



Order of Service for Sept. 20, 2026
Holy Cross Day
Celebration of Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.
Celebrating: The Rev'd Sean Devlin
Assisting: The Rev'd Deacon Betty Nadurak



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



**And just
as Moses
lifted up
the serpent
in the
wilderness,
so must
the Son
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John 3:14**

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

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Processional Hymn: CP # 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (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. 422 (screens)

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from the book of Numbers

The people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Numbers 21:4b-9

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 98:1-6 p. 836 (screens)

The Epistle Reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn: CP # 397 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (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 John.

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

Gospel Acclamation: The Alleluia (sung)

Jesus said, "No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

John 3:13-17

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: CP # 375 At the Name of Jesus (screens)

Prayer over the Gifts. . . . p. 423 (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, 1. p. 212 (screens)

Agnus Dei (screens)

The Communion p. 213 (screens)

Communion Hymns: (screens)

Blessed Are You Lord
Make Me a Servant
Worthy is the Lamb

Hymn after Communion (Please stand) Give Thanks (screens)

Prayer after Communion ...p. 423 (screens)

Doxology p. 214 (screens)

The Blessing

Announcements (screens)

Closing Hymn: CP # 602 Lift High the Cross (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 of Australia***. In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle, we pray for ***the Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon***. In the Lutheran Church, we pray for ***the dean, council, and congregations of the Southern Interior Region of the British Columbia Synod***.

In our **Diocesan Cycle**, we pray for ***All Saints, Medicine Hat and their clergy The Rev. Guy Snell and The Rev. Deacon Gloria Schirok. We also pray the Diocesan Council.***

We lift to you our friends in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands. We pray for ***Grace Church, Riviere Doree with St. Paul and Christ-the-King, on St. Lucia and their Incumbent The Rev. Dr. Eleanor Glasgow-Layne.***

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: We pray for the Lord's Peace and Comfort for the family of Joan Barr. May Joan rest in Peace and rise in Glory. **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
by Joan McCartney, in loving memory of her wonderful husband, Terry,
and her special son, Rob, who are sadly missed.