



Early in the 4th century the emperor Constantine took the Christian Church under his protection, and ordered a grand church to be built in Jerusalem. The site he chose was Golgotha; earlier levelled and buried under debris. While excavating, a large beam was discovered. Authorities soon decided that it was a remnant of the very same cross on which the Lord had been crucified. Portions of this beam were enshrined near the altar of the new church when dedicated on September 14th, 335. Since then, Christians have kept this date as Holy Cross Day.

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**September 14, 2025**

**Holy Cross Day -- Season of Creation**

**Worship on September 14**

9 am – St. Thomas' HE

11 am – St. Stephen's MP

11 am – St. Mark's HE

7 pm – St. Elizabeth's HC

### **Today's Readings**

Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 98:1-6;

1 Corinthians 1:18-24; John 3:13-17

### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

~ Bridgetown, NS

~ Clements, NS

### **Provincial Prayer Care**

Ecclesiastical Province of Canada

~ Archbishop David Edwards and the Provincial Council

**Council of the North** - Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of  
Mishamikoweesh – Bishop Lydia Mamakwa

**DCS Cycle of Prayer** – St. Stephen's, Irishtown

**Prayer Partner** - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

## **September 21: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (green)**

**Worship Times:** 9 am – St. Thomas' MP

11 am – St. Stephen's HE

11 am – St. Mark's MP

**Readings:** Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1; Psalm 79:1-9;

1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

**Readers:** Judy C, Judy M; Darlene L, Jean R; Martyn C, Marie M

**Prayers of the People:** Sandra H, Doreen C, Doris M

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### **~ Sunday, Sept. 14 & Sunday, Sept. 21 – Backpack Blessings:**

We are collecting school supplies along with personal care items to fill backpacks for high school students. Please bring along supplies and add them to the backpacks provided at the back of the churches. Financial donations are also greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!

### **~ Bible Study – Every Thursday 9:45-10:45 am at the Rectory**

We will continue to explore upcoming weekly scripture readings. Returning and new participants are always welcome!

### **~ Clinton View Lodge** worship service will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 10:30 am. Join us for worship with the residents!

### **~ Parish Council Meeting – September 17, 7 pm at St. Mark's** with Archdeacon John Clarke in attendance for a Covenant Review. As well, there will be discussion about the Canon 35 by-laws that will need to be decided over the next couple of months.

### **~ Kensington & Area Christian Council** meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 7 pm, at St. Stephen's.

### **~ St. Thomas' Church Council Meeting – September 22, 7 pm**

**BEST WISHES** are extended to these couples on their **Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage:**

**Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Gallant and Chantel Haslam - Aug. 16;**

**Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin and MacKenzie (Beaton) Thibeau - Sept. 13;**  
**and to Grady Bolster, son of Justin & Vanessa (Gallant) Bolster,**  
**baptized at St. Thomas' Church on Sept. 5.**

**KARSI** (Kensington & Area Refugee Sponsorship Initiative)

is looking to rent a 3 Bedroom House or Apartment for immediate occupancy. Must be located in Kensington. Please contact:  
Carolyn Francis 902-439-1372 carolyn.francis1946@gmail.com  
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**Kensington Community School** will be running fall classes beginning September 17 with registration at 6 pm and classes from 6:45-8:45 pm each Wednesday for 9 weeks. For more info, check the Community School website or call Ann 902-439-5327.

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
was lifted high upon the cross  
that he might draw the whole world to himself,  
may we who rejoice in the mystery of our redemption,  
have grace to take up our cross and follow him,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## A READING FROM NUMBERS 21:4B-9

The people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.



## PSALM 98:1-6

Sing to the Lord a new song,\*  
**for he has done marvellous things.**  
With his right hand and his holy arm\*  
**has he won for himself the victory.**  
The Lord has made known his victory;\*  
**his righteousness has he openly shown**  
**in the sight of the nations.**  
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,\*  
**and all the ends of the earth**  
**have seen the victory of our God.**  
Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;\*  
**lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**  
Sing to the Lord with the harp,\*  
**with the harp and the voice of song.**

**Lord God, we see your righteous rule in all your works,**  
**and we join our voices with the song of your whole creation**  
**in praising you, in and through Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

## A READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-24

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.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**  
**ACCORDING TO JOHN 3:13-17**

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."

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Merciful God,  
through the death of your beloved Son  
you transformed an instrument of shame  
into a sign of hope and glory.  
Receive all we offer you this day,  
and renew in us the mystery of his love;  
through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Almighty God,  
we give thanks that you have made us partakers  
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who took our nature upon him  
and suffered death upon the cross for our redemption;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.