

**June 3, 2025**  
**9:30 am Wednesday Eucharist**  
**Commemoration of the martyrs of Uganda**

*We often think of martyrs as those who died in the early centuries of the Church, but across the world there are still Christians that suffer and are killed for their faith. The gospel is met with hostility by powers and principalities who fear Christ's message of justice, compassion, and equality as undermining their control. When the first missionaries came to Uganda, they found a highly sophisticated tribal federation under a hereditary monarch. When the small but important Bugandan nation was receptive and Christianity began to have an influence, the chief tribal leader Mwanga launched a violent persecution. Forty-five Anglican and Roman Catholic converts were killed on June 3, 1866. This witness only strengthened the Church in Uganda. But history repeated itself in the 1970s, when dictator Idi Amin overthrew the government and attacked the Church of Uganda. The Anglican archbishop, Janani Luwum, tried to peacefully protest. On February 16, 1977, Idi Amin agreed to a personal interview to receive his petition, and then murdered him that night. But today 30% of Ugandans identify as Anglicans and the Church has 39 dioceses in the Communion. We give thanks for their witness.*

### **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

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

**All: And also with you.**

Presider: We gather here from many places on land that is the traditional and unsundered territory of the Halq'emeyn-speaking Coast Salish peoples.

**All: May Christ lead us on right pathways as we seek truth and reconciliation in action.**

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: O God, by the blood of Christian martyrs you planted in the heart of Uganda the seed of a strong and living Church, and you confirmed its growth under the hand of tyranny by the witness of your servant Janani Luwum. May we who cherish their remembrance before you be valiant in our witness against the terrors of unjust rulers and remain steadfast in the love by which you bind us to yourself through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### ***The First Reading: Hebrews 10:32-39***

Reader: A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews,

<sup>32</sup> But recall those earlier days when, after you had been enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, <sup>33</sup> sometimes being publicly exposed to abuse and persecution, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. <sup>34</sup> For you had compassion for those who were in prison, and you cheerfully accepted the plundering of your possessions, knowing that you yourselves possessed something better and more lasting. <sup>35</sup> Do not, therefore, abandon that confidence of yours; it brings a great reward. <sup>36</sup> For you need endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. <sup>37</sup> For yet 'in a very little while, the one who is coming will come and will not delay; <sup>38</sup> but my righteous one will live by faith. My soul takes no pleasure in anyone who shrinks back.' <sup>39</sup> But we are not among those who shrink back and so are lost, but among those who have faith and so are saved.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### ***Psalm 116:10-17***

<sup>10</sup> I believed, even when I said, \*  
**"I have been brought very low."**

<sup>11</sup> In my distress I said, \*  
**"No one can be trusted."**

<sup>12</sup> How shall I repay you, O Lord, \*  
**for all the good things you have done for me?**

<sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
**and call upon your name.**

14 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord \*  
**in the presence of all the people.**

15 Precious in your sight, O Lord \*  
**is the death of your servants.**

16 O Lord, I am your servant; \*  
**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.**

17 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
**and call upon the name of the Lord.**

### ***The Gospel: Matthew 24:9-14***

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

[Jesus said] <sup>9</sup> 'Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. <sup>10</sup> Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. <sup>11</sup> And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. <sup>12</sup> And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup> But anyone who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>14</sup> And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

### ***Reflection***

## THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

*A member of the community invites us to bring our concerns and thanksgivings before God.*

### ***The Exchange of the Peace***

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

**All: And also with you.**

*You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with your neighbours, respecting their comfort with touch.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### *Prayer over the Gifts*

Presider: Eternal God,

**All: make this table the place where you are pleased to remember your covenant, that in company with your holy martyrs we may know the wondrous victory of him who conquered death and lives forever, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### *the Great Thanksgiving*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, God, the Father and Mother of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

In the language closest to your heart, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

*(please use the traditional version or another language  
you use for prayer if you desire)*

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*All who are drawn to Christ are welcome at this table. Bread and wine  
are shared, but receiving in one kind carries the fullness of Christ's  
presence. You may also come forward for a blessing instead.*

## ***Prayer after Communion***

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: Holy God, who grieves at the suffering of your martyrs,  
and rewards their faithfulness with the crown of life, grant  
us to make no compromise with injustice and to seek no  
peace with oppression, that we may bear fearless witness  
to the world in your promise of a better inheritance. We  
ask this in the through the Holy Spirit in the name of  
Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

**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, now and for ever. Amen.**

***The Dismissal***

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Readings for Pentecost 2, Sunday June 7, 2026**

Genesis 12:2-8; Psalm 33; Romans 4:13-25;

Matthew 9:9-13 & 18-26





## THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

### Thursday

Pastoral Care Series, 4-5 pm in the Lounge

Vespers 5:30-6 pm online by Zoom+

### Saturday

Community Brunch, 11 am-noon in the Upper Hall

### Sunday

BCP Eucharist, 8-9 am. \*

Choral Eucharist, 10-11:15 am\*

### Wednesday

Midweek Eucharist 9:30-10 am\*

Followed by Bible Study 10:30-11:30 am in Lounge

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