

The Anglican Parish of Holy Cross

Growing relationships in Christ

Service of Holy Communion

December 28, 2025 at 10:00 AM

First Sunday after Christmas

Book of Common Prayer (Small Red Book)

Presiding: 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

Announcements and Welcome

Processional Hymn 145 “Good King Wenceslas”

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Responses and Kyrie Eleison sung responses 677 & 678

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Children’s Teaching

We Hear and Proclaim God’s Word

First Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9 (Bible, OT, page 770).....Mary B

Psalms 148 (BCP, page 519).....Gloria

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18 (Bible, NT, page 235)Glen C

Gradual Hymn 143 “Angels, From the Realms of Glory”

Gospel Responses “Alleluia” sung response 711

The Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23 (Bible, NT, page 2).....The Rev. Deacon Carol Tubman

Nicene Creed page 71

Anthem

Sermon The Rev. Simba Mutandwa

We Pray for the Church and the World

The Intercession (*please kneel if you are able*).....Michael

- The Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Canada
- The Anglican Church of Canada: The Most Rev. Shane Parker, Primate; The Diocese of Kootenay: The Most Rev. Dr. Lynne McNaughton, Bishop
- The Diocese of Calgary: The Most Rev. Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Archbishop of Calgary and Metropolitan of Northern Lights; Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, Calgary: The Very Rev. Dr. Chris Dowdeswell, The Rev. Jim McDermott, The Rev. Eyad Ajji; The Refugee Committee
- Our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands: The Rt. Rev. Leopold Friday, Bishop; St. George with St. Vincent, St. Peter, St. Luke and St. Alban on Grenada: The Ven. Michael Marshall, Rector; St. Patrick with St. Mary and St. Francis on Grenada: The Rev. Coleridge Brooker
- Our Parish: Coffee hosts and coordinator Cheryl

- Our Members: Bill and Jan G; Jim and Maureen G; John and Lucille G; Jonathan G
- The World: Botswana; all people and countries affected by natural disaster or terrorist attacks; for peace and reconciliation
- Those in Need in Our Parish: Doug, Donna, Alix, Carol, Geraldine, Bob and Joyce, Mary, Doris, Linda, Kajsia, Art and Isobel, Marlene, Joyce, Ken, Lucille, Onna, Beverly, Brenda, Charlene, Doris, Greg
- Those in Need Beyond Our Parish: Jennifer, Marilyn, Rob, Joyann, Sean, Wendy H, Lesia, Mitch, Susan, Karen, Dana, Bruce, Tony, Deb, Christina, Gwyneth, Sam, Alan, Beatriz, Kevin

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We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper

Offertory Hymn 139 “The First Nowell”

Thanksgiving and Consecration.....	page 78ff
“Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)”	sung response 683
The Breaking of the Bread	
“Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)”	sung response 685
Receiving Communion or a Blessing	
Communion Music	

We Go into the World

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Gloria	sung response 679
Blessing	
“Amen”	sung response 737
Recessional Hymn 138 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	
Dismissal	
Postlude	



The altar flowers are in recognition of the Glory of Almighty God.

To be included in the **2025 tax year**, cash donations must be received by December 31; e-transfers must be made by December 31; cheques must be dated December 31 or prior. The furnace fundraising is ongoing, so we are pleased to receive donations in 2026 as well as 2025.

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

The **office** is closed until January 5.

The **Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP)** will be on January 25, 2026. Ministry leaders are asked to submit their reports to Donna at uncles@telusplanet.net or Gloria at office@holycrosscalgary.org by January 11.

If you received Christmas cards (or any other envelopes) in the mail, please clip the stamps from the envelopes and place them in the collection box in the narthex. We collect stamps year-round for the **Canadian Bible Society** who sell them to purchase Bibles for their prison ministry.

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

The next **ACW** meeting will be on January 4 following the 10:00 AM service after coffee hour; please speak to Lisa for more information. All women are welcome.

Following the 10:00 AM service on January 11, we will gather for a potluck lunch. The theme is "**Sharing Your Culture**." Please bring a savoury or sweet dish that represents your cultural background or one that you enjoy. Everyone is welcome.

The **Quilters and Crafters group** meet on Mondays from 1:00 to 3:30 PM in the Nickle room. New members are welcome to come, even just for a visit.

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. Both services resume on January 7.

Next Week's Readings – January 4, 2026 – The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Assisting Today

Doug (Music Director); Gloria (Worship Assistant); Mary B, Glen (Readers); Michael (Intercessor); Mary M (Administrant); Mary B, Rosemarie (Coffee Hosts); David P, Linda (Sidespersons); TBD (Videographer); Lynne, Barb (Altar Guild); CCLI Licence No. 11533778