



Order of Service for Sept. 13, 2026

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Celebration of Baptism & Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.

Celebrating: The Rev'd Tony Hilling

Assisting: The Rev'd Deacon Betty Nadurak



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

**For to this
end Christ
died and
lived again
so that he
might be
Lord of both
the dead and
the living**

Romans 14:9



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

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Processional Hymn: CP # 429 For the Beauty of the Earth (screens)

Greeting p 185 (Book of Alternative Services - Green book) (screens)

Collect of the Day p. 380 (screens)

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the

great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Exodus 14:19-31

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 114 p. 862 (screens)

The Epistle Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Romans 14:1-12

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn: Everything We Need (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)

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Matthew 18:21-35

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation: The Alleluia (sung)

Homily

Presentation and Examination ...p.153 (screens)

Prayers for the Candidates ... p. 155 (screens)

The Celebration of Baptism ... 156 (screens)

The Baptismal Covenant ...p. 158 (screens)

The Giving of Light ... p. 160 (screens)

The Peace: p. 192 (screens)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: CP # 418 Draw the Circle Wide (screens)

Prayer over the Gifts. ... p. 380 (screens)

Eucharistic Prayer #1 ... p. 193 (screens)

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

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

Agnus Dei (screens)

The Communion p. 213 (screens)

Communion Hymns: (screens)

You Are the Vine

CP # 73 One Bread, One Body

In Moments Like These

Hymn after Communion (Please stand) Children of the Light (screens)

Prayer after Communion ...p. 381 (screens)

Doxology p. 214 (screens)

The Blessing

Announcements (screens)

Closing Hymn: CP # 460 Lord the Light of Your Love is Shining (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, Bearspaw, 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 in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia***. In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle, we pray for ***The Most Rev. John Stephens, Metropolitan, and the clergy and people of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon***. In the Lutheran Church, we pray for ***the Assistant to the Bishop and staff of the British Columbia Synod***. In the Moravian Church, ***remembering September 16 – 1741 – at a synod (legislative assembly) in London, the delegates determined that no human being would be the head of the church; by Lot, Jesus Christ was named as “Chief Elder of the Unitas Fratrum.” Today, this day is celebrated by ordained servants renewing their ordination vows in a Cup of Covenant service.***

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for ***St. Barnabas, Medicine Hat and their Incumbent The Rev. Dr. Oz Lorentzen. We also pray for the Anglican Church Women (ACW)***

We lift to you our friends in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands. We pray for ***St. David and St. Paul on Grenada and their Incumbent The Rev. Fr. Edward Mark.***

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 & Valma; Andrea; Dorothy Ann; Robbie; Patrick; Josh; Bob & Joanne; Michael; Scott; Kerin; Obiageli Gloria.

For those grieving: the Brisbin family, 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.