

**The Cathedral Church of All Saints
Halifax, Nova Scotia**



The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025



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.

Blessing to you,

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

Prelude Music ~ Paul Halley

Welcome/Announcements ~

Territorial Acknowledgement

Leader: As we gather today, we acknowledge, with gratitude, that we do so on the traditional 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.

Introit *Prayer to Jesus* G. Oldroyd (1887-1956)

1 Jhesu, since Thou me made and bought,
Be Thou my love and all my thought,
And help that I may to Thee be brought,
Withouten Thee I may do nought.

2 Jhesu, since Thou must do Thy will,
And naething is that Thee may let, [hinder]
With Thy grace my heart fulfil,
My love and liking in Thee is set.

3 Jhesu at Thy will I pray that I might be,
All my heart fulfil with perfect love to Thee.
That I have done ill Jhesu forgive Thou me,
And suffer me never to spill, [perish, be lost]
Jhesu for pity. Amen.

Words: Richard Rolle (c.1290-1349)

Opening Hymn CP 377 *To the Name of Our Salvation*

ORIEL

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.**

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.

Gloria (Sung by all) A Community Mass R. Proulx (1937-2010)

(Organ)



Glo - ry to God in the
high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly
King, al - migh - ty 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 Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have

mer - cy on us: You are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer, re -
ceive, re - ceive our prayer. (Organ) For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the glo - ry of God the
Fa - ther. A - - men. A - - men.

Collect

All O God,
in Christ you give us hope
for a new heaven and a new earth.
Grant us wisdom to interpret the signs of our times,
courage to stand in the time of trial,
and faith to witness to your truth and love. Amen.
Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002)

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah [65:17-25]

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

6. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.

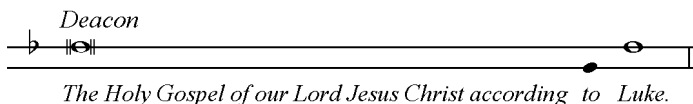
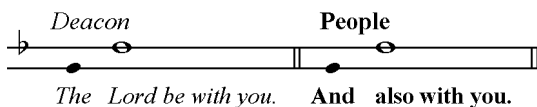
7. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. **Refrain**

Gradual Hymn CP 561 *Lord, Your Word Shall Guide Us*
RAVENSHAW

Verses 1-3 before the Gospel
vs. 4-6 following the Gospel

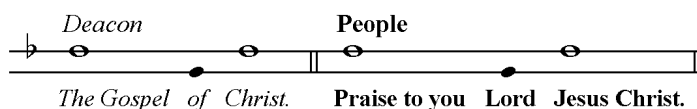
The Gospel [Luke 21: 5-19]

All stand as able for the proclamation



When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and

you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."



Gospel Recessional vv. 4-6

Homily

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 *(Crafted by the Reader)*

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

The presiding celebrant addresses the people.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Preparation Hymn CP 310 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*
MIT FREUDEN ZART

The Celebration of the Eucharist



Today the Flowers, Wine and Host of the Eucharist, are offered in Loving memory of Gloria & Charles McGinley from their daughter Elizabeth.

The Prayer over the Gifts

When the altar has been prepared,

All Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness

you have blessed us with these gifts:

our selves, 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 Eucharistic Prayer 1

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 indeed right that we should praise you,
gracious God, for you created all things.
You formed us, reflecting your own image.
In wondrous diversity you created us all.
When we turned away from you in sin,
you did not cease to care for us,
but opened a path of salvation for all people.
You made a covenant with Israel,
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.
Through Moses you led your people
from bondage into freedom;
through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
who have served you in every age,
we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus (*Sung by the choir*) *Missa Sine Nomine*
L. da Viadana (c.1560-1627)

Celebrant Holy God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news
of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, 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.”

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death;
by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith;



Celebrant Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,
we offer you, this bread and this cup.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be one body and one holy people,
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Creator,
now and for ever.



Celebrant 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 for distribution

Celebrant: “I am the bread which has come down from heaven”,
says the Lord

All: **Give us this bread for ever.**

Celebrant “I am the vine, and you are the branches”.

All **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

Agnus Dei *(Sung by the choir)* Agnus Dei Missa Sine Nomine
L. da Viadana

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*(which may be prayed by those at home) **

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you now in the sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart.

Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus
and let me never be separated from you.

May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen**

**Based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787) used at the 2020 Easter pandemic celebration at The Episcopal Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul (Washington National Cathedral)*

Communion Motet *Ego Sum Panis Vivus*
G. P. da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Ego sum panis vivus.

Patres vestri manducaverunt manna in deserto, et mortui sunt.

Hic est panis de coelo descendens:

si quis ex ipso manducaverit, non morietur.

I am the living bread.

Your fathers ate manna in the desert, and are dead.

This is the bread which comes down from heaven:

if any man eat of it, he will not die.

Communion Hymn CP 52 *O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near*
ST. FLAVIAN

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant *Let us pray.*

All O God,
we give you thanks
that you have set before us this feast,
the body and blood of your Son.
By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the following doxology may be said

Celebrant Glory to God,

All 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.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

Blessing

Closing Hymn CP 330 *O Praise Ye the Lord*
LAUDATE DOMINUM

Choral Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Dismissal *by the Deacon*

Postlude *Fantasia in G Minor* J. S. Bach (BWV 542)

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at the entrance to the Cathedral.**

A Prayer – George MacLeod

Almighty God ...
Sun behind all suns,
soul within all souls ...
Show to us in everything we touch
and in everyone we meet
the continued assurance of thy presence round us,
lest ever we should think thee absent.
In all created things thou art there.
In every friend we have
the sunshine of thy presence is shown forth.
In every enemy that seems to cross our path,
thou art there within the cloud
to challenge us to love.
Show to us the glory in the grey.
Awake for us thy presence in the very storm
till all our joys are seen as thee
and all our trivial tasks emerge as priestly sacraments
in the universal temple of thy love.

George MacLeod was born on June 17, 1895, in Glasgow, Scotland. Born into a wealthy family he had a privileged upbringing. He was educated at Winchester and Oxford before serving four years as a front-line fighter in the trenches of World War I. He was captain of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and saw action in Ypres and Passchendaele. He saw firsthand the immense violence and destruction of the war which changed his view of the world and pushed him to pursue training in ministry. He went on to study at the University of Edinburgh, then studied at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. When he returned to Scotland, he was invited to become an assistant at St Giles' Cathedral. In 1938 he resigned from his position at the church to establish the Iona Community. He created it as an ecumenical Christian community working for peace and social justice. Publicity and donations turned the community into an international success; the community became one of the most innovative and progressive spiritual movements in the Christian Church. This ecumenical community's work continues, encouraging peace in the world and helping ordinary men and women with their personal struggles.

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