



Order of Service for August 17, 2025

St. Mary the Virgin

Celebration of Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

Celebrating: The Rev'd Tony Hilling

Assisting: The Rev'd Deacon Betty Nadurak



**St. Paul's
Anglican Church**
Opening Hearts and Minds to God's Grace



Isaiah 7:14

the virgin will
conceive and give
birth to a son, and
will call him
Immanuel

Pre-Service Music: CP # 601 God Whose Giving Knows no Ending (Please join in this time of worship, as we prepare for the Service.)

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Processional Hymn CP # 380 O Worship the King (screens)

Greeting p 185 (Book of Alternative Services - Green book) (screens)

The Collect for Purity p. 185 (screens)

Glory to God p. 186 (screens)

Kyrie Eleison p. 186 (screens)

Collect of the Day p. 419 (screens)

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Again, the Lord spoke to Ahaz, “Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test.” Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel. He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right.

ISAIAH 7:10-15

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 45: 10 - 17 (screens)

The Epistle Reading

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATIONS

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was

pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. She gave birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.” And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days. Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.”

Revelations 12: 1-12

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn: CP # 500 Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant (screens)

The Holy Gospel

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also, with you.*

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*
Gospel Acclamation: The Alleluia (sung)

And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed for the Mighty One has done great things for me - holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.”

LUKE 1: 46 - 55

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Gospel Acclamation: The Alleluia (sung)

Homily

The Apostle’s Creed p. 189 (screens)

The Prayers of the People (screens) (The people sit or kneel for the prayers)

Confession and Absolution p. 191 (screens)

The Peace . . . p. 192 (screens)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: Mary, Did You Know (screens)

Prayer over the Gifts. p. 419 (screens)

Eucharistic Prayer # 6.... p. 207 (screens)

The Lord’s Prayer form 1. p. 211 (screens)

The Breaking of the Bread, Form 2. . . p. 212 (screens)

Agnus Dei (screens)

The Communion p. 213 (screens)

Communion Hymns (screens):

This is My Body

Freely, Freely

Sleep Sound in Jesus

Hymn after Communion (Please stand) Jesus I

Love You Jesus (screens)

Prayer after Communion. p. 420 (screens)

Doxology p. 214 (screens)

The Blessing

Announcements (screens)

Closing Hymn: CP # 565 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah (screens)

Sending

You’re invited to join us for Coffee, right after the Service, in the Hall

Traditional Land Acknowledgement

Creator, you made all people of every land. In the spirit of respect and truth, we honour the traditional Treaty 7 territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy, including the Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani Nations, the Stoney Nakoda, including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley Nations, and the Tsuu T’ina Nation. We acknowledge the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region Three. In the spirit of reconciliation and because we are all treaty people, we also acknowledge all people who make their homes in the traditional Treaty 7 territory of Southern Alberta.

Prayers for this Week

(bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week)

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for ***the Scottish Episcopal Church***. Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle: In the Anglican Church, we ***pray for the bishop, clergy and people of the Diocese of Rupert's Land*** and in the Lutheran church we pray for ***the dean, council, and congregations of the West Central Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories***. In the Moravian church, ***Remembering August 21 – in 1732, just five years after finding their common purpose in Christ, the community in Herrnhut sent out its first two missionaries to St. Thomas, where they bore witness to the gospel in Africa.***

In our Diocesan Cycle, we ***pray for St. Barnabas, Calgary and their clergy The Rev. Kersi Bird, the Rev. Deacon Marcus Herrel and the Rev. Eric Haffenden (Hon.).*** We also pray for ***Alongside Hope and its Diocesan and Parish reps.***

We lift to you our friends, in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands.

In our Parish Cycle, we pray today for Gerald, Janel, Christina, Amanda, Brielle; Brian, Irene; Lisa; Janet, Charlotte, Katherine; Wallace, Sheila; Steven, Brenda, Emily, Sarah; Dr. Jennifer, Graham, Liam, Riley; Gail; Bob, Joanne; Alison; Janice; Frances, Fraser, Tyler; Chris, Allison, Cameron, Ian, Alan; Dennis, Twyla, Evan, Lauren; Doreen; Bob, Deanna; Keith, Nicola, Hilary, Fiona and for our clergy Tony Hilling, Betty Nadurak, and Cyril Haynes and their families.

We pray for the special child our Parish sponsors through Children Believe.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you: Stuart; Jacqueline; Jeff; Ari; Andrea; Dorothy Ann; Robbie; Patrick; Josh; Verna; Bob & Joanne; Margaret; Marlene; Michael; Scott & M'Laurel; Valma; Kerin; Shane, Obiageli Gloria.

For those grieving: Lisa & family; Joan & family; Doreen & family; Paul & family; Dinah & family; Gloria & family; the family of Ken Prevost; Debra & family; Rick & family. We thank you for your healing touch which sustains us every day; and for the many healings that have taken place in our parish, and your unending mercy as you hear our prayers.

We pray for all those whose lives have been thrown in turmoil by storms, floods, fires, famine, or other climate disasters. We remember all who are struggling economically. Please help us all to stand together in hard times. **We pray for** the Indigenous Peoples of this land. We give thanks for the immeasurable privilege of sharing the journey of life together.

We pray for forgiveness for the terrible harm inflicted by Residential Schools, for the racism that still infects our hearts and is an open wound in our country; for an end to all forms of prejudice and bigotry; for justice; for reconciliation, and new paths forward that honour all God's precious children.

We pray for peace and justice in our own country and throughout the world. We remember the people of Ukraine, the Holy Land, USA, Nigeria, and all whose lives have been torn apart by violence. We pray for safe haven for over 80 million people in the world whom violence has forced to flee their homes. **We stand in** solidarity with all whose lives have been devastated by human evil, and all seeking to make the world as it ought to be. May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.

Grant rest eternal to Joan McCartney's son, Rob, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him. We ask for Your comfort and strength for Joan and her family during this time.

Grant rest eternal to Jeffrey Smith, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him. We ask for Your comfort and strength for Lisa and her family during this time.



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of our risen Lord by the Webley family, in praise and thanksgiving for life and health, and in celebration of Kim's birthday