

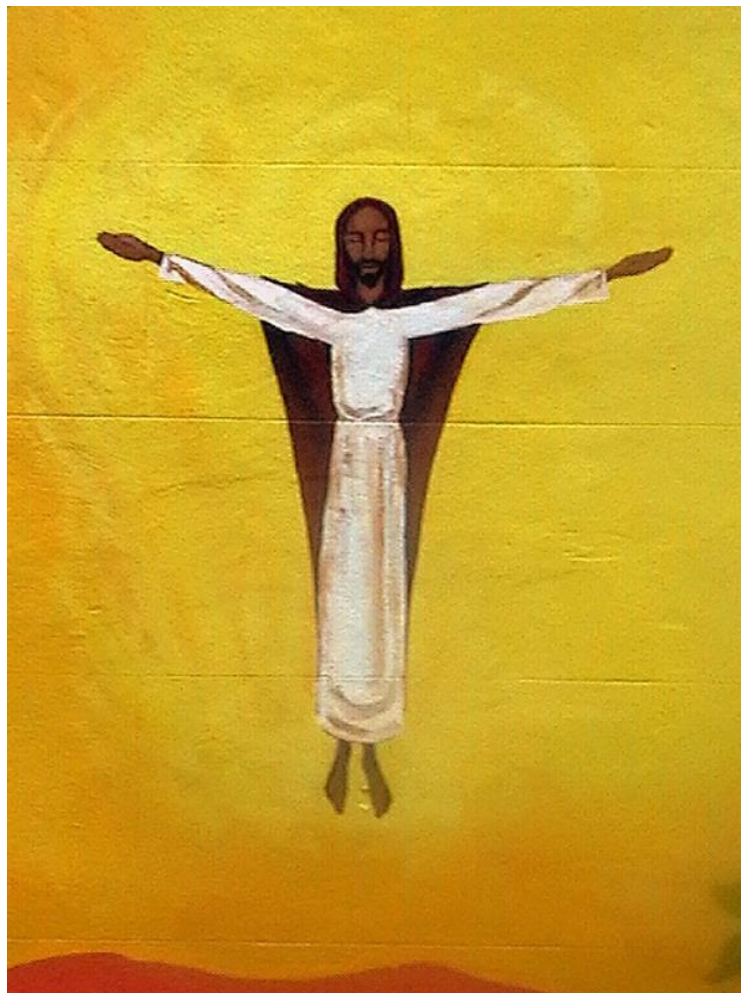


# Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

## Holy Eucharist

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026



## WEB EDITION

*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, and we will strive to live up to our responsibility as treaty members and respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the nations of this place and the heritage and gifts of Métis people.

**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 # 379

**Rejoice, the Lord Is King<sup>1</sup>**

**Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing  
and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**He sits at God's right hand  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope;  
Jesus, the Judge, shall come  
and take his servants up  
to their eternal home.  
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!**

Welcome

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

May Christ's grace and peace be with you.  
**May Christ fill our hearts with joy.**

The Collect <sup>2</sup>

Let us pray.

O God of glory,  
your Son Jesus Christ ascended to glory at your side.  
Bring us together in Christ,  
so that all may be drawn into your bountiful dwelling  
where with Christ and the Spirit,  
you live united in love and joy.  
**Amen.**

# Unfolding the Scriptures

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Luke describes the ascension of the Lord.

So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*Acts 1. 6—14*

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

Arise, O God, and let your enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate you flee.

**Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;  
as the wax melts at the fire,  
so let the wicked perish at your presence.**

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before you;  
let them also be merry and joyful.

**Let us sing to God, sing praises to the divine name;  
let us exalt the One who rides upon the heavens;**

Sing praises to God, sing praises to God's name,  
before whom we shall rejoice!

**Protector of orphans, defender of widows,  
the One who dwells in holiness,**

who gives the solitary a home  
and brings forth prisoners into freedom;  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

**O God, when you went forth before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,**

the earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at your presence, O God of Sinai,  
at your presence, O God of Israel.

**You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.**

Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made  
provision for those living in poverty.

**Sing to God, O dominions of the earth;  
sing praises to the Lord.**

You ride in the heavens, the ancient heavens, O God;  
sending forth your voice, your mighty voice.

**Ascribe power to God; whose majesty is over Israel;  
whose strength is in the skies.**

How wonderful is God in the divine sanctuary!

**The God of Israel gives strength and power to this people!  
Blessed be God!**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

We are reminded that God will support us as we attempt to resist temptation and remain steadfast in our faith.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

*1 Peter 4. 12 – 14; 5. 6 – 11*

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 Saint John.

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

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

*John 17.1—11*

The Gospel of Christ.

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

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.

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent,  
turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.  
In silence we call to mind our sins.

Let us confess our sins.

