



HOLY CROSS DAY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
SEASON OF CREATION

*The flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God,
in thanksgiving for this Season of Creation.*

† **HOLY EUCHARIST AT 9.00 AM.** †

Celebrant & Preacher The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

For the readings, please see the 10.30 am. Service. Collect – BCP page 321.

† **SUNG EUCHARIST AT 10.30 AM.** †

The service begins on page 185 of the *Book of Alternative Services*.

Celebrant & Preacher The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Director of Music Mervin Fick

Communion Minister Fen Nanton

Servers Tony Pearce, Gary Toneguzzo

Mass Setting *Gloria – A Community Mass, D. Hurd CP 686*

*Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei - Deutsche Mass, F. Schubert
CP 735, 737.*

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude *Lento – Opus 105 #3*

C.V. STANFORD

Processional Hymn 372 *Praise to the Holiest in the Height*

GERONTIUS

Greeting

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant

All

Almighty God,
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 (Hymn Book #686)

D. HURD

Celebrant

All

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson Numbers 21.4b-9

Read by Ted Robinson

Reader A Reading from the Book of Numbers.

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea,* to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The 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.’ ⁶Then the Lord sent poisonous* serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The 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. ⁸And 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.’ ⁹So 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.

Reader The word of the Lord. *All* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98.1-6 *Sung responsively by half verse, Cantors and All.*

O SING unto the Lord a new song; /

for he hath done marvellous things.

2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, /

hath he gotten himself the victory.

3 The Lord hath declared his salvation: /

his righteousness hath he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He hath remembered his mercy and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel; /

and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

5 Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands: /

sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

6 Praise the Lord upon the harp: /

sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1.18-24

Read by Isabelle Robinson

Reader A Reading from the First Epistle of St Paul to the Corinthians.

For 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. ¹⁹For it is written, ‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’ ²⁰Where 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? ²¹For 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. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Reader The word of the Lord. *All* **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 405 vv. 1-2 *Alleluia*

ALLELUIA NO 1.

The Holy Gospel John 3.13-17

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, “No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be

lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“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. ¹⁷“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.

Gospeller

The Gospel of Christ.

All

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn 405 vv. 3-4

Homily

Choir *God So Loved the World*

JOHN STAINER

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant

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

Led by Ian Corlett

Celebrant

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Please kneel or be seated. The Prayers follow.

Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant invites the confession of sin. Silence is kept.

Celebrant
All

Most Merciful God,
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. *The Absolution is pronounced. Then all stand.*

Celebrant
All

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.
We invite you to share a sign of Christ's peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 602 *Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

Prayer over the Gifts

Great Thanksgiving – Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant
All

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Celebrant
All

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant
All

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever. Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing,

All

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, F. SCHUBERT, CP 735
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost. Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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." In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith. **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.** Send your Holy Spirit on us and upon these gifts, that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *Sung together*

<i>Celebrant</i>	As our Saviour taught us, let us pray. Our Father in heaven
<i>All</i>	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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

<i>Celebrant</i>	Lord, we died with you on the cross.
<i>All</i>	Now we are raised to new life.
<i>Celebrant</i>	We were buried in your tomb.
<i>All</i>	Now we share in your resurrection.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Live in us, that we may live in you.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei - CP 747

All **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace, give us your peace.

Holy Communion

- Holy Communion is administered a standing station at the High Altar and at the St Peter's Altar. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing. Fold your hands over your chest to indicate this to the administering priest. Please follow the directions of the sides-people.
- You may choose to receive the bread only where the fullness of the sacrament is present. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, simply receive the bread and return to your seat. You may also touch the base of the chalice while the words of administration are said.
- Intinction (dipping the bread into the chalice of wine) is not permitted in the Anglican Diocese of Toronto.
- Anointing for healing will be administered in the north and south aisles of the Church.

Communion Hymn 68 *We Hold the Death of the Lord*

NOW WE REMAIN

Motet *Here, O My Lord*

ELEANOR DALEY 

Thanksgiving after Communion

Celebrant All your works praise you, O Lord.

All **And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing & Announcements

Recessional Hymn 431 *Take Up Your Cross*

BRESLAU

Dismissal

Celebrant Followers of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
serve the world God loves. **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Anglican Communion: Anglican Church of South America.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: North Peel Deanery.

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer: *Pray for St. Paul's, Lindsay*, its St. Paul's Pantry food cupboard, support of A Place Called Home and Kawartha Lakes Food Source, provision of clothing, and school supplies to a neighbourhood school, support of PWRDF Foodgrains, Mission to Seafarers, Women's Resources of Kawartha Lakes and Habitat for Humanity; and for our foster children at SOS Children's Villages and the Arms of Jesus Mission; *St. Paul, Newmarket*, its refugee sponsorship, support of the local food bank and Inn from the Cold program, Karanda Mission Hospital in Zimbabwe, Elimu education programs in Kenya, and school knapsacks for St. Vincent and the Grenadines; *St. Paul, Uxbridge*, its monthly Community Dinner and support of the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank, participation in a weekly community lunch, its annual support of the Salvation Army's backpack program, Canadian Tire Kick Start program, Jennifer Ashley Children's Charity, and North House, and provision of Christmas food hampers and gifts for families in need as well as discretionary funds to five local schools.

Parish Cycle: Mary Gordon, Cathy Graham, Angela Gransden.

Home Bound Parishioners Marie Adams, Glenna Charles, Alice Fox, Dennis Gittens, Lawrine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, Marian McPherson, Everton Morris, Denise Orioux, Lucy Simons, Vernita Theobalds, Duncan Towe, Lila Vamosi, Vashti White.



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Parish Office Hours – Tuesday to Thursday, 9.30 am – 5.30 pm.

Weekly Services

Sunday 9 am – Holy Eucharist (BCP)

Sunday 10.30 am - 1st & 3rd – Traditional Eucharist

2nd Sunday – Matins (unless announced otherwise)

4th Sunday – BAS Eucharist

5th Sunday – As announced

Wednesday 11.00 am - Holy Eucharist