



St. Timothy's Anglican Church, Agincourt
Sunday, September 13th, 2026 – 10AM
Holy Cross Sunday/Back to Church Sunday
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PRELUDE

SERVICE SETTING: Mass of Christ our Saviour

Dan Schutte

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS TERRITORY

♪ OPENING HYMN #602 Lift High the Cross

(Refrain)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
If we are silent, even stones cry out.

Refrain

Jesus, you wept to see our human strife:
Teach us compassion for each human life.

Refrain

Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme:
Let peace be our passport, peace a living dream.

Refrain

Great is the cost of walking on this road,
To follow and suffer with the Son of God.

Refrain

Worlds to be born and children yet to be,
Come, take up this song into eternity.

Refrain

THE GREETING

Leader The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

Leader Almighty God,

All to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

♪ GLORIA

Glory, in the highest glory, Peace to all, in all their days.

Worship, thanks and praise unceasing to the Source of all we raise:

Reigning in the sapphire height, hidden from our mortal sight,

Now receive our adoration, as we make our supplication.

Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Lamb of God, for sinners given,

Word Eternal, born of Mary, Word made Flesh, the Face of Heaven:

Holy one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,

With the Spirit there united, And the Godhead high exalted.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS & PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH

COLLECT FOR CHILDREN GOING TO SCHOOL

Dear Jesus, you who promise to be with us always, we pray that you would be with our students this year as they go to school; bless their going and their coming home, bless their learning and their playing; protect their hearts from fear, keep them safe, and give them good friends, so that they might experience the fullness of your joy this year and evermore. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the One who loves us from head to toe. **Amen.**

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself, may we who rejoice in the mystery of our redemption, have grace to take up our cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hearing God's Word to Us

FIRST READING: Numbers 21: 4b-9

♪ PSALM 98

Psalm 98

Ken Michell

♩ = 80

G Am7

The Lord has made his sal - va - tion known Re -

4 C2 Dadd4 G G

veal - ing to all his right-eous - ness, The Lord has made his sal -

7 Am7 C2 Dadd4 G

va - tion known Re - mem - b'ring his love and faith - ful - ness. (The)

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SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-24

♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, praise to God.
Alleluia, praise to God.
Praises, high praises,
We bring you, O God.
Alleluia, praise to God.**

THE GOSPEL: John 3: 13-17

R: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ. / Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

Leader Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker
of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of
God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not**

made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Leader Dear Friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Leader Most merciful God,
All We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Leader Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE PEACE

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

♪ OFFERTORY #537 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me.
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more lustre to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Merciful God, through the death of your beloved Son you transformed an instrument of shame into a sign of hope and glory. Receive all we offer you this day, and renew in us the mystery of his love; through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER #3

Leader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself. By his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore with all the host of heaven who gather around your throne and the Lamb, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

♪ SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the

forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All Therefore Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Leader and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,
Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread
and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these
gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and
his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his
sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified
by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make
them new, and bring us to the city of light where you dwell
with all your children; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and
the author of salvation.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

♪ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD #2

Leader We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one**
bread.

THE COMMUNION

Leader The gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

♪ AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.**

♪ COMMUNION HYMN #49 Draw Near and Take

Draw near and take the body of your Lord,
and drink with faith the blood for you outpoured.

Saved by his body, hallowed by his blood,
with souls refreshed, we give our thanks to God.

Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
by his dear cross and blood the victory won.

Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere,
and take the pledges of salvation here.

The Lord in this world rules his saints, and shields;
to all believers life eternal yields;

with heavenly bread makes those who hunger whole;
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Before your presence, Lord, all people bow.
In this your feast of love be with us now.

#74 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By these pledges that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,

by your call to realms above us,
consecrate our lives, O Lord:

in your service, Lord, defend us;
help us to obey your word;
in the world to which you send us,
let your kingdom come, O Lord!

#386 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the cross of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, we give thanks that you have made us partakers of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took our nature upon him and suffered death upon the cross for our redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

DOXOLOGY

Leader Glory to God,

All Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Leader The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

♪ CLOSING HYMN

#431 Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said

Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if you would my disciple be;
deny yourself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak soul with vain alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still:
your Lord for you endured to die
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave;
'twill guide you to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

THE DISMISSAL

Leader We are followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serving the world God loves!

All Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE