

The Cathedral Church of All Saints

Halifax, Nova Scotia



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 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 ~ *Forgotten Man* by Toby Fox arr. Trevor Alan Gomes
Caitlin Strong ~ pianist

Welcome and 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.*)

Choral Introit *The First Song of Isaiah*
(Surely It Is God Who Saves Me) Tone III.2

- 1 Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
2. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Saviour.
3. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
4. And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
5. Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

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.

Opening Hymn # 429 *For the Beauty of the Earth*
(tune # 160 - DIX)

The Gathering of the Community

The presiding celebrant greets the community

Celebrant *The heavens declare the glory of God.*

People: ***The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.***

The plants and trees show God's presence.

Let us join with creation in praising God.

God of all creation, who moves and inspires us through every
time and season,

**we bless you and praise you for the gift of life in your
good, created world.**

*Grant to us grace and humility to so order our lives that we
may honour you among all peoples and nations,*

***create wholesome and right companionship with our
fellow living creatures, and work for the healing of this
world that you created.***

Teach us to see and hear your power in the winds and waves,
mountains and valleys so that we may glorify your goodness
to us and live rightly in your creation.

**We pray to you through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with You and the Spirit, Three in One, One in
Three, now and forever. Amen.**

Glory To God *A Community Mass (Sung by all)*
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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Creator God,**
you have wonderfully fashioned the heavens and the earth
and us in your own image.
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your breath in all creatures
that we may be of service in the healing of the earth,
through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit,
through whom you breathe all creation into being. Amen
(Alternative collects, liturgy task force, ACC)

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (61:1-3)

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114 *In exitu Israel.* **(Sung by all)** *P. Halley*

Refrain (First sung by the cantors, then sung by all.)





1 When Israel came out of **Egypt**, *
 the house of Jacob from a people of strange **speech**,
 2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
 and Israel his do-minion. **Refrain**

3 The sea beheld it and **fled**; *
 Jordan turned and went **back**.
 4 The mountains skipped like **rams**, *
 and the little hills like young **sheep**. **Refrain**

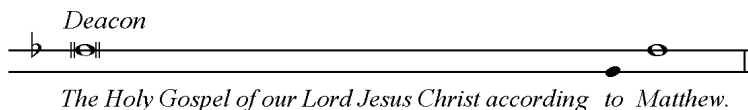
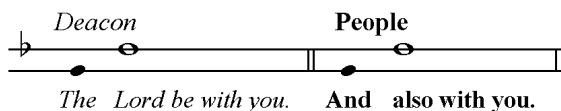
5 What ailed you, O sea, that you **fled**? *
 O Jordan, that you turned **back**?
 6 You mountains, that you skipped like **rams**? *
 you little hills like young sheep? **Refrain**

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
 at the presence of the God of **Jacob**.
 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of **water** *
 and flint-stone into a flowing **spring**. **Refrain**

Gradual Hymn # 614 vv 1-3 *Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive* DETROIT

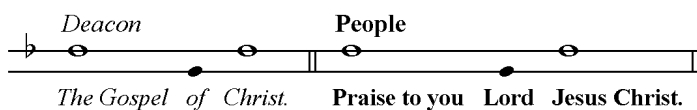
The Gospel Reading

All stand, as able, for the Gospel.



He also said, ‘With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.’

At the conclusion of the Gospel,



Hymn # 614 v 4

Homily

A silence for reflection may follow.

Creedal Statement

Celebrant Let us share in an affirmation of faith, as we say,

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, seen in the suffering one,
the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee –
who loves and cares for this world and suffers with it.
We believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with
God and who moves among us and with us today.**

We believe in everlasting life with God.

