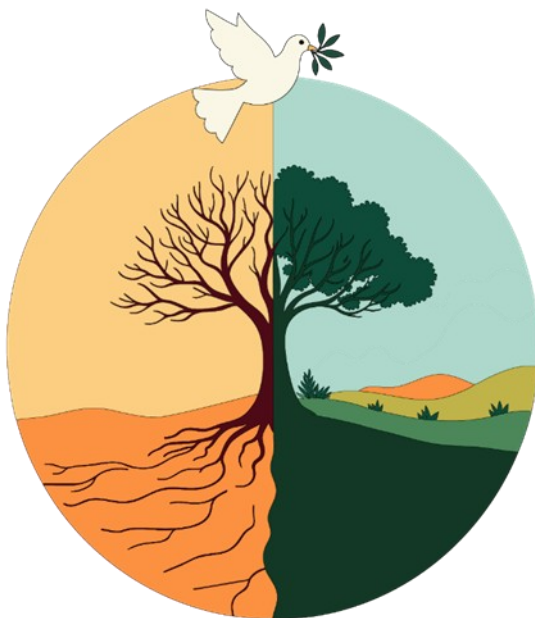


Welcome to the Cathedral Church of All Saints

Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
Anglican Church of Canada



Peace with Creation

The Season of Creation 2025

October 5, 2025

11 am

Welcome!

I am delighted to have you with us today for this service of worship. Please, stay awhile. Get to know us better. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

We at All Saints Cathedral Church, are a diverse lot, from many Christian backgrounds, non-Christian backgrounds, and no faith backgrounds. We come for Christian community, to find God in relationships with neighbours and new friends. We come for lessons from the incredible life of Jesus Christ. We come for spiritual rest, time to think, pray, and center on God, for comfort in hard times, and gratitude in good times. We come to serve God, each other, and the world. We're not perfect. We trust in God's gentle grace and unconditional love. We seek meaning for the life God has gifted us.

You are invited to God's table to receive communion (gluten free wafers are available). We welcome you, no matter who you are, or what you look like, or what labels the world puts on you. We welcome you if, like us, you struggle with flaws and imperfection but have a loving spirit and strive to let the light of Jesus shine within you and then to share it with others. We dare to welcome all because God, and not any human authority, extends this gracious invitation. If you wish not to receive Holy Communion you may still come forward for a blessing, simply fold your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. You are also welcomed to remain seated during this time.

In this leaflet, you will find most everything you need to follow along throughout the service. Whether you have been attending the Cathedral Church your whole life or this is your first time here, you are invited to participate in the service as fully as you feel comfortable doing and are able to.

Peace and Joy,



Very Rev. Paul Smith, Rector,
and Dean of the Cathedral Church of All Saints

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
St. Francis of Assisi
Season of Creation

September 21, 2025

Celebrant: The Reverend Dr. Kate Heichler

Preacher: The Reverend Ray Carter, TSSF

The Holy Eucharist

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Although we have come together in this Cathedral Church of All Saints in Halifax, Nova Scotia, we each stand in place on solid ground that is the ancestral territory of peoples who were here long before the Europeans crossed the ocean. We gather at this Cathedral which is located on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. We also recognize that African Nova Scotians are a distinct people whose histories, legacies, and contributions have enriched this part of Mi'kma'ki for over 400 years.

Introit Lord, Make Us Servants Of Your Peace O. Gibbons (1583-1625)

1 Lord, make us servants of your peace; Where there is hate, may we sow love; Where there is hurt, may we forgive; Where there is strife, may we make one.	2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; Where all is gloom, may we sow hope; Where all is night, may we sow light; Where all is tears, may we sow joy.
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3 Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek To be consoled , but to console, Nor look to understanding hearts, But look for hearts to understand.	4 May we not look for love's return, But seek to love unselfishly, For in our giving we receive, And in forgiving are forgiven.
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5 Dying, we live, and are reborn
Through death's dark night to endless day:
Lord, make us servants of your peace,
To wake at last in heaven's light.

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (paraphrased by James Quinn)

The Gathering of the Community

The presiding celebrant greets the community

Celebrant 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 following prayer may be said.

Celebrant 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.

Glory to God Missa Sancti Joannes et Divini (*Sung by all*) P. Halley

Intro

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth. Lord God heav - en - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant
All

Let us pray.

O God, you show your glory throughout your
 Creation, calling it very good: Grant us the fullness of
 your blessing, that we, stewarding your garden,
 may become partakers in your joy;
 through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 now and for ever. Amen.

