



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

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Christ Church Anglican, Meaford

Holy Cross Sunday **September 14, 2025 Holy Eucharist 10:30am**

Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford	Cantor: Francis Richardsn
Homilist: The Rev. Canon Kevin Bothwell	
Lay Reader: Francis Richardson	Reader/Greeter: Garry Minielly
Organist: Keiko Yoden-Kuepfer	Server: Lynn McTaggart



Our Land Acknowledgement

We at Christ Church are gathered together on the territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation and commit ourselves to the hard work of reconciliation.



Our Mission Statement

Christ Church is committed to live in a generous and loving spirit in all its relationships.

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Welcome and Announcements

Post-Covid, we have curtailed the “passing of the plate” at Christ Church. There are offering envelopes in the pews and on the table at the back of the church. We thank you for your donation to the ministry and upkeep of the parish which can be placed on the offering plate as you enter the church.

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SENTENCE

INTROIT HYMN: In the Cross of Christ I Glory #537 (blue hymn book)

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: and also with you.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (Glory to God in the Highest)

(#702 blue hymn book)

All: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4b-9

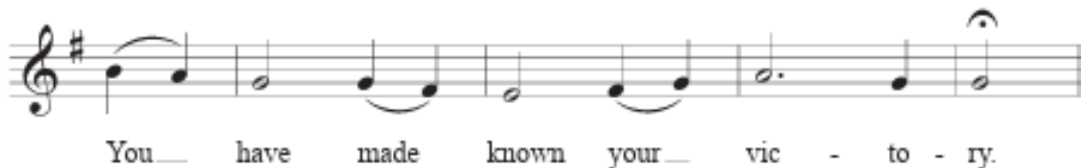
Reader: A reading from the Book of Numbers

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98:1-6

The psalm refrain is sung once by the cantor and is then repeated by the congregation.



- (1) Let us sing a new song to God,
- (2) who has done marvellous things.
- (3) With your right hand and your holy arm
- (4) you have won for yourself the victory. **R.**

- (1) You have made known your victory;
- (2) your righteousness have you openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- (3) You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
- (4) and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. **R.**

- (1) Shout with joy to God, all you lands;
- (2) lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- (3) Sing to God with the harp,
- (4) with the harp and the voice of song. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

Reader: A reading from the First letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia #710

blue hymn book

Repeated two or three times by the congregation.



Please turn to face the Gospel reader.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:13-17

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia #710

blue hymn book

repeated by congregation.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

The Rev. Canon Kevin Bothwell

Honorary Assistant Priest

Please stand, as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

Lay Reader: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE BLESSING OF CROSSES

If you have a necklace or small cross you are welcome to bring it to the rail at communion for a blessing.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Please sit, stand or kneel, as is your custom.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Francis Richardson

Lay Reader

Please stand as you are able.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Lay Reader: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Lay Reader: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Please remain standing as you are able.

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.

Remain standing, as you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN: Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said #431
(blue hymn book)

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer #3 (BAS p198) – with preface #1 Holy Week

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: (BAS p.221) Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
.....
we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

THE SANCTUS (HOLY) sung

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - #735 (blue hymn book)

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might**

**heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: (BAS p198) We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation
.....
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Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death
we proclaim his resurrection
we await his coming in glory;**

Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;

.....
By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung) #684 blue hymn book

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (FRACTION RITE)

Lamb Of God (Agnus Dei) sung

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion at God's altar. If you are not baptized, you are very welcome to come forward to the communion rail for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you are interested in exploring baptism, please speak to the priest after the service.

Gluten free host (wafers) are available at the altar rail upon request.

COMMUNION HYMN When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #386
(blue hymn book)

Please stand, as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE DOXOLOGY (sung)

All: **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE FINAL BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN Lift High the Cross #602 *(blue hymn book)*

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

THE POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross (for Organ) - arr. L. A. Lafford

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Psalm from George Black Psalms; Lamb of God, David Clark Isele;

This Week's Prayer List

(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)

The Diocese: We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of: Christ Church, Ayr; St. James, Cambridge; St. John's, Cambridge; St. Luke's, Cambridge.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: Lois Ormsby, Bonnie Ouellette, Bob & Val Page and their families as well as all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

The Wider Church: We hold in our prayers the clergy and people of the Diocese of Jerusalem.

Intercessions: For healing and hope we hold up to God: Bette, Bob, Charlie & Marg, Deanie, Doug, Fraser, Geoff, Katharine, Lois, Mary, Robert, Ted, and their families, and any others who are in need of our prayers.

For the Repose of the Souls: Bob Ouellette, Mary Johnston.



Memorial Flowers on the Altar

Flowers at the Altar today are given to the glory of God and with grateful thanks for the life and ministry of past members of the Chancel Guild.

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one, please contact Muriel Armitage, with advance notice if possible, at 519-538-2852.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, September 21, 2025, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
The readings are: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7;
Luke 16:1-13.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We thank Keiko Yoden-Kuepfer for her sharing of her talent at the organ today.

Our Mid-week Eucharistic Prayer service is every Wednesday, at 12noon in the chapel -- all are welcome to this said BCP service.

The Free Community Breakfast is every Monday, at 8:30AM in Memorial Hall.

Come and join us for the After-church Coffee & Fellowship Time on Sunday, September 21st when the Alzheimer Society of Grey-Bruce will host coffee, tea, and treats for the day. We would love to have your support for this worthy cause.



Each year, in Canada, we mark the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

We will mark that day on Sunday, September 28th in our regular worship service time at 10:30am. You are invited to wear an orange shirt, in recognition that “every child matters”.

Bishop’s Friends’ North Dinner – takes place **Saturday, October 4th** at 6:00pm at St. George’s, Parish of the Blue Mountains. Tickets are \$55 and are available online at www.parishofthebluemountains.ca or by phone at 519-599-3047. This event is in support of the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund. Posters are at the back of the church.

We hope you will participate in our COUNTRY KITCHEN & CRAFT SALE, which is Saturday, October 25th, from 10am to 1pm. Items suggested, are: soups, bread, bake table items such as pies, cookies, GF items, and pickles or preserves, crafts, etc. NEW THIS YEAR, a light lunch will be available

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For all other ministries, please speak to a warden or call the office at 519-538-1330 or office@christchurchanglican.ca.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Goldennaires are welcoming singers to register, pick up a music package and join them for their first practice, this year, on Tuesday, September 16th at Meaford United Church, from 5:30 to 6:30pm – practice will start at 6:30pm.