



Order of Service for July 26, 2026
9th Sunday after Pentecost
Celebration of Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.
Celebrating: The Rev'd Tony Hilling



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



**We know that all things
work together for good
for those who
love God
Romans 8:28**

Pre-Service Music: Glorify Thy Name (Please join in this time of worship, as we prepare for the Service.)

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Processional Hymn: Be Thou My Vision (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. 370 (screens)

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country - giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so and completed her week; then Laban gave him his

daughter Rachel as a wife.

Genesis 29:15-28

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 105:1-11, 45c ... p. 845 (screens)

The Epistle Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:26-39

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn: CP # 541 As Long the Hart (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 Matthew.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Gospel Acclamation: The Alleluia (sung)

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Gospel Acclamation: The Alleluia (sung)

Homily

The Apostles 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: Great Are You Lord (screens)

Prayer over the Gifts. . . . p. 371 (screens)

Eucharistic Prayer 3 (screens).... p. 198

Proper Preface for Lord's Day 3... 218 (screens)

The Lord's Prayer form 1. p. 211 (screens)

The Breaking of the Bread, Form 1.p. 212 (screens)

Agnus Dei (screens)

The Communion p. 213 (screens)

Communion Hymns: (screens)

Hover O'er Me

The Word

The Lord's My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

Hymn after Communion (Please stand) Shout to the Lord (screens)

Prayer after Communion ...p. 371 (screens)

Doxology p. 214 (screens)

The Blessing

Announcements (screens)

Closing Hymn: Lord of the Dance (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, Bears paw, 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 Tanzania***. In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle, we pray for ***the Rt. Rev. Stephen London, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Edmonton***. In the Lutheran Church, we pray for ***the dean, council, and congregations of the East Central Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories***. In the Moravian Church we pray for ***the Canadian Moravian Foundation***. Together: ***Lutheran, Anglican, and Moravian summer camping ministries***.

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for ***Holy Cross, Calgary and their clergy the Rev. Simba Mutandwa, the Rev. Deacon Carol Tubman and the Rev. John Gishler (Hon. Asst.)***. We also pray for ***Diocesan Refugee Committee***. We lift to you our friends in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands. We pray for ***St. Mary, Bequia (bek-way) with Holy Cross, Paget Farm, Mustique; and St. Michael, Canouan and St. Matthias, Union Island and their Incumbent the Rev. Canon John Rohim***. We also pray for ***Windward Islands Diocesan Association***.

In our Parish Cycle, we pray today for our clergy Tony Hilling, Betty Nadurak, Cyril Haynes, Sean Devlin, Garry MacDowall and their families. **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: Wanda, Ari; Andrea; Dorothy Ann; Robbie; Patrick; Josh; Bob & Joanne; Michael; Scott; Kerin; Obiageli Gloria.

For those grieving: the family of Iona Shaw. **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.

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We pray especially for the work of Alongside Hope and its partners in Canada and around the world.

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.