

The Cathedral Church of All Saints



**Holy Eucharist
A Celtic Liturgy**

Please save me for next week

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 the Cathedral Church of All Saints, 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Paul'.

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

THE HOLY EUCHARIST - A CELTIC LITURGY

Welcome/Announcements

Territorial Acknowledgement

Presider: We acknowledge that we are in Mi'kma'ki , the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) People first signed with the British Crown in 1725. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations

People: **We give thanks for this land and all those who have been stewards of it; for their stories and for their lives – past, present and future. We commit ourselves to prayerfully seek reconciliation, justice and healing, that we might listen and learn to be faithful stewards of this good land and live in right relationship.**

(Land acknowledgement adapted from The Emmaus Community, Victoria, BC)

Opening Hymn – see insert

Children's Message

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Presider We come in this service to God:
People **in our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.**
Presider We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus:
People **and who walks with us the road of our world's joy and suffering.**
Presider We come with our faith and with our doubts:
People **we come with our hopes and with our fears.**
Presider We come as we are,
because it is God who invites us to come:
People **and God has promised never to turn us away.**

The Collect of the Day – *See Insert*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE **WORD** – *See Insert*

Reader Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

All: **Our hearts and minds are open.**

Reader A reading from...

At the conclusion of the reading:

Reader For the Word of God in Scripture;
for the Word of God among us.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm – *See Insert*

Gospel Chant

Zimbabwe Alleluia



The Gospel Proclamation

All stand as able for the Gospel.

Deacon The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

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

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gospel Chant

Zimbabwe Alleluia



Homily

A silence for reflection may follow.

Affirmation of Faith

As children of God, we affirm:

That God, who is Love, created all and called it good,
that God is present with all of creation,
and that, in darkness and in light, God is faithful;
therefore we, too, seek to be faithful.

That Jesus came to show us Love with a human face,
that he taught justice and reconciliation and suffered
on our behalf,
and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope;
therefore we, too, seek to be people of justice, reconciliation, and
hope.

That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us,
that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment,
and that, when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way;
therefore, we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit:
discerning, loving and transforming our world.

Amen.

The Prayers of the People *(Crafted by the Reader)*

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Presider: Christ calls his church to follow him, standing by those who suffer and are in need, so that justice may roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
Let us confess the ways in which we fail to follow God's call to justice and mercy.

Deacon O God, you bring justice to the oppressed
and give bread to the hungry.

People **Forgive us when we hoard our wealth and privileges.**

- Deacon* You free the prisoner and restore sight to the blind.
People **Forgive us when we overlook those in need.**
- Deacon* You welcome the marginalized and protect the stranger.
People **Forgive us when we seek our own security at the expense of others.**
- Deacon* You block evildoers and help orphans and widows.
People **Forgive us when we fail to use our strength to protect the weak.**
- Deacon* You stand against oppression and with the wronged.
People **Forgive us when we are silent in the face of injustice.**
- Deacon* You judge those who seek their own interests, controlling and harming others.
People **Forgive us when we fail to challenge the powerful.**
- Deacon* You bring about true peace among people.
People **Forgive us when sow discord.**
- Deacon* Grant us your grace, O Lord.
People **Embolden us that, as your people. we may stand where you stand.**
- Presider* God's life-giving Word and Spirit forgive us and enable us to live in a new obedience and vulnerability, opening new possibilities of life for our communities and the world. Thanks be to God for the Good News:
People **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven**

The Peace

All stand as able

- Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Preparation Hymn – See Insert

The Prayer over the Gifts

All Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
ourselves, our time and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your
love, through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you**
Presider Lift up your hearts
People **We lift them up to God.**
Presider Let us give thanks to God.
People **It is right to give both thanks and praise.**

Presider With all our hearts we praise you, Faithful God.
In the beginning, you called light to shine in darkness, you made living
things to grow and flourish and you created human beings in your
image. You chose us in love, guided us by your presence and blessed us
with your holy law.

Yet we chose our own ways. We broke your commandments,
persecuted your prophets, forgot your wisdom and time after time,
refused to answer your call.

So you spoke an eternal word in a human voice in Jesus of Nazareth,
son of Mary, Son of God. He called and people followed, leaving every
other loyalty, joining in the movement towards your eternal reign.

Jesus set us free to praise your holy name. But hatred and violence
shouted Jesus down. Betrayed and abandoned and nailed to a cross, he
laid down his life for the world he loved, and broke the chains of evil
and death. Then you turned our sorrow into joy.

On the third day you raised him up to lead your people into life.

So we praise you, holy God, with angels and archangels and all your faithful people:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)

Kate Heichler, 2000



On the night before he died, Jesus gathered with his friends to share a meal and wash their feet, teaching one more lesson of love. He took bread and blessed you and broke it. He gave it to them and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

He took a cup of wine and blessed you and gave it to them. He said, "Take this and drink it. This is my blood, sealing God's promise to forgive your sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me."

As we share these holy gifts, we remember the Lord Jesus. For the love you taught us, the sacrifice you made for us and the hope you give us, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying you destroyed our death.

Rising you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory.

And now, faithful God, send us your Spirit to feed us with the body and the blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Make us one body in Christ. Send us as your messengers in the world and fill us with energy, courage and love.

Now to you, most holy God, through Christ your Son and in the Spirit's power, we bring our worship and our songs of praise:

Blessing and honor and glory and power are yours for ever and ever.

AMEN!

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

A period of silence is kept.

Taste and See

Kate Heichler, 2006

Ta - ste and see the good-ness of the Lord, the bread he broke for us, Hal - le - lu - jah! -
- Ta - ste and see the wine that he ha - s poured, the great - est for the
least, Hal - le - lu - jah! So let us keep the feast, Hal - le - lu - jah!

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the beloved of God.
Come, when you are fearful, and be made new in love.
Come, when you are doubtful, and be made strong in faith.
Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole in Christ.
Come to Christ's table – there is room for all.

All **Thanks be to God.**



We invite you to form a circle around the font. Please take a cup from the table by the altar to receive the wine of the Eucharist, you may leave the cup in the tray as you return to your seat. You are also welcome to join the circle for a prayer of blessing should you choose not to receive. We are happy to come to you at your seat should you desire.

Hymn during Communion – See Insert

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

All Triune God, Giver of all good things, thank you for feeding us at Your table, for making us joyful givers in Your own image. Now make us gifts to the world – offering nurture where there is hunger, comfort where there is pain, hope where there is despair and love where there is fear. Let this circle of giving that begins and ends with You, O Lord, expand until it includes the entire world. We pray in the name of the One who gave his life for us, Jesus our Lord: Amen.

The Blessing

Presider May you be so blessed by the God of love.
that from that fullness you are driven to give until all are full;
in the love of God, Father, Son and Spirit. Amen.

Closing Hymn – See Insert

The Sending (In these or other words)

Deacon Go forth into the world
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!

All Thanks be to God!

Worship Resources:

Iona Abbey Worship Book,

Wee Worship Book, Common Praise

The Creed is from the Church of South India

The eucharistic prayer is from the Church of Australia.

Prayer after communion is written by Kate Heichler



Sculpture by Timothy Schmalz

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