Season of Creation 2025

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to the **Galatians (6:14-18)**

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148 *Laudate Dominum.*

C. V. Stanford

All sing the Refrain at the beginning and in the places marked "R"



Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.
Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.
Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. **R**

Let them praise the Name of the Lord; for he commanded,
and they were created.

He made them stand fast for ever and ever;

he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will; **R**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens, old and young together. **R**

Let them praise the Name of the Lord,
 for his Name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven.
 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his
 loyal servants,
 the children of Israel, a people who are near him. **R**

Gradual Hymn

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Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

PUER NOBIS

Gospel Processional vv. 1–3



1 Creating God, your fingers trace
 the bold designs of farthest space;
 let sun and moon and stars and light
 and what lies hidden praise your might.

2 Sustaining God, your hands uphold
 earth's mysteries known or yet untold;
 let water's fragile blend with air,
 enabling life, proclaim your care.

3 Redeeming God, your arms embrace
 all now despised for creed or race;
 let peace, descending like a dove,
 make known on earth your healing love.

4 Indwelling God, your gospel claims
 one family with a billion names;
 let every life be touched by grace
 until we praise you face to face.

Words: Jeffery Rowthorn (1934 – 2025)

Responses before the Gospel

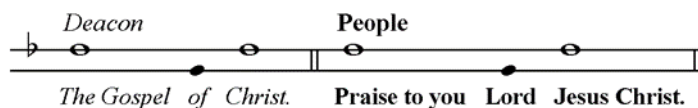
<p><i>Deacon</i></p> <p><i>The Lord be with you.</i></p>	<p><i>People</i></p> <p>And also with you.</p>
<p><i>Deacon</i></p> <p><i>The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.</i></p>	
<p><i>People</i></p> <p>Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.</p>	

The Gospel

All stand for the Gospel.

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." - *Matthew 11:25-30*

Responses after the Gospel



Gospel Recessional v. 4

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

The celebrant may invite the people, to join in the recitation of the creed.

Celebrant

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the
Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes sinners
and invites us to this table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

The Peace

All stand, and the presiding celebrant addresses the people.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

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All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

(v. 4 women; v.5 men; v.6 choir only)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Today we gratefully acknowledge the bulletin and the Wine and Hosts are offered in loving memory of the Bowley Family, Nassau, Bahamas

The Prayer over the Gifts

When the gifts have been prepared,

Celebrant

Thank you, loving God, for forgiveness.

All

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation.

In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the center of this sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life.

Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 4

Celebrant

People

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant

People

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their being.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law.

In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with those in every generation
who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

No. 726 in the Hymnal (*sung by all*) Byzantine; arr. G. Black

Celebrant

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take this, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup of wine;
he gave you thanks,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

Gracious God,
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming
as Lord of all the nations.

We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

People



Celebrant

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised; through
Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour
and glory are yours, creator of all. People Glory to you
for ever and ever.

All



Celebrant

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

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread for distribution

Celebrant

Creator of All
You gave us golden fields of wheat
Whose many grains we have gathered
And made into this one bread.

All

**So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom**

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion *(which may be prayed by those at home) **

Celebrant

Dear friends, I invite you in this moment,
wherever you may be,
to receive Christ, in communion with the saints,
and the gathering of God's people,
unseen and yet present with us now.
May this prayer be of comfort to you:
Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.
You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill
me with your presence.

Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. **Amen**

The Communion

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and may say,

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei The Communion Service in F C. V. Stanford (1852-1924)

**ALL are invited to come forward to receive both Bread and Wine.*

Gluten-free bread is available from those administering.

Wine is offered in individual cups.

Communion Motet Beatus Franciscus Jerónimo de Aliseda (1548-1591)

Beatus Franciscus, dum morti appropinquaret,
lacrimosis oculis in coelum intendens dixit:
voce mea ad Dominum clamavi, voce mea ad Dominum deprecatus sum:
educ de custodia animam meam ad confitendum nomini tuo
me expectant justi donec retribuas mihi.

*When the blessed Francis was close to death,
he spoke, with tears in his eyes, looking up to heaven, and said:
I have cried aloud to the Lord; I have lifted up my voice to the Lord for mercy.
Set me free from my prison, that I may praise your name.
Then the righteous will gather about me because of your goodness to me.*

Communion Hymn

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Thee We Adore, O Hidden Saviour

ADORO TE

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray

All **Almighty God,**

we thank you for feeding us in this holy meal.

**We thank you for life, for new life,
for Christ's life renewing our life.**

**May this life flow from us into all the world,
renewing all created things.**

May we, reconciled at your table,
 be stewards who tend and care for all life – the earth,
 its skies and waters, its plants and animals,
 and our fellow human beings, in the name of Christ:
 Amen.

Then the following doxology may be said.

Celebrant

Glory to God,
 whose power, working in us,
 can do infinitely more
 than we can ask or imagine.

All

Glory to God from generation to generation,
 in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him

REX GLORIAE



Praise the Lord, ye heav'ns adore him;
 praise him angels, in the height;
 sun and moon, rejoice before him;
 praise him, all ye stars of light!
 Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken;
 worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
 laws which never shall be broken
 for their guidance hath he made.

2 Praise the Lord, for he is glorious;
 never shall his promise fail;
 God hath made his saints victorious;
 sin and death shall not prevail.
 Praise the God of our salvation!
 Hosts on high his pow'r proclaim;
 heav'n and earth and all creation,
 laud and magnify his name.

3 Worship, honour, glory, blessing,
 Lord, we offer unto thee;
 young and old, thy praise expressing,
 in glad homage bend the knee.
 All the saints in heav'n adore thee,
 we would bow before thy throne;
 as thine angels serve before thee,
 so on earth thy will be done.

Choral Benediction Euge Francisce, Serve Bone et Fidelis P. Halley

Euge Francisce, serve bone et fidelis, quia in pauca fuisti fidelis, supra multa te constituam: intra in gaudium Domini tui.

Well done, Francis, good and faithful servant, because you have been faithful with a few things, I will set you over many things: enter into the joy of the Lord your God.

Dismissal *By the Deacon*

Postlude Allegro moderato e serioso (*from Sonata No.1*)

F. Mendelssohn (1809-47)

The Postlude - You are invited to be seated during the postlude to pray or simply to enjoy the music. Alternatively, you may depart in peace following the Deacon's Dismissal.

**As part of our Covid Protocols we dispensed with the practice of passing collection plates throughout the congregations. You will find offering plates at the front and side entrance of the Cathedral. We also have installed touchless "Tap" devices at the main entrance, or you may make electronic donations using the digital QR code below.

Thank you for your support of our Cathedral's ministries.





Each pet will be prayed for!

BLESSING of PETS

honouring

The Feast of St. Francis

Sunday, October 5 @ 2 pm

Victoria Park, in front of the

Anglican Cathedral Church of All Saints

1340 Cathedral Lane, Halifax (parallel to South Park)

We'll be inside if it rains

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Please keep pets contained or restrained

Hope for New Beginnings Benefit Concert – Box Office Hours

Tickets for the **Benefit Concert on October 24** are now on sale!

• **Sundays** – after the 9:15 & 11:00 services (next to the greeters' table)

• **Wednesdays** – 12:45–1:45 pm, through the Purple Awning Door

• **Fridays** – 12:45–1:45 pm, through the Purple Awning Door

•• Tickets: **\$50.00** (cash or Tip Tap)

Thank you for your support—

we look forward to seeing you at the concert!

The Canticle of the Sun

Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord,
Yours are the praises, the glory, honor, and all blessings.
To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no one is worthy to mention Your name.

Praised be You, my Lord, with all your creatures;
especially Brother Sun, who is the day, and through whom You give us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor, and bears a likeness to You, Most High One.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars;
in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene,
and every kind of weather through which You give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,
which is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom You light the night;
and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains us and governs us and who produces varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love,
and bear infirmity and tribulation.
Blessed are those who endure in peace for by You, Most High, they shall be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no living man can escape.
Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord, and give God thanks, and serve God with great humility.
Amen

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of All Saints

New Member Information Form

1. Please list the names of each family member in the space below:

Surname(s): _____

Name(s): _____

2. Please give your mailing address and telephone number:

3. Email address _____

☐ **check** here for permission to add your e-mail address to our mailing list. You will receive a bi-monthly listing of Cathedral events called **Cathedral Happenings** and weekly **Sundays @ the Cathedral** announcements.

4. Would you like Offering Envelopes or are you interested in Automatic Offering (pre authorized debit)?

Envelopes: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

Automatic Offering **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

**Please complete and return on the collection plate
or give to a Greeter. Thank you!**

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