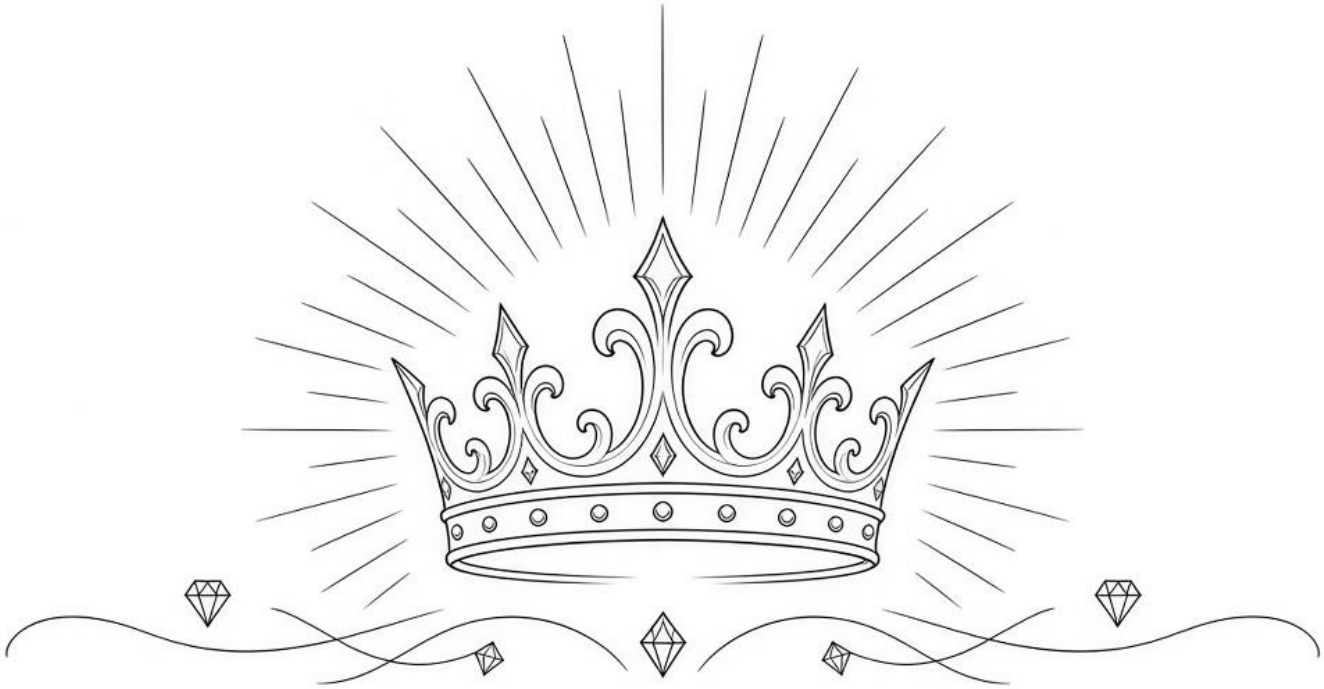
Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Holy Eucharist

The Last Sunday after
Pentecost



Reign of Christ

November 22, 2026

Called to Life — Compelled to Love

Prelude

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

Gathering

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 **# 349**
All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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 of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,
whose will it is to restore all things
in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King,
grant that the peoples of the earth,
now divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together
under his gentle and loving rule;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Unfolding the Scriptures

1st Reading
EZEKIEL 34.11—16, 20—24

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL
For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until

you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come into the divine presence with a song.
Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God;
the One made us and to whom we belong;
we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving;
go into these courts with praise;
give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.
For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

2nd Reading
EPHESIANS 1.15—23

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us

who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 25. 31—46

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.

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we

saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

Gospel Acclamation

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

Homily

The Nicene Creed

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

℣ God, in your mercy,
℟ **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 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
Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain: **Dance then wherever you may be;**
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he;
I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
I will lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on. *Refrain...*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and they left me there on a cross to die. *Refrain…*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black -
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone -
but I am the dance and I still go on. *Refrain...*

They cut me down and I leap up high:
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the Dance said he. *Refrain...*

Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God,
by your grace you have raised us up
and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and lead us in those good works
for which you have created us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

♪ 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 DRINK IT, DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME."



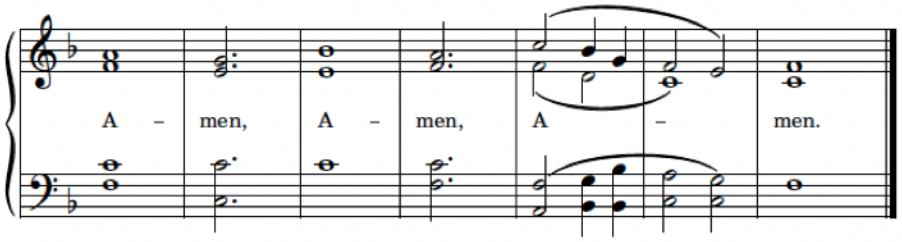
Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

'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 seek God and are drawn to Christ in their lives are welcome to this bread and wine of the Eucharist. For gluten-free wafers, ask the priest. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your hands over your chest when you go up to the communion station, and the priest will bless you.

Communion Hymn **# 520**
The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,
you have made us a royal priesthood
in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Make known his victory through us, we pray,
that all the world may see his light.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

Doxology

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 # **379**
Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Dismissal

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

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 Grace Church, Arthur;
For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop;
and for Shane, our Primate;
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,
and especially The Church of England

For those in our parish cycle of prayer:
For Peter & Michelle; For Saj; For Pat

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

Be sure to join us and tell all your family, friends and neighbours about this exciting event!

Posters are available for you to take and share on the table in the narthex….let's spread the word and make this event a huge success!



Christmas Raffle

Have you heard about the special raffle happening at the Christmas Corner? We are raffling off a 58" TV or $500 cash! You can help by selling tickets ahead of time- 1 for $5 or 3 for $10. See Blanche to get your book to sell to your friends & family.

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