

The Anglican Parish of Holy Cross

Growing relationships in Christ

Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols

December 7, 2025 at 10:00 AM

Second Sunday of Advent

Book of Alternative Services (Green Book)

Officiant: The Rev. Simba Mutandwa

Assisted by: The Rev. Deacon Carol Tubman

Welcome! We thank you for choosing to worship with us today. To learn more about our community, please fill out the card in the pew and/or speak to the clergy.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. If you prefer not to receive communion, you are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are gluten intolerant, you may request a rice wafer instead of a wheat wafer from the priest administering the bread.



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As the parish of Holy Cross, we acknowledge that we gather
on the traditional territories of the Treaty 7 peoples.

We Gather Together

Prelude: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" – Barbara Kinyo Hand Bells

Announcements and Welcome

Processional Hymn 110 "Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us"

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Children's Teaching, Lighting of the Advent Candles, "Christ Be Our Light" (see insert)

Bidding Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (BAS, page 211)

We Hear and Proclaim God's Word

1st Lesson: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25 (Bible, OT, page 2) The Rev. Deacon Carol Tubman
God creates man and woman to live in obedience to him in the Garden of Eden.

Anthem: "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree" - Elizabeth Poston

2nd Lesson: Genesis 3:1-15 (Bible, OT, page 3) Barrie Griffiths
Rebellion and its consequences.

Hymn 100 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

3rd Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9a (Bible, OT, page 770) Glen Christensen
God is called upon to act and to come among us.

Anthem: "O Come, Divine Messiah" – James Biery

4th Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-11 (Bible, OT, page 704) Eric Christensen
God reveals his glory to the Prophet Isaiah and calls him to be his messenger.

Hymn 106 "There's a Voice in the Wilderness"

5th Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10 (Bible, OT, page 735) Onna Nicolay
The Prophet Isaiah proclaims that God will come and save us.

Anthem: "There Shall Come Forth a Shoot from Jesse" – Hal Hopson

6th Lesson: Isaiah 7: 10–15 (Bible, OT, page 705) Elisabeth McDonald
God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as "God With Us".

Hymn "Emmanuel" – Bob McGee

<i>Emmanuel, Emmanuel His name is called Emmanuel; God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.</i>
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7th Lesson: Michah 5:2-4 (Bible, OT, page 966) Mary Mason-Leskowitz
The one who is ruler is to be born in the village of Bethlehem.

Hand Bells: "People Look East" – Douglas Wagner

8th Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-18 (Bible, OT, page 981)Barbara Mutandwa
The Lord will be among us; we are summoned to rejoice and sing.

Hymn 102 “Prepare the Way, O Zion”

9th Lesson: Luke 1:26–56 (Bible, NT, page 58) The Rev. Simba Mutandwa
The Angel Gabriel's announcement to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

Anthem: “Angelus Ad Virginem (Gabriel to Mary Came)” – Arr: David Wilcox

Sermon The Rev. Simba Mutandwa

Offertory Hymn 132 “Of Eternal Love Begotten”

