

# The Anglican Parish of Holy Cross

## *Growing relationships in Christ*

### Service of Holy Communion

January 4, 2026 at 8:30 AM

The Epiphany of the Lord

*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: Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Isaiah 60:1-6 (Bible, OT, page 766).....	Grant
<b>Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (BCP, page 419).....</b>	<b>Grant</b>
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12 (Bible, NT, page 205) .....	Grant
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## We Pray for the Church and the World

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- The Anglican Communion: The Church of the Province of Central Africa
- The Anglican Church of Canada: The Most Rev. Shane Parker, Primate; The Diocese of Montreal: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Victor-David Mbuyi Bipungu
- The Diocese of Calgary: The Most Rev. Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Archbishop of Calgary and Metropolitan of Northern Lights; The Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson, The Rev. Dcn. Charmaine Evans, Mr. Rob Sutherland, Ms. Barb Gogol, The Rev. Br. Jason Carroll, The Rev. Dcn. Elizabeth Short, Mrs. Barbara Labrecque, Mrs. Kim Getty, Mr. Michael Hoskin, Mr. Frank Corbett, Mr. Larry Taerum, The Rev. Dcn. Tracey Stagg, The Rev. Dcn. Carol Tubman, and Chancellor Jeff Davidson
- Our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands: The Rt. Rev. Leopold Friday, Bishop; Cathedral Church of St. George (Parish of St. George and St. Andrew) with Transfiguration, The Ascension and Holy Redeemer: The Very Rev. Samuel Nichols, Rector; Synod Office Staff: The Right Rev. Leopold Friday, Ms. Michelle Hinds, Mr. Stanley John, Mr. Grenville John, Mrs. Pamela Stephens-James, and Ms. Hannah Laidlow
- Our Parish: Music Director Doug, choir, and handbells
- Our Members: Gloria G; Doris G; Anne G; Barrie and Patricia

- The World: Morocco; all people and countries affected by natural disaster or terrorist attacks; for peace and reconciliation
- Those in Need in Our Parish: Donna, Alix, Carol, Geraldine, Bob and Joyce, Mary, Doris, Linda, Kajsa, Art and Isobel, Marlene, Joyce, Ken, Lucille, Onna, Beverly, Brenda, Charlene, Doris, Greg
- Those in Need Beyond Our Parish: Jennifer, Marilyn, Rob, Joyann, Sean, Wendy H, Lesia, Mitch, Susan, Karen, Dana, Bruce, Tony, Deb, Christina, Gwyneth, Sam, Alan, Beatriz, Kevin

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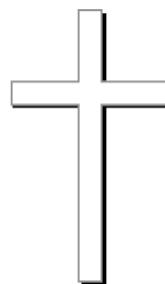
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Receiving Communion or a Blessing

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Blessing and Dismissal



The altar flowers have been given to the Glory of Almighty God.

Our **Furnace Fundraiser** continues!

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

**ACW** (Anglican Church Women) meet today following coffee hour after the 10:00 AM service.

The **Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP)** will be on January 25, 2026. Ministry leaders are asked to submit their reports to Donna at [uncles@telusplanet.net](mailto:uncles@telusplanet.net) or Gloria at [office@holycrosscalgary.org](mailto:office@holycrosscalgary.org) by January 11.

Following the 10:00 AM service on January 11, we will gather for a potluck lunch. The theme is "**Sharing Your Culture.**" Please bring a savoury or sweet dish that represents your cultural background or one that you enjoy. Everyone is welcome.

If you received Christmas cards (or any other envelopes) in the mail, please clip the stamps from the envelopes and place them in the collection box in the narthex. We collect stamps year-round for the **Canadian Bible Society** who sell them to purchase Bibles for their prison ministry.

**Book Club:** Meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. For more information, contact Glynis at 403-926-6583, Wendy at 403-282-7700 or Kathy at 587-227-5464. The next session is January 21.

The **Quilters and Crafters group** meet on Mondays from 1:00 to 3:30 PM in the Nickle room. New members are welcome to come, even just for a visit.

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](mailto:ctubman@shaw.ca) or call 403-630-9104.

#### **Next Week's Readings – January 11 – The Baptism of the Lord**

Propers 348; Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

#### **Assisting Today**

Grant (Worship Assistant, Reader); David P (Sidesperson); Lynne, Barb (Altar Guild)