

The Cathedral Church of All Saints

Halifax, Nova Scotia



The 11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026



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,

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

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude Music ~ Graham Berry *Meditation*

by composer Modest Mussorgsky 1839-1881

Welcome

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 # 384 verses 1-4 *Praise To the Lord the Almighty*

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

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.

Gloria (Said)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Ever-faithful One,
you answer the cries of all who call upon your name.
Give us grace to trust in you,
so that we may walk faithfully amidst the storms of life;
through Jesus the Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.
FWM Proposed Prayers alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis (37:1-4, 12-28)

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan."' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on

him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.’ And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Reader For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b (Read responsively)

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

4 Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.

16 Then he called for a famine in the land and destroyed the supply of bread.

17 He sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

18 They bruised his feet in fetters; his neck they put in an iron collar.

19 Until his prediction came to pass, the word of the Lord tested him.

20 The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free.

21 He set him as a master over his household, as a ruler over all his possessions,

22 To instruct his princes according to his will and to teach his elders wisdom.

45 Hallelujah!

Gradual Hymn # 533 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* vv 1-2 before the reading
Tune: ABERYSTWYTH

The Gospel Reading

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 Matthew (14:22-33)

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

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind,* he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Hymn # 533 vv 3-4

Homily

The Rev. Dr. Kate Heichler

A silence for reflection may follow.

The Apostles' 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 # 434 *The Love of Jesus Calls Us*

Tune: AURELIA



*The wine, hosts, and bulletin today
are in Loving Memory of parents
Charles and Ida Moser from Kathy Chaddock*

The Prayer over the Gifts

When the altar has been prepared,

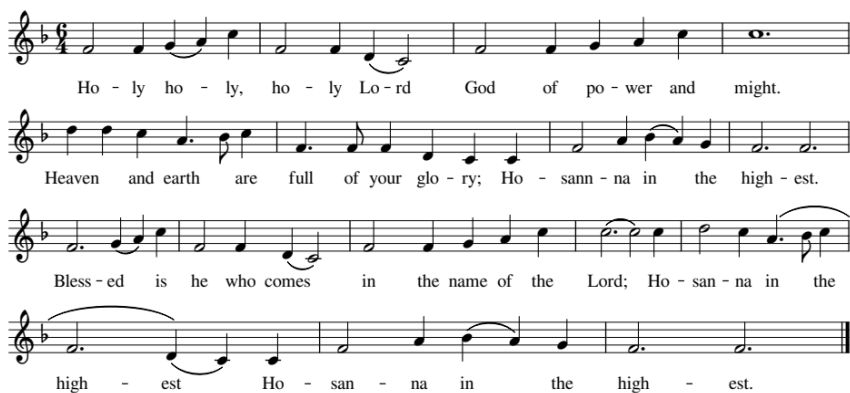
All Holy God,
receive all we offer you this day,
and grant that in this eucharist
we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Creator of all.
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.

The Sanctus (Land of Rest)



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;

All **Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

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. **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

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

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

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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 Hymn #61 As We Gather at Your Table

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant *Let us pray.*

All **Eternal God,**
grant to your Church the unity and peace
that we have tasted in this eucharist,
the fruit of your life-giving Spirit.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

Then the following doxology may be said.

Celebrant
All

Glory to God,
**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.

Blessing

Celebrant

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 # 527 *How Firm a Foundation*

Tune: ST DENO # 393 Common Praise

Dismissal *by the Deacon*

Postlude *“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”* composer Charles
Converse. 1832-1918



Thank you for joining us today. Following the service please stay for refreshments and conversation at the entrance area of the Cathedral.

* 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.



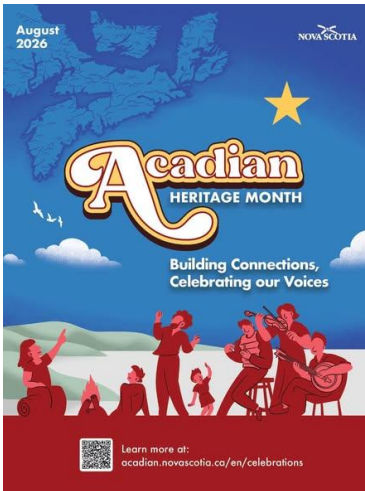
**Chebucto Region Picnic & Concert
Saturday August 29, 11-2pm**

Join your fellow HRM-region Anglicans for a picnic right outside our front doors in Victoria Park. We will enjoy a concert and a picnic lunch with a chance to get to know each other better. This will also serve as a kick-off to the Season of Creation. Bring a lawn chair!

Dinner in the Church – Every Wednesday evening at 6pm, people gather around a dinner table in the front of the cathedral by the doors for *Room at the Table* dinner church. This simple eucharist in the setting of an evening meal is particularly nice for people who can’t make it on Sundays, and/or who are curious about faith or wanting to explore Christian community. Who might you invite? Check it out! For more information or to reserve a seat - follow the QR link: 



Acadian Heritage Month



French settlers arrived in Nova Scotia (then part of Acadia) in the early 1600s, establishing a colony centered around Port Royal. Acadians developed a unique culture, language, and way of life, marked by their farming practices (particularly dykeland creation), close-knit communities, and strong Catholic faith. Over time, Acadia was frequently contested between France and Britain. By 1713, mainland Nova Scotia came under British control, but Acadians maintained their neutrality. When Britain and France went to war again in 1744, Acadians' neutrality was questioned. From 1755 to 1763, the British deported

thousands of Acadians, a period known as the Great Upheaval. Many Acadians were dispersed throughout the 13 American colonies, France, and other parts of the world. Despite the displacement, Acadian culture persisted and many eventually returned to the Maritime Provinces, including Nova Scotia. Today, Acadian culture is vibrant in Nova Scotia, with a strong presence in our communities, language, music, festivals, and historical sites.

Acadian Heritage Month was first proclaimed in 2023 and celebrated for the first time in August 2024, Acadian Heritage Month recognizes and honors cultural, social and economic contributions made by Acadian communities in Nova Scotia since their first settlement in Port-Royal, over 400 years ago.

In August, all Nova Scotia will have the opportunity to explore the province's remarkable Acadian heritage, by taking part in activities highlighting Acadian history, traditions and culture.

Stay up to date with the activities taking place in August via the calendar that's available at the [Fédération acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse](https://www.federationacadienne.ca/).

