

## The Cathedral Church of All Saints



**Holy Eucharist**  
**9:15 am Service for the Easter Season**  
**\*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 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul".

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

# The Holy Eucharist

## 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.

*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, B.C.)*

### Opening Hymn {see insert}

### Children's Message

### The Gathering of the Community

*The presiding celebrant greets the community*

*Leader* With nature in its power and beauty,  
with rain and wind and sunshine,  
with the ancient rocks and the budding flower,

*All* **we gather in praise of God.**

With believers and seekers the whole world wide,  
with people in every land,  
and speakers of every language,

*All* **we gather in praise of God.**

With the angels and saints in heaven,  
with all who built community here  
and with all who have worshipped in this place,

**All** we gather in praise of God.

With Jesus who promised his presence  
and the Spirit who showers her blessings,

**All** we gather in praise of God.

Here let heaven and earth embrace;

**All** here may God's people find home.

### 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** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People** Thanks be to God.

### Psalms: {see insert}

### Gospel Acclamation

Hal - le, hal - le, Hal-le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal-le - lu - jah!  
Hal - le, hal - le - hal-le, - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

### The Gospel Proclamation

**All stand 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.**

## **Homily**

*A silence for reflection may follow.*

**Affirmation of Belief** Affirming the Church's Mission  
*(from the Iona Community)*

*Leader:* We believe in God,  
**Maker and Sustainer of all life,  
of sun and moon,  
of water and earth,  
of humanity's great diversity.**

**We believe in God beside us,  
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,  
born of a woman, servant of the poor,  
tortured and nailed to a tree.  
A man of compassion, he died forsaken;  
he descended into the earth  
to the place of death.**

**On the third day he rose from the tomb;  
he ascended into heaven  
to be everywhere present;  
and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,  
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,  
life-giving breath of the church,  
spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.**

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

## Confession and Absolution

*Presider:* My sisters and brothers,  
not out of dread and fear,  
but believing in the understanding and forgiveness of God,  
let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.  
Holy God, Maker of all

*All:* **Have mercy on us.**

*Presider:* Jesus Christ, servant of the poor

*All:* **Have mercy on us.**

*Presider:* Holy Spirit, Breath of life

*All:* **Have mercy on us.**

*Presider:* In silence let us confess our faults  
and admit our frailty.

*(A time of silent reflection may follow.)*

*All:* **Before God, we confess to our brokenness;  
to the ways we wound our lives,  
the lives of others, and the life of the world.**

*Presider:* May God forgive you,  
Christ renew you,  
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

*People:* **Amen.**

## The Peace

*All stand, and the presiding celebrant addresses the people.*

Not an easy peace,  
not a conditional peace,  
not a half-hearted peace,  
but the peace of Christ  
is with us now.  
Let us share it with each other.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

**Preparation Hymn {see insert}**

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

*Presider:* We are here because Jesus has called us –  
strangers and friends,  
locals and visitors,  
believers and doubters,  
the certain and the curious.  
It is always a mixed company that Jesus gathers  
and invites to his table where, in bread and wine,  
he meets us.

## The Prayer over the Gifts

*All*      **Blessed are you, O God,  
ruler of heaven and earth.  
Day by day you shower us with blessings.  
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,  
give us glad and generous hearts,  
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,  
through 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:*      Blessed are you, O God,  
for you have brought forth bread from the earth.

Blessed are you, O God,  
for you have created the fruit of the vine.  
In the beginning you watered the earth  
that man and woman might have food and drink.

You gave your servant Sarah bread to strengthen her family  
 on their journey, and wine to make them glad.  
 You called Moses and his people out of bondage  
 and refreshed them with food in the wilderness.  
 You gave Mary and Jesus their daily bread to share.  
 And here at your table you offer us bread and wine for the journey  
 to nourish us as sons and daughters.  
 And so, with all our sisters and brothers,  
 our siblings before us and beside us,  
 we praise you for your unending greatness, as we sing:

**Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)**

Kate Heichler, 2000

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Hea - ven and earth are  
 full of your glo - ry, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed, bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the high est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Presider:* Among friends, gathered round a table,  
 on the night before his betrayal, suffering, and death,  
 Jesus took bread and, having blessed it,  
 he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
 ‘Take and eat, for this is my body which is given for you.’

In the same way he took wine and,  
 having given thanks for it, he poured it out  
 and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,  
 ‘This cup is the new relationship with God,  
 the sign of love and forgiveness made possible through my death.  
 Take this and share it to remember me.’

Now, following Jesus’ example, we take this bread  
 and this wine; the ordinary things of the world  
 through which God will bless us.

Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now,  
as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room,  
breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and this wine.  
May they become for us your body, and blood, vibrant with your life,  
healing, renewing and making us whole.  
And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink  
are changed into us, may we be changed again into you,  
bone of your bone and flesh of your flesh,  
loving and caring in the world.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours,  
Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
here and everywhere, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*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*

*Presider:* Look, the body of Christ is broken  
for the life of the world.

*All:* **Here is Christ coming to us in bread and wine.**

## The Communion

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

*Presider:* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*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.*

**Hymn during Communion {see insert}**

## Prayer after Communion

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*All:* **We give you thanks, almighty God,  
that you have refreshed us  
through the healing power of this gift of life.  
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,  
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)*

## The Blessing:

*Presider:* As you have been fed at this table, go to feed the hungry.

As you have been set free,  
go to set free the imprisoned.

As you have received – give.

As you have heard – proclaim.

And the blessing which you have received from God;  
Creator, Son and Spirit go with you. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn {see insert}**

**The Sending** *(In these or other words, by the Deacon):*

In gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people,  
we give ourselves to you.

Take us out to live as changed people  
because we have shared the Living Bread  
and cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us,  
expect much from us,  
enable much by us,  
encourage many through us.

*All*      **Amen. We leave this worship to serve God.**

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