

The Cathedral Church of All Saints

Halifax, Nova Scotia



The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 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 ~ Caitlin Strong *Phoebe* - Mel Bonis

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 # 330 *O Praise ye the Lord*

Tune: LAUDATE DOMINUM

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 Living God,
you accept our stumbling faith,
our misplaced answers,
our false horizons,
and through them you build a way of peace.
Empower and enable us
to bind the wounds of the world
and loose the bonds of oppression,
so that all may confess the grace
that is your work alone;

through Jesus Christ, your anointed one. Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Reader A reading from the letter to the Romans (12:1-8)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm Psalm 138 (Read responsively)

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name,
because of your love and faithfulness;**

3 For you have glorified your Name
and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me;

you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.**

7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty from afar.

**8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**

9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me;
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Gradual Hymn # 561 *Lord, Your Word Shall Guide Us*
vv 1-3 (before the reading) Tune: RAVENSHAW

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 (16:13-20)

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah!

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Hymn # 561 vv 4-6

Homily

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 # 435 *Take My Life and Let it Be*

Tune: MOZART



*The wine, hosts, and bulletin today
are in Loving Memory of Eric Lavers
given by his wife Sandra, and family*

The Prayer over the Gifts

When the altar has been prepared,

All God of all creation,
all you have made is good,
and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts,
so that we might for the world
signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

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)

Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly Lo - rd God of po - wer and might.
 Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry; Ho - sann - na in the high - est.
 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.

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 #73 *One Bread, One Body*

Tune: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant *Let us pray.*

All **Gracious God,
in this meal you have drawn us to your heart,
and nourished us at your table
with food and drink,
the body and blood of Christ.
Now send us forth to be your people in the world,
and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

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.**

Blessing *by the Celebrant*

Closing Hymn # 438 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Tune: WOLVERCOTE

Dismissal *by the Deacon*

Postlude *Waltz - Ethan Alderete arr. Christina Sochor*



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

If you are new to the Cathedral, or would like to know more about us, or connect for news and updates on our activities and ministries, please take a moment to fill in a Welcome Card, available at the greeter's tables at our entrances.

* 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 us as we gather together with our neighbouring Anglican churches in the HRM-region 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: ➡



Cookies for Incoming College Students –

This September we will once again greet new students at Dalhousie and St. Mary's Universities with a home-baked cookie and note of welcome. It's not too early to start baking and freezing cookies! If you make a batch, please bring it on a Sunday and we'll store them in the freezer. Tuck a list of ingredients inside – and let's keep them nut- and peanut-free; some gluten-free would be helpful as well. Thank you!



Welcome Back Sunday Join us **September**

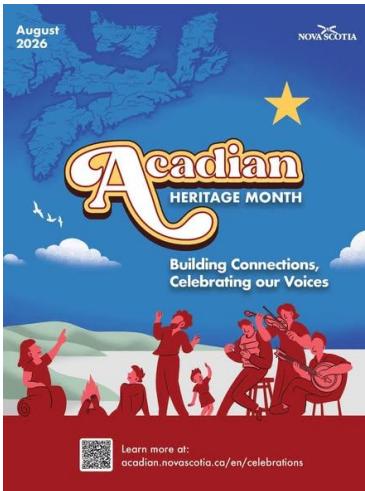
13th for our final combined service of the summer season. A Barbeque Luncheon will be held

following the service in the Great Hall. On **September 20th**

we return to our schedule of a **9:15 am** Contemporary Service with Sunday School, and **11 am** Choral Eucharist. **Sundays at Four**, Evensong resumes with a special ticketed benefit concert event September 27th.

<https://capellaregalis.com/nick-and-friends>

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/).