**We believe in the hope that one day God will put and end
to death and destructive forces.**

(adapted from: Lutheran Theological College, South India)

The Prayers of the People *(crafted by the reader)*

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Maker of all, we cry to you,

All Loving Creator, open our ears to hear
the suffering of creation
and the cries of those we have displaced
whose resources we have taken.
Suffering Saviour, we cry to you,
open our eyes to the path of restoration and healing.
Spirit of Transformation, we cry to you,
give us the courage to right the wrongs of injustice,
and live into a story of abundance and plenty for all,
the story of your forgiveness and healing.

Celebrant God's mercy flows like living water. The love of God,
incarnate in Jesus who spoke to troubled waters, forgives us and
calms our hearts so that justice may flow to all the dry places in our
lives. In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, may this
grace free us to follow and proclaim the good news of the healing of
all creation.

People Amen.

The Peace

The presiding celebrant addresses the people.

Hear God's promise of a redeemed creation:
the wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
and a little child shall lead them.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain.
The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Preparation Hymn # 380 *O Worship the King* HANOVER



*The wine, hosts, bulletin, and flowers today
are in Loving Memory of Marion Read by daughter Beverly
and family.*

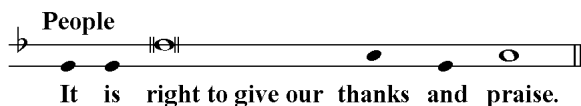
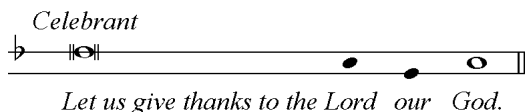
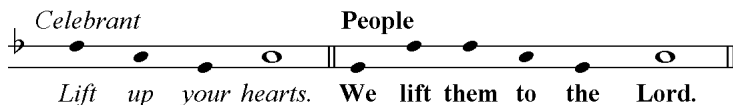
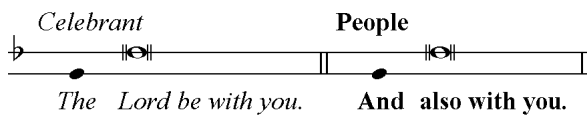
The Prayer over the Gifts

When the altar has been prepared,

All **Eternal Creator, Holy Wisdom,**
all creation yearns in hope to be set free.
Receive all we offer you this day
and through this Eucharist
lead us to be servants of your justice and truth
in the name of Jesus.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 4*



Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, God our Creator.
Your infinite love created a universe of wonder.
At the dawn of time your Word summoned light
and bade it blaze forth in the darkness..
From your breath sprang the dance of the stars
in the night sky.

You laid the foundations of the earth, spread out the seas,
and stretched out the heavens like a tent above our heads.
You brought forth life in marvellous variety:
mosses, grasses and trees
insects and animals that move with grace and beauty,
birds that ride the winds, and the shimmering creatures of
the waters.

All creation bears witness to you: your glory shines forth in
the night sky; your wisdom is seen in the cunning miracle of a
living cell; your care is found in the generous bounty of the
earth; your joy flashes forth in a hawk on the wing;
your beauty meets us in the birth of each new day.
All things praise you in their own way,
and we join in that chorus as we sing:

Sanctus # 732 Hymnal (Sung by all) *A Community Mass*

R. Proulx

Celebrant For such praise you created us,
youngest of all your creatures:
alongside all of creation you formed us of the earth,
along with all life we are quickened by your breath,
but of all creation you made us to bear your image
in loving care for all creation.
You call us to lift the voices of all creatures
to praise you through language, music, and art.
But we have failed you, failed your creation,
and failed our own nature.
We have forgotten our connection with the earth and all life.
We imagine ourselves masters of our own destiny.
We have betrayed our duty to care for creation,
and exploit it ruthlessly in our shortsighted greed.

To recall us to our true nature, you sent your Son Jesus.
In him divinity entered into creation, sharing our human
flesh, showing us our true calling as servants and priests of
creation.

When Jesus was led by our selfishness, fear, and lust for power to cruel suffering and death, he did not abandon us. Gathering his disciples on the night before his death, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and shared it, saying: “This is my body, given for you. Take and eat” – that I may dwell in you, that you may become my body, bringing nourishment and life to all.

