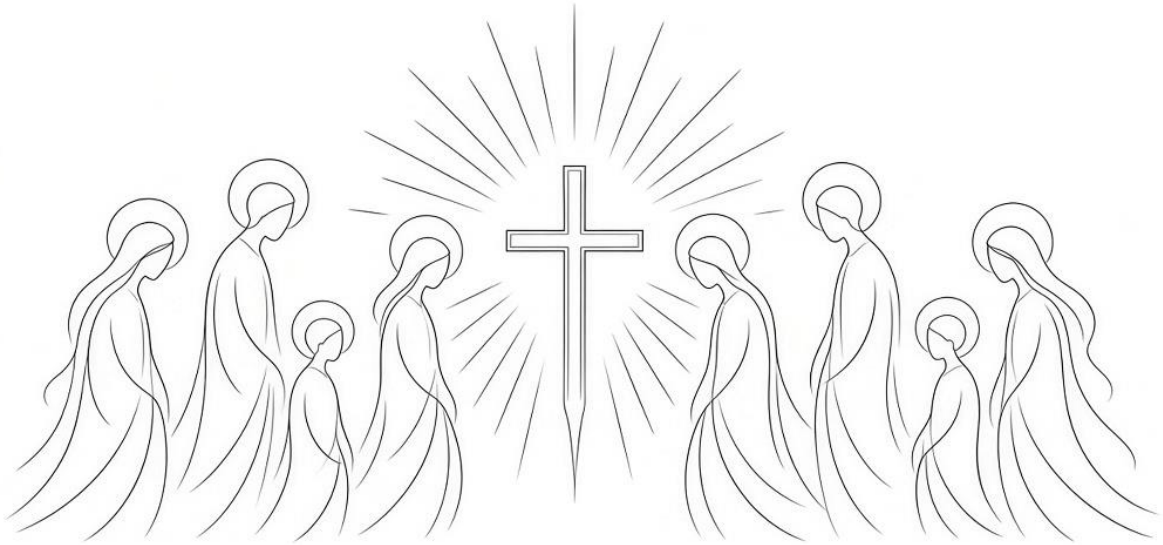
Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist



All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2026

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.

Gathering

Prelude

Music is offered to provide a time for quiet prayer and preparation.
A bell is rung, and we begin.

Processional Hymn # **586**[1]
Rise Up, O Saints of God

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!

Words of Welcome
Apostolic Greeting

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.

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts
of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify
your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect [2]

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
whose people are knit together in one holy Church,
the mystical Body of your Son,
grant us grace to follow your blessed saints
in lives of faith and commitment,
and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared

for those who love you;
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Choir Anthem
I Prepare a Place

Unfolding the Scriptures

1st Reading
REVELATION 7.9—17

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION
After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their

shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

LISTEN TO THE LEADING OF THE SPIRIT.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

PSALM 34.1—10, 22[3]

I will bless the Lord at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt the name of God together.
I sought the Lord, who answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon God and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear God
and will deliver them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in God!

Fear the Lord, you holy ones of God,
for those who fear God lack nothing.
The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,
and none will be punished who trust in you.

2nd Reading
1 JOHN 3.1—3

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

LISTEN TO THE LEADING OF THE SPIRIT.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Acclamation

Sing praises, all you peoples,
Sing praises to the Lord.
Sing praises, all you peoples,
Sing praises to the Lord!

The Gospel
MATTHEW 5:1-12

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
♪ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and

utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of Christ.
♪ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

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Sing praises to the Lord.
Sing praises, all you peoples,
Sing praises to the Lord!

Homily

The Nicene Creed [4]

Let us confess our faith, as we say:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People
Litany of All Saints

God the Father, creator of heaven and earth:
have mercy upon us.
God the Son, redeemer of the world:
have mercy upon us.
God the Holy Spirit, sanctifier of the faithful:
have mercy upon us.
Holy Trinity, one God:
have mercy upon us.

Holy Abraham and Sarah,…trusting God's promises:
pray for us.

Holy Esther and Deborah,…and all saints who have obeyed God's call with joy:
pray for us.

Holy Mary the Virgin,…and all saints who bore faithful witness to Christ:
pray for us.

Holy Peter and Paul,…and all saints who have brought the faith of Christ alive in every generation:
Pray for us.

Holy Athanasius…and all saints who have enabled us to reflect on the mystery of Christ:
Pray for us.

Holy Martin Luther King,…whose names are known to God alone:
Pray for us.

Holy Mollie Brant,…and all the saints of the lands and territories of North America:
Pray for us.

Holy saints of our own communities in ages past who have revealed to us the love of God and shown to us the way of holiness:
Pray for us.

Let us rejoice and honour them with thankful hearts,
and glorify our God, in whom they put their trust.

Lead us to join You…and our fragile ecosystems.
God, hear our prayer.

