

# The Anglican Parish of Holy Cross

*Growing relationships in Christ*

## Service of Holy Eucharist

December 24, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve

*Book of Alternative Services* (Green 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**

Carols in the Narthex

**Processional Hymn 123 “Once in Royal David’s City” ..... congregation processes in with choir**

Announcements and Welcome

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” ..... Handbells

Opening Prayers .....page 185

**Glory to God ..... sung response 686**

**Collect of the Day: Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light.**

**As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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)

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

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7 (Bible, OT, page 706) .....Barrie

**Psalms 96 (page 834)..... Gloria**

Solo: “The Little Road to Bethlehem” – Michael Head ..... Carol C

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14 (Bible, NT, page 232) .....Eric

**Gradual Hymn 135 “Shepherds in The Field Abiding”**

**Gospel Responses “Alleluia” ..... sung response 711**

The Gospel: Luke 2:1-14 (Bible, NT, page 59)..... The Rev. Deacon Carol Tubman

Anthem: “Christmas Lullaby” – John Rutter

Sermon ..... The Rev. Simba Mutandwa

**The Nicene Creed ..... page 188**

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

The Intercession..... Jim

Confession of Sin, and Absolution.....page 191

Sharing the Peace of Christ

## **We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper**

**Offertory Hymn 140 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”**

Prayer over the Gifts .....page 273

Eucharistic Prayer 1 .....page 193

**“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Sanctus)” ..... sung response 689**

**The Lord’s Prayer ..... page 211**

The Breaking of the Bread 6.....page 213

**“Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)” ..... sung response 690**

Receiving Communion or a Blessing

Communion Anthem: “Creator of the Stars of Earth” – Hal Hopson

**Post Communion Hymn 119 “Silent Night” (kneel or sit with candles)**

**We Go into the World**

Prayer after Communion.....page 274

Doxology.....page 214

Blessing

**Amen..... sung response 721**

**Recessional Hymn 154 “Joy to the World”**

Dismissal

Postlude .....Julie Johnston

**Assisting Today**

Doug (Music Director); Gloria (Worship Assistant); Carol C (Soloist); Julie (Pianist); Barrie, Eric (Readers); Jim (Intercessor); Linda (Administrant); David P, Linda (Sidespersons); Kathryn (Videographer); Onna, Linda (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