**Merciful God,**  
**we have sinned in what we have thought and said,**  
**in the wrong we have done**  
**and in the good we have not done.**  
**We have sinned in ignorance:**  
**we have sinned in weakness:**  
**we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.**  
**We are truly sorry.**  
**We repent and turn to you.**  
**Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,**  
**and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you,  
pardon you and set you free.  
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.  
God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.  
**Amen.**

The Peace

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

## Feasting at the Table

Offertory Song # 374<sup>4</sup>

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!**  
**His the sceptre, his the throne;**  
**alleluia! his the triumph,**  
**his the victory alone.**  
**Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion**  
**thunder like a mighty flood;**  
**Jesus, out of every nation,**  
**hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans**  
**are we left in sorrow now;**  
**alleluia! he is near us,**  
**faith believes, nor questions how.**  
**Though the cloud from sight received him,**  
**when the forty days were o'er,**  
**shall our hearts forget his promise,**  
**"I am with you evermore"?**

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## Prayer over the Gifts <sup>5</sup>

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.**

## The Great Thanksgiving <sup>6</sup>

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,  
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Redeemer.  
He is your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary  
and shared our human nature.  
He lived and died as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.

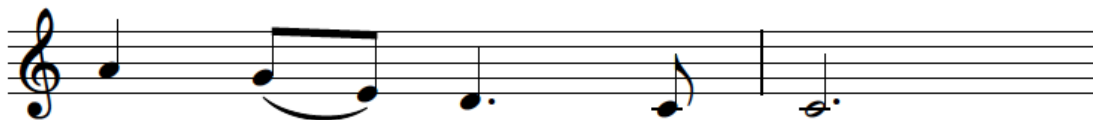
In fulfilment of your will  
he stretched out his hands in suffering,  
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;  
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,  
and to give up his life on the cross,  
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,  
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.  
By his resurrection  
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name: 🛎 🛎 🛎



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord



God of pow'r and might.



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry,



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blest is the One who comes in the



name of the Lord.



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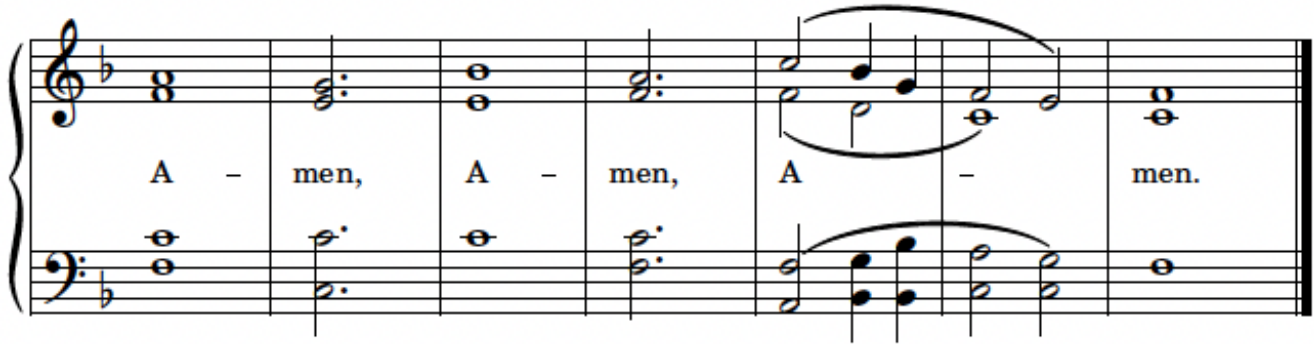
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
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Holy and gracious God,  
accept our praise,  
through your Son our Saviour 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."  
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.

All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son,  
with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church,  
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,

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,

**and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
are yours, now and for ever.**

**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>7</sup>

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!**

*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>8</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.

**Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast**<sup>9</sup>

**Almighty God, thy word is cast  
like seed into the ground:  
now let the dew of heaven descend  
and righteous fruits abound.**

**Let not the foe of righteousness  
this holy seed remove:  
but give it root in every heart,  
to bring forth fruits of love.**

**Let not the world's deceitful cares  
the rising plant destroy:  
but let it yield a hundredfold  
the fruits of peace and joy.**

**Oft as the precious seed is sown,  
thy quickening grace bestow,  
that all those souls the truth receive  
its saving power may know.**

Prayer after Communion <sup>10</sup>

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.**

Doxology <sup>11</sup>

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 # 451

**King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You <sup>12</sup>**

**King of love, O Christ, we crown you**  
**Lord of thought and Lord of will,**  
**each demand of your high challenge**  
**dedicated to fulfil;**  
**we with you by grace co-workers,**  
**till, where human foot has trod,**  
**peoples, kings, dominions, races,**  
**own the empire of our God.**

**King of life, you have created  
wheat in golden harvest spread:  
make your servants strong to serve you  
by the gift of daily bread.  
Feed us with your body broken,  
with your blood outpoured sustain,  
that our souls divinely strengthened  
may the life eternal gain.**

**King of mercy, you have saved us  
from the haunting sense of loss,  
nailing in your vast compassion  
sin's indictment to the cross.  
Those who love, by your sore anguish,  
from the past you cleanse and free,  
breathing words of absolution  
throned and reigning from the tree.**

**King triumphant, King victorious,  
take your throne our hearts within,  
lest the might of fierce temptation  
snare us into deadly sin.  
By the Spirit's rich anointing,  
grant us strength life's race to run,  
till the power of sin be vanquished,  
till the prize of God be won.**

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. John, Stewarttown (Georgetown)  
For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop;  
and for Shane, our Primate;  
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,  
and especially The Anglican Church of Papua  
New Guinea

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

For Alan & Jo-Anne; For Debbie; For Jim & Betsy

### ***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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