

The Anglican Parish of Holy Cross

Growing relationships in Christ

Service of Holy Communion

March 15, 2026 at 8:30 AM

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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 God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

We Hear and Proclaim God's Word

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (Bible, OT, page 288).....	Grant
Psalm 23 (BCP page 356).....	Grant
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14 (Bible, NT, page 207)	Grant
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We Pray for the Church and the World

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- The Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Kenya
- The Anglican Church of Canada: The Most Rev. Shane Parker, Primate; The Diocese of Saskatchewan: The Rt. Rev. Richard Reed, Bishop
- The Diocese of Calgary: The Most Rev. Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Archbishop of Calgary and Metropolitan of Northern Lights; Parkland Parish: St. Hilda, Arthurvale; St. David, Elnora; Holy Trinity, Pine Lake
- Our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands: The Rt. Rev. Leopold Friday, Bishop; St. David and St. Paul, on Grenada: The Rev. Fr. Edward Mark
- Our Parish: Videographers
- Our Members: Onna; Christopher; David and Linda P; Margaret P
- The World: Sierra Leone; all people and countries affected by natural disaster or terrorist attacks; for peace and reconciliation

- Those in Need in Our Parish: Barrie, Doug, John G, Alix, Geraldine, Joyce L, Mary M, Doris G, Linda N, Kajsja, Art and Isobel, Marlene, Joyce H, Lucille, Onna, Beverly, Brenda H, Charlene, Doris K, Greg
- Those in Need Beyond Our Parish: Jennifer, Rob, Joyann, Sean, Wendy H, Lesia, Mitch, Susan, Karen, Dana, Bruce, Tony, Deb, Christina, Gwyneth, Sam, Alan, Beatriz, Kevin

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We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper

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Blessing and Dismissal



Lenten Bible Study is on Thursdays at 7:00 PM. This year's theme is "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you – James 4:8-10".

The annual **Soup and Bread Lunch** will be held on Sunday, March 15th. This is our traditional fundraiser for Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF), the primary charity of the Anglican Church of Canada. Speak to Margaret P for more information.

To sponsor an **Easter lily** to be placed in front of the altar on Easter Day, please fill out one of the order forms in the folder on the table in the narthex and place it on the collection plate or in the folder holder next to the office door by March 29. Lilies are \$16 each.

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

The **Quilters and Crafters group** meet on Mondays from 1:00 to 3:30 PM in the Nickle room. New members are welcome.

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.

The **31st St. Cyprian's Venturer Company** is organizing a yard sale fundraiser this May and are currently collecting donated items to help make the event a success. If you have any gently used items you no longer need—such as clothing, books, toys, games, small household items, or décor—they would greatly appreciate your donations. All proceeds from the yard sale will go toward helping the Venturers fund their trip to Halifax this summer. Please contact Scouter Brad Farmer (204-494-1225) for more details or to arrange for a pickup.

About 150 Books of Common Prayer have recently visited the **Book Hospital**. Broken spines, bruised shoulders, torn edges, loose pages, missing parts, diverse example ailments of a longer list, were given tender care and refreshed for use in our worship services. As stewards of these books, let us continue to treat them respectfully; no writing in the margins, no dog-eared corners, no licking fingers to turn pages, etc. etc. No use of common home tapes such as duct tape, packing tape, gift wrapping tape for home repairs; these tapes yellow and crack and slip and are not as good as proper document repair tape and bookbinder spine tape used for proper long-term repairs.

Please deliver BCPs in need of TLC to one of the sidespersons, noting the affliction you have discovered. The hymn books and Books of Alternative Services are also in need of intervention and restoration. Treat them gently for now, do not give them to the sidespersons, but do watch for a Book Hospital work bee. Training for Book Hospital staff will be provided in the fall for those who might want to join in.

Next Week's Readings – March 22 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Assisting Today

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