

# The Anglican Parish of Holy Cross

*Growing relationships in Christ*

## Service of Holy Communion

December 25, 2025 at 10:00 AM

Christmas Day

*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: "Christmas Chimes" – Dorothy Wells

Announcements and Welcome

### **Processional Hymn 143 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"**

The Lord's Prayer ..... page 67

Collect for Purity ..... page 67

Summary of the Law ..... page 69

**Responses and Kyrie Eleison ..... sung responses 677 & 678**

**Collect of the Day: Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

## **We Hear and Proclaim God's Word**

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10 (Bible, OT, page 758) ..... Anne D

**Psalm 98 (BCP page 455) ..... Anne D**

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-12 (Bible, NT, page 234) ..... Anne D

### **Gradual Hymn 125 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"**

**Gospel Response "Glory and Praise to You" ..... sung response 716**

The Gospel: John 1:1-14 (Bible, NT, page 94) ..... The Rev. Deacon Carol Tubman

**Gospel Response "Praise to You, O Lord" ..... sung response 717**

**Nicene Creed ..... page 71**

Sermon ..... The Rev. Deacon Carol Tubman

## **We Pray for the Church and the World**

The Intercession (*please kneel if you are able*) ..... page 75

Invitation to Confession ..... page 76

Confession of Sin, and Absolution ..... page 77

Sharing the Peace of Christ

## **We Celebrate the Lord's Supper**

### **Offertory Hymn 131 "Love Came Down at Christmas"**

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: "Thou Didst Leave the Throne" – arr: John Innes

## **We Go into the World**

**Lord's Prayer** and Prayer after Communion ..... page 85

**Gloria** ..... **sung response 679**

Blessing

**"Amen"** ..... **sung response 737**

**Recessional Hymn 139 "The First Nowell"**

Dismissal

Postlude: "He Is Born the Holy Child" – David Paxton

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

## **Assisting Today**

Doug (Music Director); Anne D (Worship Assistant, Reader); TBD (Sidesperson); Linda P, Onna (Altar Guild). CCLI Licence No. 11533778

## **Poinsettia Dedications**

- David and Linda Peyto in thanksgiving for family and friends
- Tobolski/Scarff families in loving memory of Paul
- Lorraine Brown in loving memory of Jean and Laurie Hall
- Rosemarie Kraft in memory of Darwin Kraft, and Mike and Mary Faichuk
- Jan and Bill Gallagher in loving memory of the Taylors and Gallaghers who have gone before us
- Bob and Joyce Lee in thanksgiving for family and friends
- Sheila Brinton in loving memory of dear family members who have passed on
- Mark and Wendy Dickin in loving memory of their parents, Frederick and Annie Weir, and Gordon and Jean Dickin
- Jenny Wooldridge in thanksgiving for her dear boys Captain and Sam
- Ed and Bev Klippenstein in thanksgiving for their family and friends, and in loving memory of their son-in-law Arthur Dawson
- Nancy Duncan in loving memory of Lonnie Duncan, Murray Pearce, Joan Richard, and Etta Patterson
- Shirley Foster in loving memory of Walter Foster
- Dan and Kelly Zeeb in loving memory of her parents Jack and Pat Wilshire
- Barrie and Patricia Griffiths in loving memory of Angela, Barrie's sister, and for their loving families
- The Los family in loving memory of Catherine Nelson
- Mary Buchanan in loving memory of friends and loved ones
- Onna Nicolay in loving memory of Larry Nicolay
- The Cooke family in loving memory of Jack
- Tom and Kathy McNair to their Holy Cross family to wish all a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year

