

The Anglican Parish of Holy Cross

Growing relationships in Christ

Service of Holy Communion

November 23, 2025 at 8:30 AM

Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Reign of Christ

Book of Common Prayer (Small Red Book)

Presiding: The Rev. Simba Mutandwa

Welcome! We thank you for choosing to worship with us today. To learn more about our community, please fill out the card in the pew and/or speak to the clergy.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. If you prefer not to receive communion, you are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are gluten intolerant, you may request a rice wafer instead of a wheat wafer from the priest administering the bread.



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As the parish of Holy Cross, we acknowledge that we gather
on the traditional territories of the Treaty 7 peoples.

We Gather Together

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Collect of the Day: 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

We Hear and Proclaim God’s Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6 (Bible, OT, page 806) Mryka Hall-Beyer

Canticle 19: Luke 1:68-79 Mryka Hall-Beyer

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading Colossians 1:11-20 (Bible, NT, page 213) Mryka Hall-Beyer

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The Gospel: Luke 23:33-43 (Bible, NT, page 91) The Rev. Simba Mutandwa

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Sermon The Rev. Simba Mutandwa

We Pray for the Church and the World

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- The Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- The Anglican Church of Canada: The Most Rev. Shane Parker, Primate; The Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador: The Rt. Rev. Samuel Rose, Bishop

- The Diocese of Calgary: The Most Rev. Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Archbishop of Calgary and Metropolitan of Northern Lights; St. John the Divine, Siksika: The Rev. Larry Waterchief; St. Barnabas, Tsuut’ina; Parish staff and volunteers
- Our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands: The Rt. Rev. Leopold Friday, Bishop; St. Philip, Mesopotamia with St. Matthias and St. Joseph, on St. Vincent: The Rev. Khadisha Smart
- Our Parish: Crucifers
- Our Members: Brenda Cherry; Dan Chibry; Eric and Alyshia Christensen; Glen and Carol Christensen
- The World: Lesotho; all people and countries affected by natural disaster or terrorist attacks; for peace and reconciliation
- Those in Need in Our Parish: Alix Milton, Carol Christensen, Geraldine Cooke, Bob and Joyce Lee, Mary Mason-Leskowitz, Doris Gourley, Linda Nkemdirim, Kajsa Hansen, Art and Isobel Price, Marlene Stevenson, Joyce Holden, Ken Carter, Lucille Gishler, Onna Nicolay, Beverly McDonald, Brenda Hanna, Charlene, Doris Kashmanian, Greg Hansen
- Those in Need Beyond Our Parish: Jennifer Berwanger, Marilyn, Rob, Joyann Cox, Sean, Wendy H, Lesia, Mitch, Susan, Karen, Dana, Bruce, Tony Walmsley, Deb, Christina, Gwyneth, Sam, Alan, Beatriz Bland, Kevin

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We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper

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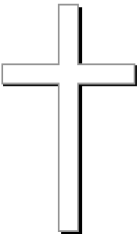
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Blessing and Dismissal



The altar flowers are in recognition of the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of sister Glenn Travers with love from Jean and Bill Ede.

Poinsettias: Pick up an order form from the narthex or download one to contribute toward poinsettias which will decorate the church at Christmas. Put the completed form and payment of \$16 per poinsettia on the offertory plate or in the folder holder next to the office by December 14.

Please pick up your **stewardship letter** in the narthex. If there isn't one addressed to you, please take one of the unaddressed copies. After today, they will be mailed.

Our recent donation to **St. Edmund's Food Bank** was 10 bags of groceries. Thank you and please continue sharing.

Calling all our fabulous bakers, our **Annual Cookie Challenge** will be December 14th after the 10:00 AM service. Those wishing to enter their delights are asked to bring 4 dozen bite size cookies. There are prizes for the top 3 entries. We are pleased to announce that you will have the chance to guess which cookie was made by The Rev. Deacon Carol!

Sunday School is held on the first and third Sunday of each month. For information, speak to Lisa Boulet at 403-399-2315.

To purchase a **2026 Church Calendar**, please contact Lisa Boulet at 403-399-2315.

The next **ACW** meeting will be on December 7 following the 10:00 AM service after coffee hour; please speak to Lisa Boulet for more information. All women are welcome. This meeting will be a Christmas potluck lunch with a devotional by Rev. Simba.

Parish Council is looking for **pictures and videos** of Holy Cross events and gatherings, including of ministry activities, clubs, fundraisers, and generally anything that represents your experience at or with our church. The images will be used for in-house videos, newsletters, and outreach. All images will be vetted for individual security by asking for permission for their use. We will not keep the images that any subject objects to them being made public. Please email Grant Los (Parish Council Member) at grantlos57@gmail.com if you have any pictures you would like to share.

Book Club: Meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. For more information, contact Glynis McClary at 403-926-6583, Wendy Dickin at 403-282-7700 or Kathy McNair at 587-227-5464. The next session is December 18.

The **Quilters and Crafters group** would like to thank everyone who generously donated to the craft tables at the Bazaar. They are now on hiatus until January.

On Wednesdays, join us for **Holy Communion** at 9:30 AM or **Evening Prayer** at 6:30 PM. For more information about Evening Prayer, please contact The Rev. Deacon Carol Tubman at ctubman@shaw.ca or call 403-630-9104.

Next Week's Readings – November 30 – First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Assisting Today

Mryka Hall-Beyer (Worship Assistant, Reader); John Uncles (Sidesperson); Onna Nicolay, Linda Peyto (Altar Guild)