

The Cathedral Church of All Saints
Halifax, Nova Scotia



Holy Eucharist
The Season of Creation

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 the Cathedral Church of All Saints, 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, appearing to read 'Paul'.

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

THE HOLY EUCHARIST ~ THE SEASON OF CREATION

Welcome/Announcements

Territorial Acknowledgement

Presider: We begin by acknowledging that we are in Mi'kma'ki , the ancestral 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 Talk

All children are welcome to join today's story-teller on the round rug.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Presider The heavens declare the glory of God.

People: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Presider The plants and trees show God's presence.

People: Let us join with creation in praising God.

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

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

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

People: create wholesome and right companionship with all living creatures, and work for the healing of this world that you created.

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

People: 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.

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 Chant

Celtic Alleluia

O'Carroll/Walker 1985



The Gospel Proclamation

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...

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.**

Gospel Chant

Celtic Alleluia

O'Carroll/Walker 1985

Homily

A silence for reflection may follow.

Affirmation of Belief

from the Church of South India

**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, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.**

**And 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 and with us today.**

We believe in everlasting life in God.

**And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end
to death and all destructive forces.**

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

Confession and Absolution *(for the Season of Creation)*

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 forgiveness
and grace free us to follow and proclaim the good news of the healing
of all creation. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand as they are able

Presider 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 ~ See Insert

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Presider The table of bread and wine is now made ready.

It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.
It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,
with whom Jesus identified himself.
It is the table of communion with the earth,
in which Christ became incarnate.
So come to this table, you who have much faith
and you who would like to have more;
you who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time;
you who have tried to follow Jesus,
and you who have failed;
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

The Prayer over the Gifts

All **God of power,
the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe.
Accept our offering this day,
and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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 It is right and good to give you thanks, Almighty God,
maker of mountains and seas, rivers and deserts, trees and birds,
and all life everywhere; for we were made to give thanks. This
beautiful world reflects your glory, and we, made in your image,
join in the song of praise echoing from all of creation, as we sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)

Kate Heichler, 2000



Lord God, you made us in Your image, to care for this lush world,
to bear Your love and Your light to each other and to all creation.
You gave us stewardship over it and invited us to tend its creatures
as you tended us – with love and care and generosity. And as sin
entered our hearts, love of self, overcame love for your world.
In taking more than we needed, we broke our unity with You, Lord God,
with one another, and with the creation.

Into this brokenness, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to heal all things.
He came and brought new life to everything he touched –
bread multiplied on hillsides; fish multiplied in nets;
the sick became whole and dead were raised to new life.
He came and showed us how to love as friends and pets love us,
with devotion and joy.
And he showed us how to love sacrificially.

On the night our Lord Jesus Christ was handed over to suffering
and death, he ate supper with His friends.
He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it
to His disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, given for you. Do
this to remember 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, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.”

So we come to this feast;
to remember his death,
to celebrate his resurrection;
to anticipate our life with God in the restored Creation.

Send Your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, we pray,
making it holy food for your holy people.
Send Your Holy Spirit upon your people gathered here:
make us as bread to feed the world.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.
By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN!**

Presider 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.

A period of silence is kept.

Taste and See

Kate Heichler, 2006

Ta - ste and see the good-ness of the Lord, the bread he broke for us, Hal - le - lu - jah! -
- Ta - ste and see the wine that he ha - s poured, the great - est for the
least, Hal - le - lu - jah! So let us keep the feast, Hal - le - lu - jah!

The Communion

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. We are happy to come to you at your seat should you desire.

Hymn during Communion ~ *See Insert*

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

All **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us in this holy meal. We thank you for life, for new life, for Christ's life renewing our life. May this life flow from us into all the world, renewing all created things. May we, reconciled at your table, be stewards who tend and care for all life – the earth, its skies and waters, its plants and animals, and our fellow human beings, in the name of Christ: *Amen*.**

The Blessing

Presider 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 the blessing of our merciful God; Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, keep us and preserve us in eternal life. *(Episcopal Church of Brazil)*

Closing Hymn {see insert}

The Sending *(in these or other words)*

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's world.**



Thank you for worshipping with us today!
Join us for coffee and conversation
following the service at the main entrance area.

Worship Resources:

Iona Abbey Worship Book,

Wee Worship Book, Common Praise

Resources for the Season for Creation Authorized for Trial Use,
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The Creed is from the Church of South India

The eucharistic prayer was written by Kate Heichler

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.

*'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you
or see you thirsty and give you something to drink?*



Sculpture by Timothy Schmalz