We Pray for the Church and the World

The Intercession.....Mryka Hall Beyer

- The Anglican Communion: The Church of Bangladesh
- The Anglican Church of Canada: The Most Rev. Shane Parker, Primate; The Diocese of Fredericton: The Most Rev. David Edwards, Bishop
- The Diocese of Calgary: The Most Rev. Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Archbishop of Calgary and Metropolitan of Northern Lights; Church of the Epiphany, Rimbey: The Rev. Daniel Hughes; Holy Trinity, Rocky Mountain House: The Lay Ministers and Wardens; Companion Diocese Committee
- Our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands: The Rt. Rev. Leopold Friday, Bishop; St. Patrick, Barrouallie with St. David, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, All Saints, and Mary Magdalene, on St. Vincent: The Rev. Hanif Johnson
- Our Parish: Furnace fundraiser
- Our Members: Anne Cowling; Anne Davidson; Robert and Audrey Deaver; Nancy Duncan
- The World: Indonesia; all people and countries affected by natural disaster or terrorist attacks; for peace and reconciliation
- Those in Need in Our Parish: Donna Uncles, Alix Milton, Carol Christensen, Geraldine Cooke, Bob and Joyce Lee, Mary Mason-Leskowitz, Doris Gourley, Linda Nkemdirim, Kajsa Hansen, Art and Isobel Price, Marlene Stevenson, Joyce Holden, Ken Carter, Lucille Gishler, Onna Nicolay, Beverly McDonald, Brenda Hanna, Charlene, Doris Kashmanian, Greg Hansen
- Those in Need Beyond Our Parish: Jennifer Berwanger, Marilyn, Rob, Joyann Cox, Sean, Wendy H, Lesia, Mitch, Susan, Karen, Dana, Bruce, Tony Walmsley, Deb, Christina, Gwyneth, Sam, Alan, Beatriz Bland, Kevin

We Go into the World

Closing Prayer and Blessing

Recessional Hymn 114 “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”

Dismissal

Postlude: “Lift Up Your Heads” – David Cherwien



The altar flowers have been given to the Glory of Almighty God by Patricia and Barrie Griffiths in thanksgiving for their loving family and wonderful church.

Poinsettias: Pick up an order form from the narthex or download one to contribute toward poinsettias which will decorate the church at Christmas. Put the completed form and payment of \$16 per poinsettia on the offertory plate or in the folder holder next to the office by December 14.

Furnace Fundraiser: Check out the board in the narthex for our fundraiser to replace our aging furnaces.

Advent Bible Study is on Thursdays at 7:00 PM in the St. Cyprian room.

Calling all our fabulous bakers, our **Annual Cookie Challenge** will be December 14th after the 10:00 AM service. Those wishing to enter their delights are asked to bring 4 dozen bite size cookies. There are prizes for the top 3 entries. We are pleased to announce that you will have the chance to guess which cookie was made by The Rev. Deacon Carol! For information, speak to Kathy McNair or Cheryl Hansen. There's no fee to enter the challenge!

Another 10 bags of groceries were delivered to **St. Edmund's food bank** from our donation box. Well done, good and faithful servant(s)!

The **newsletter** is now available on the website; please go to the home page, About, Newsletter. Call Gloria in the office if you have any questions; 403-289-8497.

Sunday School is held on the first and third Sunday of each month. For information, speak to Lisa Boulet at 403-399-2315.

To purchase a **2026 Church Calendar**, please contact Lisa Boulet at 403-399-2315.

The **ACW** will meet will be today following the 10:00 AM service after coffee hour; please speak to Lisa Boulet for more information. All ladies, come and join us for our annual turkey Christmas dinner potluck. A donation towards the turkey would be appreciated. We hope to see you there!

Book Club: Meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. For more information, contact Glynis McClary at 403-926-6583, Wendy Dickin at 403-282-7700 or Kathy McNair at 587-227-5464. The next session is December 18.

On Wednesdays, join us for **Holy Communion** at 9:30 AM or **Evening Prayer** at 6:30 PM. For more information about Evening Prayer, please contact The Rev. Deacon Carol Tubman at ctubman@shaw.ca or call 403-630-9104.

Next Week's Readings – December 14 - Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:4-9; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Assisting Today

Doug Spreeman (Music Director); Barrie Griffiths, Glen Christensen, Eric Christensen, Onna Nicolay, Elisabeth McDonald, Mary Mason-Leskowitz, Barbara Mutandwa (Readers); Mryka Hall-Beyer (Intercessor); Lisa Boulet, Tyler Rouleau (Coffee Hosts); Margaret Peyto (Sidespersons); Kingslee, Kathryn Bauer (Videographer); Onna Nicolay, Lynne Hubbard (Altar Guild); CCLI Licence No. 11533778