Fill your church…and truth may burn in our hearts.
God, hear our prayer.

Bring your healing power to all who are unwell; bless all who tend to others; comfort those who are dying.
God, hear our prayer.

Renew in us…bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Make us your saints, O God.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever.
Amen.

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

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

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Monetary contributions to the Church of the Nativity and its ministries as we live out God's mission can be placed in the church-shaped box in the narthex at any time.

Offertory Hymn**# 501**
Through All the Changing Scenes of Life [6]

Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me, exalt the sacred name;
when in distress to heaven I called, God to my rescue came.

The guardian hosts encamp around the dwellings of the just;
deliverance they provide to all who in God's shelter trust.

O make but trial of God's love; experience will decide
how blest and favoured are they all who in this love confide!

Fear God, you saints, and you will then have nothing else to fear;
let service be your life's delight, your wants shall be God's care.

To Father, Son, and Spirit blest, the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

If you wish to make a monetary gift, you can do so at any time by mailing a cheque to the church (1831 King Street East, Hamilton, ON L8K 1V8) or via e-transfer to donations.nativity@gmail.com

Prayer over the Gifts [7]

Holy and mighty God,
we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ
in the lives of all his saints.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and help us, like them, to run our course with faith,
that we may come to your eternal kingdom.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 1 [8]

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

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

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

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.



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.

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will. On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

" TAKE, EAT: THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME."



After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

"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. WHENEVER YOU DRIK IT, DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

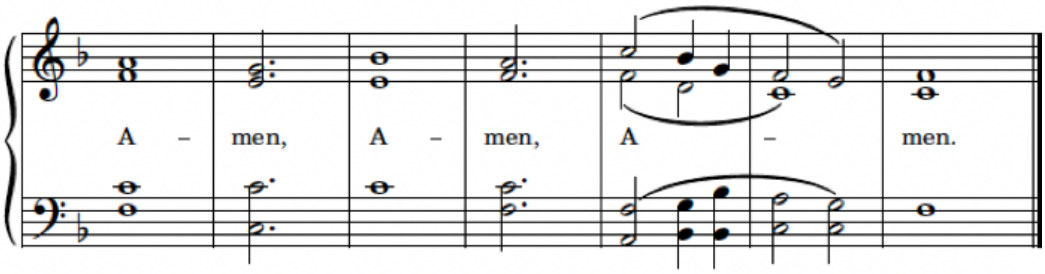


Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory,
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, 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,	**who art in heaven,**
hallowed be your name,	**hallowed be thy name,**
your kingdom come,	**thy kingdom come,**
your will be done,	**thy will be done,**
on earth as in heaven.	**on earth as it is in heaven.**
Give us today our daily bread.	**Give us this day our daily bread.**
Forgive us our sins	**And forgive us our trespasses**
as we forgive those	**as we forgive those**
who sin against us.	**who trespass against us.**
Save us from the time of trial,	**And lead us not into temptation,**
and deliver us from evil.	**but deliver us from evil.**
For the kingdom,	**For thine is the kingdom,**
the power, and the glory	**the power, and the glory,**
are yours, now and for ever.	**for ever and ever.**

Amen.

We keep silent and pray for a short time.

The Breaking of the Bread [9]

'I am the bread of life,' says the Lord.
'Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.'
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in God!

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.
Thanks be to God!

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 [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.

Communion Hymn # **489**[11]

From the Falter of Breath

From the falter of breath, through the silence of death,
to the wonder that's breaking beyond;
God has woven a way, unapparent by day,
for all those of whom heaven is fond.

From frustration and pain, through hope hard to sustain,
to the wholeness here promised, there known;
Christ has gone where we fear and has vowed to be near
on the journey we make on our own.

From the dimming of light, through the darkness of night,
to the glory of goodness above;
God the Spirit is sent to ensure heaven's intent
is embraced and completed in love.

From today till we die, through all questioning why,
to the place from which time and tide flow;
angels tread on our dreams, and magnificent themes
of heaven's promise are echoed below.

Communion Hymn # **439**[12]

Blest Are the Pure in Heart

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs; their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us, our pattern and our King,

still to the lowly soul his presence doth impart
and for a dwelling and a throne chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we your presence seek; may ours this blessing be:
give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee.

Prayer after Communion [13]

Lord of hosts,
we praise your glory reflected in your saints.
May we who share at this table
be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom,
where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever.
Amen.

Doxology [14]

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.

Announcements

Blessing

Recessional Hymn # **527**[15]
How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;

for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not—I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God, and in celebration of Bob Keys' 90th Birthday.

With much love from Margaret, Anne, kids & kidlets and Heather & kids

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 Holy Trinity, Welland;
For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop;
and for Shane, our Primate;
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,
and especially Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:
For Hazel; For Karen; For Bob

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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