

The Cathedral Church of All Saints



The Season of Creation

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 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.

Blessing to you,

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

Prelude Music ~ Paul Halley

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.

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 419 *Let All Creation Bless the Lord* MIT FREUDEN ZART

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.

Celebrant

All

Almighty God,
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.

Glory To God (Sung by all) *Missa Sancti Johannes et Divini*
P. Halley

Intro

The musical score is written on eight staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. It begins with an 'Intro' section consisting of four measures of whole notes: G4, B4, D5, and G4. The main melody starts on the second staff with the lyrics 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his'. The melody continues through the third staff with 'peo - ple on earth. Lord God heav - en - ly King, al -' and the fourth staff with 'might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we'. The fifth staff contains 'praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly'. The sixth staff has 'Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you'. The seventh staff continues with 'take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;'. The final staff concludes with 'you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer, re -'. There are triplets marked with a '3' over the notes for 'heav - en - ly King' and 'might - y God'.

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Collect

All Almighty God,
 you have created the heavens and the earth,
 and ourselves in your image.
 Teach us to discern your hand in all your works
 and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

The Frist Reading

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah [55:10-13]

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to

the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121 Levavi Oculos.

P. Halley

Refrain *First sung by the cantors, then sung by all and at places marked*



1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep; **R**

5 The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore. **R**

Gradual Hymn 169 *Jesus, on the Mountain Peak.* MOWSLEY

Verses 1-3 before the Gospel **v 4** following the Gospel

The Gospel [Matthew 17:1-9]

Celebrant **People**
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant **People**
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Deacon **People**
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the baptismal faith as we say,

All 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 *(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.

People Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: May we know the peace which the Spirit brings: a peace rooted in love, patience and self-control, shaped by kindness, generosity and faithfulness, marked by gentleness, and crowned with joy. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Preparation Hymn 347 *The God of Abraham Praise*

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The Celebration of the Eucharist



Today the Wine and Host, and the Bulletin, are offered in Loving Memory of James G. Morrison from his daughter Alayne Pothier

The Prayer over the Gifts

When the altar has been prepared,

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

Eucharistic Prayer 4

Celebrant **People**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant **People**

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The congregation responds with the following acclamation.

Glo - ry to you for ev - er and ev - er.

Celebrant It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return.

Through the prophets and sages, you reveal your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman,
to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation
who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn:

Sanctus No. 726 in the Hymnal (*sung by all*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

**Standing, seated, or kneeling, the prayer continues...*

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine;
he gave you thanks, 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."

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Gracious God,
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations.
We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people
by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts.

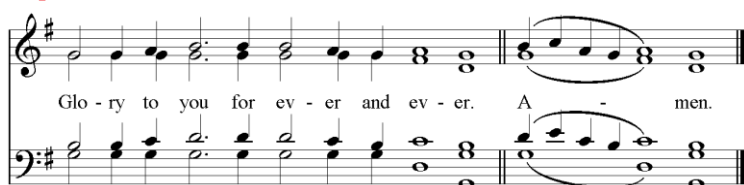
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of
Christ our Lord.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your
new creation.

Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your
kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;
through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours,
creator of all.

People



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.**

Agnus Dei *Lamb of God* (Sung by the choir) T. Morley (1557–1603)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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 619 *Fairest Lord Jesus* CRUSADERS' HYMN

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant *Let us pray.*

All Ruler of the universe,
all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son.
May we who have shared in holy things
grow into maturity in him.
This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Closing Hymn 167 *'Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here* CARLISLE

Choral Benediction *God of Power* P. Halley

*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.*

Dismissal *by the Deacon*

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

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



* You will find offering plates at the front and side entrance of the Cathedral.
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may make electronic donations using the digital QR code below.



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CREATION EXTRAVAGANZA WITH PET BLESSING AND MUCH MORE! -

Saturday, October 3, from 11 am – 2 pm

All Saints Cathedral is hosting a celebration to close the Season of Creation and honour St. Francis of Assisi.

11 am - Pet Blessing in Victoria Park

12 pm - Activities at the Cathedral, including children's fun, Embodied Prayer Practices, and lunch

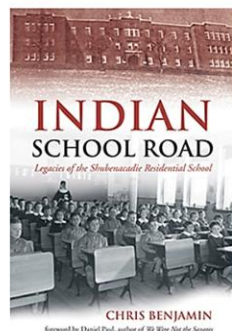
1 pm - Planting pollinator seeds in our new garden out front

2 pm - Creation Songs & Stories - exuberant worship in the Cathedral

Please share the news!

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION DAY

Chris Benjamin *Legacies of the Shubenacadie Residential School*



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 5:30 pm

All Saints Cathedral, 1330 Cathedral Lane, Halifax

Join us on this solemn day of remembrance and resolve to learn more about the traumas of the Shubenacadie Residential School, the resilience of its survivors, and a path toward reconciliation. The presentation will be followed by a brief interfaith service of repentance and healing. Refreshments will be served