want to prove:
to see, to touch, and thus perceive the truth and person whom we love;
yet when in fellowship we meet, you come yourself, each one to greet.**

**You come to us, our God, our Lord. You do not show your hands and side,
but give, instead, your best reward as in your promise we abide.
By faith we know, and grow, and wait to see and praise you, soon or late.**

Prayer after Communion⁹

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Doxology¹⁰

**Generous God,
you have fed us at your heavenly table.
Kindle us with the fire of your Spirit
that when the Lord comes again we may shine as lights before him,
who is alive and reigns in glory for ever. Amen.**

Parish Announcements

Blessing

Recessional Hymn # 216

Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem¹¹

**Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ,
the paschal victory to hymn in strains of holy joy.**

**For Judah's Lion bursts his chains, crushing the serpent's head;
and cries aloud through death's domains to wake the imprisoned dead.**

**Devouring depths of hell their prey at his command restore;
his ransomed hosts pursue their way where Jesus goes before.**

**Triumphant in his glory now to him all power is given;
to him in one communion bow all saints in earth and heaven.**

**All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost to thee, while endless ages run.**

Dismissal

**Alleluia! Go in peace! Serve the Risen One!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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 parish of St. Aidan, Oakville;
For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop;
and for Shane, our Primate;
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,
and especially Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola;

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:

For Patricia & David; For Betty; For Bill

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.**



Join us downstairs after service for our second Town Hall meeting, to continue our journey of hiring a new parish priest.

If you have not already done so, please complete the survey ASAP and return it to the office.

Extra copies are available on the table in the narthex or from Laura in the office.

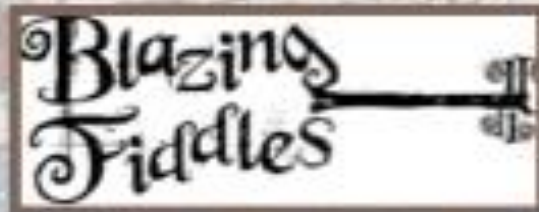
MIDWEEK -WORSHIP SERVICE-

Wednesdays at 10am in the chapel - *All are welcome!*
A discussion time follows in the Halliday room after for those interested.



Join us and bring a friend!
The next community lunch is
this Friday, April 17th.
See you there!

*The hottest ticket in town!
Be sure to get your ticket before they sell out!*



Join us for a fiddling fun time

**Where: Church of the Nativity
1831 King Street East
Hamilton (at Barons Ave.)**

When: Saturday April 25, 2026

Entertainment: 2 - 3 pm

Refreshments: 3 - 4 pm

Tickets: \$30.00 (at church office)

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