



ANGLICAN CHURCH

Holy Cross Sunday September 14 2025

Trinity Anglican Church

10am Holy Communion

Welcome to Trinity! Thanks for joining us this morning. A special welcome to students at Carleton, UOttawa, Algonquin and other schools, colleges and universities.

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At certain points in the service we will suggest standing or sitting. At any time, please feel free to take the posture (standing, sitting, kneeling) which is right for you.

Prelude: Andante cantabile from Organ Symphony No.4 by Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

We Gather as a Community

Territorial Acknowledgment

As we gather, we acknowledge that Ottawa stands on the unceded traditional territory of the Algonquin Anishinabeg people.

May we dwell on this land with gratitude and respect.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Opening Hymn: #491 The Head That Once Was Crowned

Opening Prayers

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

Let us pray.

We pray silently

God of compassion,

**Jesus was lifted up on the cross,
a sign of your steadfast love
and a pledge of your will to save.**

**Grant healing of soul and life eternal
to those who look upon the cross in faith;
through Jesus Christ, our peace and our salvation. Amen**

We Proclaim the Word

The First Reading: Numbers 21:4B-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom, but the people became discouraged on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm 98:1-6

1 Sing a new song to the Lord,
who has done marvellous things,
whose mighty hand and holy arm have won the victory.

2 O Lord, you have made known the victory;
you have openly shown your righteousness
in the sight of the nations.

3 You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen your victory, O God.

4 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.

5 Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before our sovereign, the Lord

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

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The Gospel (John 3:13-17)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ



No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily – The Reverend Mark Whittall

**Hear, O People,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.**

The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the
Lord, saying "**Lord, have mercy.**"

For the Anglican communion, diocese, and all churches that seek your will, help us to grow in faith and love through Jesus Christ our Lord. Bless our church leaders and direct them in your truth and love.

Lord, have mercy.

Dear Lord, may you put an end to the genocides, wars, and dictatorships; bring peace, comfort and healing to all peoples, groups, families, and friends.

Lord, have mercy.

The world cries for help as deforestation moves across the world, fires spread throughout the land and weather rapidly changes with the stress of the planet. Please help us to protect and rejuvenate the wonderful creation within which you have placed us.

Lord, have mercy.

Pandemics, pain of sickness, body and mind surge throughout our country and land. Heal all those whose body, spirit, mind, are in need of your healing. At this time please heal: Les, Ariel, Emma, Ilse, Margo, Pat, Cloe, Mary, Ava, Brian, Helen, Eva, Donna, Brad, Simon, Chris. and all others that we hold in our hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

Rabbi, Father, Mother, God, Our Salvation, lead us in patience and direct us to love as you love. Bring us to truth, wisdom, gentleness and faithfulness in you. How great is our God. How mighty are thy works. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes all people and invites them to this table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,**

**and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. 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

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

We Celebrate the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: #386 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Merciful God,
**through the death of your beloved Son
you transformed an instrument of shame
into a sign of hope and glory.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and renew in us the mystery of his love;
through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is indeed right that we should praise you . . .
... to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Holy God, source of life and goodness ...
... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Recalling his death, ...
... now and forever.

People Amen.

(please use the words and language of your choice)

**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. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the bread.

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

The Communion: Brenda and Doug Small

All are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing or communion. Our communion ministers will come to you as needed, please let us know. You are welcome to receive communion in one or both kinds, bread and/or wine. Gluten-free wafers are available, please let us know if this is your preference.

Anthem: God So Loved the World from the Crucifixion by John Stainer (1840-1901)

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.
[John 3:16-17]

We Are Sent

Let us pray

Almighty God,
**we give thanks that you have made us partakers
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who took our nature upon him
and suffered death upon the cross for our redemption;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Grace & Blessing

Closing Hymn: #537 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please join us for refreshments following our worship at the back of the church. Thank you for worshiping with us today.

Postlude: Finale from Organ Symphony No.2 by Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Our readings for Sunday, September 21: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Announcements:

Welcome Back Potluck Today! Please join us for lunch downstairs in the hall after our worship this morning. There will be lots of food, so all are welcome to join us.

Registration for Trinity's retreat, Oct 25-26 at Galilee Centre in Arnprior is now open.

Hope you can join us for our parish retreat from 4pm Saturday Oct 25 until 4 pm Sunday Oct 26. Detailed information is available at the back of the church. You can register online [here](#). We are 50% full already, so please register soon. (There will be services at Trinity at 10am and 4pm on Oct 26 as usual).

