



Order of Service for September 14, 2025

Holy Cross Day

Celebration of Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

Celebrating: The Rev'd Tony Hilling

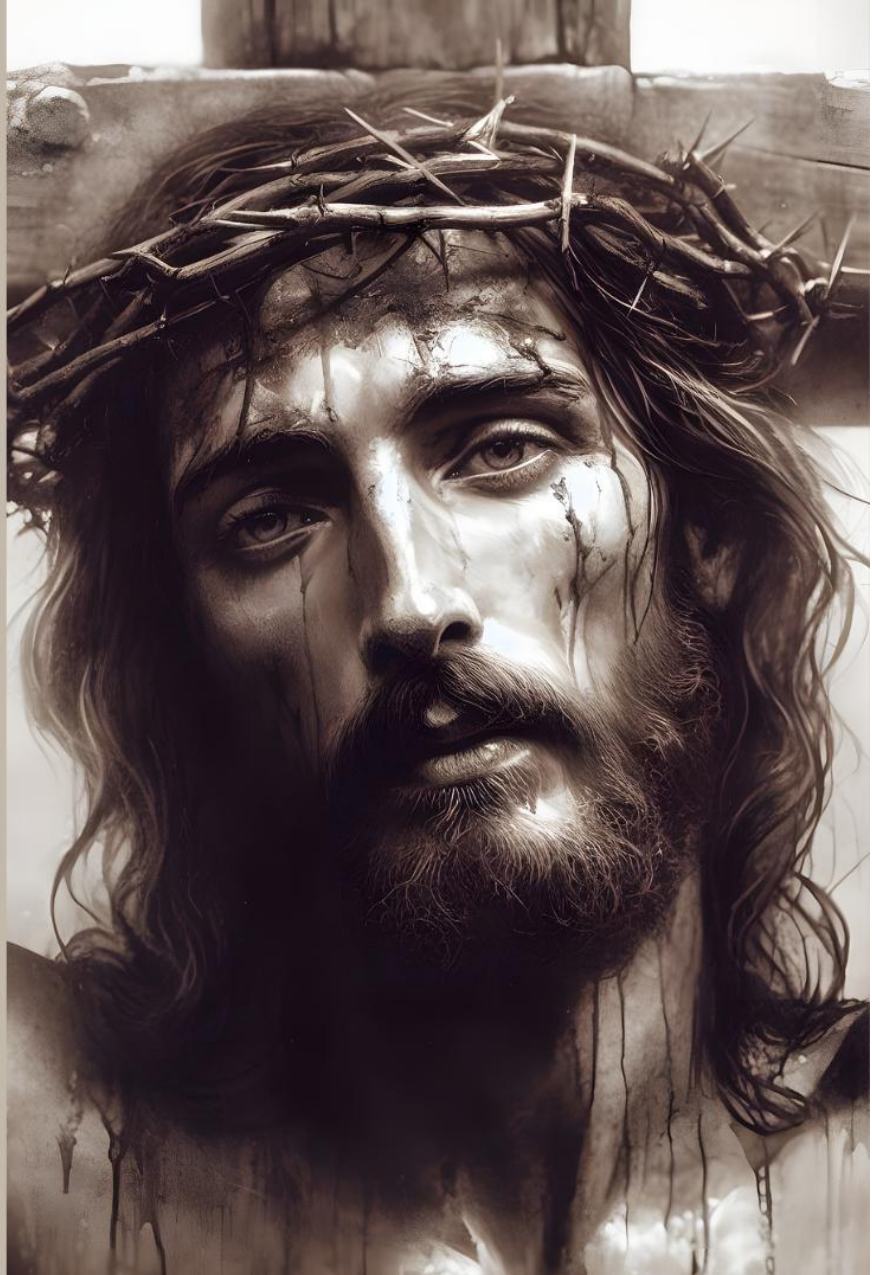
Assisting: The Rev'd Deacon Betty Nadurak



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

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

John 3: 16



Pre-Service Music: Great is He Who's the King of Kings (Please join in this time of worship, as we prepare for the Service.)

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Processional Hymn Part of the Family (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. 422 (screens)

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF NUMBERS

The people became impatient 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.

NUMBERS 21:4B-9

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

PSALM 98:1-6.... p. 836 (screens)

The Epistle Reading

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

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 scribe? "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 our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand 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.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-24

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

Gradual Hymn: CP # 435 Take My Life and Let it Be (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 John.
People: *Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*
Gospel Acclamation: The Alleluia (sung)

Jesus said, "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."

JOHN 3:13-17

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: CP # 430 Will You Come and Follow Me? (screens)

Prayer over the Gifts. p. 423 (screens)

Eucharistic Prayer # 1.... p. 193 (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):

You Are Near
I Love You Lord
Give Thanks

Hymn after Communion (Please stand) Bind Us Together (screens)

Prayer after Communion. p. 423 (screens)

Doxology p. 214 (screens)

The Blessing

Announcements (screens)

Closing Hymn: CP # 384 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (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 Anglican Church of South America. Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle:*** In the Anglican Church, we ***pray for the Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton, Metropolitan, and the clergy and people of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon*** and in the Lutheran church we pray for ***the Assistant to the Bishop and staff of the British Columbia Synod.*** In the Moravian church, remembering September 16 – 1741 – at a synod (legislative assembly) in London, the delegates determined that no human being would be the head of the church; by Lot, Jesus Christ was named as “Chief Elder of the Unitas Fratrum.” Today, this day is celebrated by ordained servants renewing their ordination vows in a Cup of Covenant service.

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for ***St. Barnabas, Medicine Hat and their clergy the Rev. Dr. Oz Lorentzen and the Rev. John Willems.*** We also pray for ***the Anglican Church Women (ACW).*** We lift to you our friends, in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands.

In our Parish Cycle, we pray today for Yulerette; Ted, Sylvia; Derrick, Tracy, Connor, Samantha; Jason, Shannon, Ryley; Kristine, Josh, Patrick, Brodie; Richard, JoAnne; Stuart, Carrie, Raina; Colleen, Richard, Maja, Leonard; Laura; Ikem, Ihedihanma, Crystal, Ruby; Logan, Jennifer, Dorothy, Charlotte, Audrey; Doug, Michelle, DJ; Adam; Debra; Betty; Claire 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; Ari; Andrea; Dorothy Ann; Robbie; Patrick; Josh; Verna; Bob & Joanne; Margaret; Marlene; Michael; Scott & M’Laurel; Valma; Kerin; Shane, Obiageli Gloria.

For those grieving: Eloka & family; Cari & family; Lisa & family; Joan & family; Doreen & family; Paul & family; Dinah & family; Gloria & family; the family of Ken Prevost; Debra & family; Rick & family, the family of Janet; Tracy & family; Gina & family; Pat & 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. **We pray for** protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. 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.



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of our risen Lord by Suzanne and Jeff Wray, in thanksgiving for their 40th wedding anniversary today, and in gratitude for their 3 wonderful children and 2 beautiful grandchildren.