



Order of Service for September 13, 2020
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Cross Sunday
9:30 am
Service of Spiritual Communion
Officiating: The Rev'd Fergus Tyson
Preaching: The Rev'd Dr. Norman Knowles



St. Paul's
Anglican Church
Opening Hearts and Minds to God's Grace

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Service of Spiritual Communion

The Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: How Great Thou Art (screen)

Greeting (screen)

Collect for Purity (screen)

Glory to God (screen)

Collect of the Day (screen)

Children's Time: We are the Church (screen)

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

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

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-24

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle: Jesus Christ is Lord (screen)

The Holy Gospel

People: 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. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have

eternal life. 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. 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."

JOHN 3:13-17

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Nicene Creed (screen)

The Prayers of the People

Litany (screen)

Prayer in Response to COVID-19 (screen)

Confession and Absolution (screen)

The Peace (screen)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory (screen)

Prayer over the Gifts (screen)

Eucharistic Prayer (screen)

The Lord's Prayer (screen)

Prayer for Communion (screen)

Prayer after Communion (screen)

Doxology (screen)

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: The Old Rugged Cross (screen)

Dismissal (screen)

Virtual Coffee Time (Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84357965930?pwd=RnZ1UGdoNotOMGFoOWpPVoVDVUIyUT0g>)

Prayers for This Week

(bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week)

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the *Anglican Church of South America*.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle: In the Anglican Church we pray for *Archbishop Melissa Skelton, people, and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon*, and in the Lutheran Church we pray for *the dean, council, and congregations of the Peace River Conference of the British Columbia Synod*.

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the parish of *St. Augustine, Lethbridge* and for their clergy *Steve Bateman, Br. Jason Carroll, Allan McCuaig (Hon.); and the University Chaplaincies Carmen Maier (U of C); Erin Phillips (U of L); Kristy Reimers-Loader (MHC) and your local post-secondary institutions*.

We lift to you our friends, in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands.

In our Parish Cycle, we pray for the safety and well-being of all members of our Parish, and pledge to stay connected with one another and face the challenges of COVID-19 together; we remember our clergy, *Fergus Tyson, Cyril Haynes, Norman Knowles, Bob Mummery, and their families; and we especially uphold all who are infirm, immune-compromised, or on the front lines in this battle*.

We pray for our foster child Desta Keweti.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you *the family of Joy (Abby's sister); the family of Barrin; Antony; Judy; Raymond (uncle of Paul); the family of John; Debra, Lori and family of Josie; Crystal (niece of Rosemarie); Bill & Pat; Steve; the family of Bob; the family of Carmen; John; the family of Bonnie; Gerald; Gerald and Louise (Shannon's father and mother); Megan and family, Molly (mother of Sian); the family of Simon; Stephen; Dwight (Dorothy-Ann's cousin); Jo; the family of Brenda (relative of the Collers); the family of Joan (mother of Richard); Tracy; Roxie and the family of Andy; Harry (friend of Ian and Kathleen); Julia; the Herritt family in their bereavement; Gina; Gael; Verna and her family; Michael; Barb; Jen; the family of Leslie; Patrick, Jordan; the family of Helen; Eleanor; Jackie K. (sister of Pauline); Lena; Dorothy; the family of Mauricia (mother of Ella); Max & Rebecca; Anne; Dozy & Obie & family; Kathy; Kevin; Richard (friend of Anne); Terry; Jerrod; Melissa and her family (friends of Jenn); Dennis; Mike; Val; Martin; Chinazor; Sheila; Melissa and her family; Adrianna; Peggy; Bob and Joanne; Laura (sister of Kim); the family of Douglas; Michelle; Ian; the family of Nina; Pat; Christine; Rick (brother of Sheila); Gwen; Jacque; Ellen; Pauline; Monika (mother of Dennis); Kathy (daughter of Bob & Joanne); Trudy (cousin of Iona); Len; Andrea and Andrew's family; Margaret; Marlene; and the family of James (father of Allison), the family of Bobbie (sister of Joanne).*

We pray for containment of the COVID-19 coronavirus worldwide; protection for nurses and all those on the front lines or especially vulnerable to its effects; and full restoration of health for all those who are ill.

We pray for comfort for the people of Lebanon after the terrible explosion in Beirut, and the chaos that's followed.

We pray for all struggling economically, and all those affected by fires, floods, storms or other natural disasters. We pray for us all to stand together in hard times.

We pray for peace and justice in our own country and for an end to violence throughout the world—in particular, the violence of racism. We stand in solidarity with all whose lives have been torn apart by violence. We pray for justice for all; safe haven for those who have fled their homes; repentance for the perpetrators of evil; and for protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.

We give you thanks for Dorothy Lewis' reaching the age of 100 years young this week, and pray for your blessings to be lavished upon her without measure.

We thank you for your healing touch, which sustains us every day all the many healings that have taken place in our parish; and your unending mercy as you hear our prayers.



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Kathleen Robinson in loving memory of my father John, and all men who have encouraged me in my faith.