Love Your Neighbour - video watching sessions for all at Trinity

The pastoral care team and Trinity Young Adults discussion group are teaming up for a church-wide, 6-week event: Love Your Neighbour. We will gather in the Canterbury Room every second Tuesday night from September 16th, to watch a video that helps us to learn about the experiences of others in church and the community. This will be followed with casual discussion and fellowship. The topics include race, mental illness, disability, and step-families. Light refreshments will be provided.

Week 1's LGBT+-focused video is "Love is Louder: Gender and Sexuality and Our Faith". All are welcome and encouraged to come along and learn with us.

Weekly YA Bible Studies continue this week.

Tuesdays at 11am, Carleton Spirituality Centre (T-27 behind the Tory Building)

Wednesdays at 7:30pm, Trinity lawn or Mark's office (we will be outside on the Trinity lawn if weather permits)

Music at Trinity: Sept 27th 4pm Virtuoso organist Matthew Larkin will kick off Music at Trinity's 10th Season with an organ recital. Music by Bach, Albright, Peters, Titelouze and Pumfrey.

Walk-a-Thon for the Community Food Bank: Lace up your walking shoes and join us for a Walk-a-Thon to support our Community Food Bank! Together, we can make a difference for families in need right here in our community. **Date:** Sunday, Oct. 5th **Location:** Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church. Time: 1:30 pm. All proceeds will go directly to the Community Food Bank. Bring your friends, family and dogs for a fun afternoon of fellowship, exercise and service. **Donations** can be made online: <https://www.canadahelps.org/s/jhvfqT> under Trinity Anglican Church, or by cash or cheque to Sarah or Doreen. Amounts of \$20.00 and over will receive an income tax receipt.

Mark your calendars! Frosty's Fair will be Saturday, November 22nd from 10am - 2pm.

Any help preparing frozen meals, baking or crafts is greatly appreciated! We are also looking for volunteers for the Gingerbread room and the silent auction. Please contact Jen Small at jnnfr.smll@gmail.com

Pastoral Care Training

Do you enjoy helping those in need? Showing empathy, love, and compassion? Do you have time to visit and/or call those in need of a listening ear? If you said yes to all of the above, we would love to talk to you about joining Trinity's Pastoral Care team. With the Basic Training course beginning on September 15th, there is no better time to join than now. Please reach out to team coordinator Kelly Ann DeCook (kellyanndecCook@gmail.com) if you are interested, or talk to a team member (look for their Pastoral Care lanyards!). The training helps team members to offer the best support possible to our congregation and community, and takes place over ten 2-hour sessions, which can be taken online or in person.

Prayer requests: One of the ways we care for one another in this church is through prayer. We believe that prayer is powerful and has the ability to bring comfort, healing, and peace. If you have a prayer request, please reach out.

For prayer requests to be published in the bulletin please forward names to Doreen (mombarn@gmail.com). For private prayer requests please either forward names to Daphne (daphnejthomas1@gmail.com), or write them on a card at the table by the main entrance, and place the card in the offering plate at the back of the church. If you would like someone to pray with you personally, please contact the pastoral care team.

Mid-Week at Trinity:

Monday Prayer Group, noon in the chapel. Contact Myrna myrnarootham@gmail.com for details.

Tuesday Bible Study On Campus, Carleton U Spirituality Centre (T-27) 11am. Contact Rebecca rebecca.cowal@trinityottawa.ca

Tuesday TYA Discussion Group in the Canterbury Room.

Wednesday 12 noon Bible Study on Zoom. Contact Judy judy.richardson@trinityottawa.ca

Wednesday 7.30pm YA Bible Study. In Mark's office at Trinity, contact Rebecca rebecca.cowal@trinityottawa.ca

Thursday 7:30pm Choir rehearsal Contact Fabien Tousignant fabien.tousignant@trinityottawa.ca

Coming Up at Trinity - Save the Dates!

Saturday September 20th, 11am. A Service of Thanksgiving for our Journey with Bishop Shane, Christ Church Cathedral

Saturday September 27, 4pm. Music at Trinity Season opener

Sunday September 28, 4pm. Connect Worship and BBQ.

Saturday October 4. Trinity Hike in the Gatineaus

Saturday October 4. Ride for Refuge in support of Belong Ottawa

Sunday October 5. CCSAC Walkathon in support of the Community Food Bank (Centretown Emergency Food Centre CEFC)

Saturday-Sunday Oct 25-26. Trinity Retreat at Galilee Centre in Arnprior



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