



Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026



WEB EDITION

Called to Life — Compelled to Love



Gathering

Prelude

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

A bell is rung, and we begin with the land acknowledgement.

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.

Processional Hymn # 487

Where Charity and Love Prevail ¹

**Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love are we thus bound.**

**With grateful joy and holy fear
his charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul
now love him in return.**

**Forgive we now each other's faults
as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well
in Christian holiness.**

**Let strife among us be unknown,
let all contention cease;
be his the glory that we seek,
be ours his holy peace.**

Let us recall that in our midst
dwells God's begotten Son;
as members of his body joined,
we are in him made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed
if honored be God's name;
our common life embraces all
whose Father is the same.

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.

The Collect ²

Let us pray.
O God,
in the flaming bush you promised deliverance to your people.
In the cross of Jesus you embraced our suffering and pain.
As we take up the cross,
show us the transforming power of your love,
so that we may know the hope of your glory;
through Jesus the Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.
Amen.

Unfolding the Scriptures

1st Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you":

This is my name for ever,
and this my title for all generations.

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105.1—6, 23—26, 45^{b 3}

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the divine name;
make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.

**Sing to the Lord, sing praises,
and speak of all the marvellous works of the Lord.**

Glory in the holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Search for the strength of the Lord;
continually seek the face of God.**

Remember the marvels the Lord has done,
the wonders and the judgements of the mouth of the Lord,

**O offspring of Abraham the servant of God,
O children of Jacob the chosen of the Lord.**

Israel came into Egypt,
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

**The Lord made this people exceedingly fruitful;
making them stronger than their enemies;**

whose heart God turned, so that they hated this people,
and dealt unjustly with the servants of God.

**O Lord, you sent Moses your servant,
and Aaron whom you had chosen. Praise the Lord!**

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

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12.9—21

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 Matthew.

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

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, ‘God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.’ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will

find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

‘For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.’

Matthew 16.21—28

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

Affirmation of Faith ⁴

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.**

✠ Merciful God,
✠ **receive our prayer.**

Confession & Absolution ⁵

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 neighbour, 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 of the Lord be always with you!
And also with you.

Feasting at the Table

Offertory Song # 20

Lord Jesus, of You I Will Sing⁶

**Lord Jesus, of you I will sing as I journey.
I'll tell all my neighbours about you wherever I go.
You alone give us life, give us peace, give us love.
Lord Jesus, of you I will sing as I journey.**

**Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey,
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.**

**As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears;
for you save us by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.**

**I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey,
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side,
and with all of the people you saved by your love,
we'll sing to the dawn at the end of our journey.**

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Prayer over the Gifts ⁷

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 ⁸

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.

Blessed be your holy name,
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
for you have revealed yourself to be
the only, the eternal, the great I AM.

From the flames of the burning bush
you have anointed Moses
to lead your people out of hardship and bondage
to the land of promise.

In the fire of the prophets
you spoke of a day when every sin and sorrow would be burned away
and all the earth would be ablaze with your glory.

In the fullness of time
you revealed your way of overcoming evil
in the crucible of your Son's passion and death;
through his resurrection you proclaimed once again
that you are the great I AM for all generations.

And so we give you thanks
with your church on earth and all the company of heaven,
as we join the unending hymn.



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.

Lord God,
as you made the earth beneath Moses's feet into holy ground,
sanctify this meal to bring us into your sacred presence.
As we remember your Son's saving mercies,
send down your Spirit to anoint your church for ministry.
By that same Spirit bless this bread and cup
that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord 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.

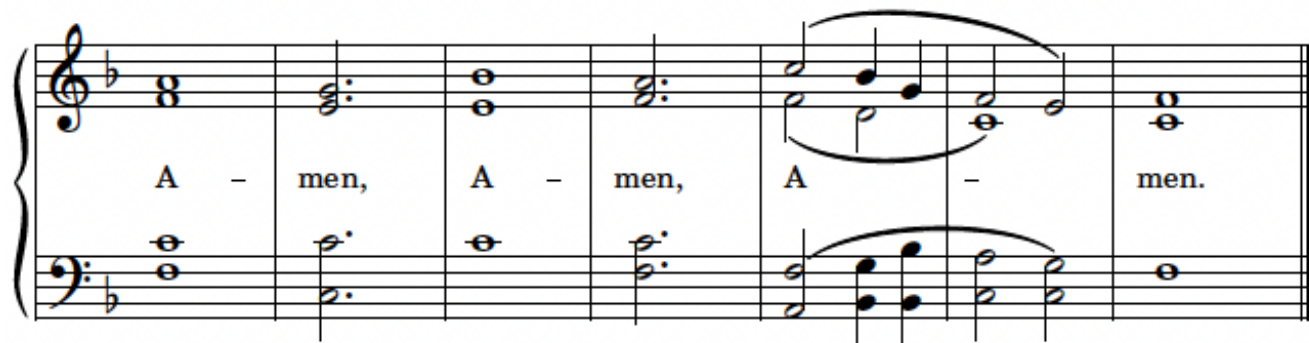
Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Sending God,
who commissioned Moses for a purpose beyond his comprehension,
send forth your church with an imagination shaped for your kingdom.
Give your disciples grace to bless those who persecute them,
to be patient in suffering, to persevere in prayer, and to rejoice in hope.
Stretch every heart to find life in you by losing it,
and strengthen your people with courage and wisdom
to take up their cross and follow your Son.

Make your people on earth ready for a purpose beyond our imagining,
a life beyond our deserving, a glory beyond our reckoning,
until your kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven
and you bring us with the saints onto eternal holy ground,
afame with your love, most holy Trinity, now and for ever.



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 ⁹

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 ¹⁰:

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.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds¹¹

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Jesus' love;
the fellowship of Christian minds is like to that above.**

**Before God's gracious throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

**We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**

**When for a while we part, this thought will soothe our pain;
that we shall still be joined in heart and one day meet again.**

**One glorious hope revives our courage by the way,
while each in expectation lives and longs to see the day**

**when from all toil and pain and sin we shall be free,
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

Prayer after Communion¹²

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.

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 # 500

Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant¹⁴

Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

**The flowers at the altar today are given to the Glory of God and
in loving memory of our cherished son & brother Scott**

Remembered and missed always by John, Patty, Brett & Bradley

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. Alban, Beamsville;
For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop;
and for Shane, our Primate;
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,
and especially the The Church in the Province of the
West Indies

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:

For Giselle; For Matthew; For Trevor & Denise

For the needs of the world

For peace

For those we know in need of healing

For Maureen, For Doreen

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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