



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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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.

All are welcome in the worship and fellowship of the Church of the Nativity.
May you find grace and hope in this service.

Prelude

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

A bell is rung, and the service begins.

Processional Hymn # 586

Rise Up, O Saints of God ¹

**Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.**

**Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,
the word of hope proclaim.**

**Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence;**

give justice larger place.

Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.

Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod;
and, quickened by the Spirit's power,
rise up, O saints of God!

Welcome

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.

There is one body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
One God and Father of all.

The Collect ²

Let us pray.

God of love,
in your compassion you reach out to the lost and helpless.
Continue this work through us,
so that your reign of justice and peace may increase;
through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Unfolding the Scriptures

1st Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, ‘My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.’ So they said, ‘Do as you have said.’ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, ‘Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.’ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, ‘Where is your wife Sarah?’ And he said, ‘There, in the tent.’ Then one said, ‘I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.’ And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, ‘After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?’ The LORD said to Abraham, ‘Why did Sarah laugh, and say, “Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?” Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.’ But Sarah denied, saying, ‘I did not laugh’; for she was afraid. He said, ‘Oh yes, you did laugh.’

Genesis 18.1—15

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116.1—2, 12—19 ³

Dilexi, quoniam

I love the Lord who has heard the voice of my supplication,
who has listened to me whenever I called.

**How shall I repay you, O Lord,
for all the good things you have done for me?**

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon your name.

**I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all the people.**

Precious in your sight, O Lord
is the death of your servants.

**O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.

**I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all the people of God.**

In the courts of the house of the Lord,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

A reading from the letter to the followers of Jesus in Rome.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Romans 5.1—8

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah;
hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah;
hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

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

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip

and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: ‘Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, “The kingdom of heaven has come near.” Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Matthew 9.35—10.8

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm the faith we share.

**We trust in God, who has created and is creating;
who came to us in Jesus, the word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new;
who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.**

**We believe we are called to be God’s people:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus’ death and resurrection
by word and deed.**

We live in hope because in life,

in death,
in life beyond death,
we are not alone:
God is with us.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

✠ God of Grace,
✠ **hear our prayer.**

Confession & Absolution

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

Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.**
**We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.**
We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.
**For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.**
**For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.**
**For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. 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

I Want to Walk with Jesus Christ ⁴

**I want to walk with Jesus Christ, all the days I live of this life on earth,
to give to him complete control of body and of soul.**

Refrain:

**Follow him, follow him, yield your life to him,
he has conquered death, he is king of kings.
accept the joy which he gives to those who yield their lives to him.**

**I want to learn to speak to him, to pray to him, confess my sin,
to open my life and let him in, for joy will then be mine.** *Refrain*

**I want to learn to speak to him, my life must show that he lives in me.
my deeds, my thoughts, my words must speak all of his love for me.** *Refrain*

**I want to learn to read his word, for this is how I know the way
to live my life as pleases him, in holiness and joy.** *Refrain*

**O Holy Spirit of the Lord, enter now into this heart of mine,
take full control of my selfish will and make me wholly thine.** *Refrain*

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Prayer over the Gifts ⁵

God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving ⁶

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.

Trinity of grace and love,
we thank and praise you,
for you purposed before the foundation of the world
to open your dance of delight to include even us,
and you shaped your very life to incorporate us in your dance forever.

While we were yet sinners,
Christ not only came among us but died at our hands.
In the glory of his resurrection
he called ones like us to be his apostles
and spread the good news of his mercy to all the world.
And so with apostles and saints and angels
and every creature in whose heart your song is sung,
we join our voices in your eternal praise.



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est,
 ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bles-sed 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,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Abiding God,
in three visitors you appeared to Abraham in the heat of the day,
and before him you broke bread and made your glorious purpose known.
Come among your people today,
that in the sharing of food
we may be made bearers of your covenant of grace.

Send your Holy Spirit
on the bread that we break and the cup that we share,
that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord;
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.

Sustaining God,
as your servant Paul and his Lord Christ before him suffered and endured,
strengthen your church and hasten your kingdom
through the witness of your people under persecution.
When your children are oppressed,
give them courage to endure.

When they find strength to endure,
produce in them character to reflect your truth.
When they develop character,
manifest in them hope of your deliverance.
When they grow in hope,
do not disappoint them, but roll down justice like a never-failing stream,
until that day when a new heaven and a new earth
engulf the longings of your aching people,
God of eternity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



A musical score for a piano accompaniment of the hymn "Amen, Amen, Amen." The score is written in a single system with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 8/8. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics "A - men, A - men, A - men." are written below the notes. The piece concludes 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.

Creator of all,
you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.
**So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your reign of justice and peace.**

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.
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 ⁸:

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.

When Long Before Time⁹

When long before time and the worlds were begun,
when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
and all was deep silence and night reigned supreme,
and even our Maker had only a dream...

... the silence was broken when God sang the Song,
and light pierced the darkness and rhythm began,
and with its first birth cries creation was born,
and creaturely voices sang praise to the morn.

The sounds of the creatures were one with their Lord's,
their harmonies sweet and befitting the Word;
the Singer was pleased as the earth sang the Song,
the choir of the creatures re-echoed it long.

Though, down through the ages, the Song disappeared—
its harmonies broken and almost unheard—
the Singer comes to us to sing it again:
our God is with us in the world now as then.

The Light has returned as it came once before,
the Song of the Lord is our own song once more;
so let us all sing with one heart and one voice
the song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.

To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise;
to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise;
to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,
be glory forever, through life and through death.

Prayer after Communion ¹⁰

We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

Doxology ¹¹

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

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life ¹²

Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where cries of tribe and race resound,
amid the noise of selfish strife,
O Christ, your word of love is found.

In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds, dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.

The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the strong compassion of your face.

O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain.
Among these restless throngs abide,
and tread the city's streets again,

till all the world shall learn your love
and follow where your feet have trod,
till glorious from your heaven above
shall come the city of our God.

Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

**The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of loved ones and in thanksgiving for a
wonderful life.**

A gift given by Elsie

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 Ascension, Hamilton
For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop;
and for Shane, our Primate;
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,
and especially Church of the Province of South East Asia

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:

For Doug & Barb; For Derek, Corrina, Darrah & Darla;
For Doug & Barb

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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