After supper he took the cup of wine, blessed it and shared it with them, saying: “This is my blood, shed for you. Drink this” – that you might have a part in my death, dying to selfishness, violence, and sin, and raised to the redeemed life of the kingdom.

Remembering his sharing of our flesh, his embrace of life and acceptance of death, his glorious resurrection as the first born of your new Creation, we offer ourselves, our lives and labour and aspirations to you, O God.

May we be transformed into the Body of Christ, that we might fulfil our purpose of caring for Creation, and giving praise to you our Creator. Pour out on us anew your Holy Spirit, the breath of life, who nourishes and sustains all things living, who sighs for redemption in all Creation and in the depths of our hearts. Sanctify to us this meal of the Kingdom. Renew our hearts, renew our lives, renew the face of the earth.

Gather all nations and all creatures together into your peaceable kingdom, where together, in infinite diversity, we may sing with joy your praise, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, now and evermore.



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 Here is bread and wine –
touched and transformed by the Spirit.
Come, eat and drink, and be healed and strengthened
for this time being and for time to come.

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

Agnus Dei *Missa Sine Nomine (Sung by the choir)*
 L. da Viadana (c.1560–1627)

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 Anthem

Cantique de Jean Racine

G. Fauré (1845–1924)

Verbe égal au Très-Haut,
notre unique espérance,
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux;
De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence,
Divin Sauveur jette sur nous les yeux!
Répands sur nous le feu de ta grace puissante,
Que tou l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix,
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois!
O Christ sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle,
Pour te bénir maintenant rassemble,
Reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle
Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé!

Word of God, one with the Most High,
in whom alone we have our hope,
Everlasting light of heaven and earth,
We break the silence of the peaceful night;
Saviour divine, cast thine eyes upon us!
Pour on us the fire of thy mighty grace,
That all hell may flee at the sound of thy voice:
Banish the slumber of a weary soul
That brings forgetfulness of thy laws!
O Christ, look with favour upon thy faithful people,
Now gathered here to praise thee,
Receive their hymns offered to thy endless glory.
May they go forth filled with thy gifts!

Communion Hymn # 57 *Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist* SONG 1

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant *Let us pray.*

All Creator of all,
in the death and resurrection of Jesus
you have reconciled all things in heaven and on earth.
May this bread and wine open our eyes
to your love and justice woven through all of creation.
We ask this through Jesus, your creating Word.
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.**

Blessing

Celebrant May the God who sprung water from a rock, quenching the thirst of those who wandered in fear, spare us from the drought of a senseless life. May the God who flows from the wells of salvation, and who is Living Water to the foreigner, the stranger, and the unknown, keep us in peace. May the God who rolls on like a river, changing the course of the world with streams of righteousness, empower us to work for transformation. And may the blessing of our merciful God, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, keep us and preserve us in eternal life. *(Episcopal Church of Brazil)*

People Amen.

Closing Hymn # 529 *God, My Hope on You Is Founded*
MICHAEL

Dismissal *by the Deacon*

Choral Benediction *Almighty God, You Call Your Church*
P. Halley

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Postlude *Prelude & Fugue in C Major (Weimar)*
J. S. Bach (BWV 545)

Thank you for joining us today. Following the service all are welcome to join us in the Great Hall for a Barbeque Luncheon!

Next Sunday a reminder that we return to our normal worship schedule with a 9:15 Contemporary service with Sunday School and Choral Eucharist at 11 am.

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.



Liturgical resource from the **Feast of The Creator**, Authorized for Trial Use, by the Council of General Synod, Canada, June 2026

* ***Eucharistic Prayer 4*** - written for the Wilmot Parish community of Nova Scotia by The Rev. Paul Jennings, and adapted for use by the National Church. All other liturgical texts, unless otherwise noted, were written in community by the members of the Feast of Creation Liturgical Task Group.

* 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.



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