

The Cathedral Church of All Saints



The Season of Creation

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 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 *O Come, Let Us Sing Unto The Lord* *Tone VI*

Antiphon: The Lord God omnipotent reigneth: O come, let us worship.

1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his also.

5 The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship, and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Opening Hymn 384 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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.**

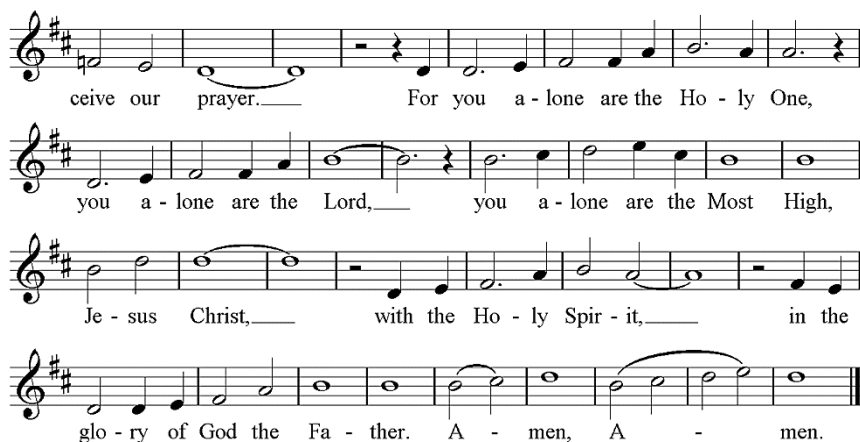
Celebrant
All

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

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God heav - en - ly King, al -
might - y 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 -



Collect

All Grant, O merciful God,
 that your Church,
 being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one,
 may show forth your power among all peoples,
 to the glory of your name;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

The Frist Reading

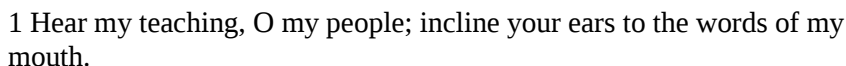
Reader A reading from the book of Nehemiah [9:6-12]

And Ezra said: 'You are the Lord, you alone; you have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. To all of them you give life, and the host of heaven worships you. You are the Lord, the God who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and gave him the name Abraham; and you found his heart faithful before you, and made with him a covenant to give to his descendants the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite, and the Girgashite; and

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 Attendite, popule.

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



2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come the praise-worthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done. **R.**

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, and the waters gushed out like rivers. **R.**

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

Gradual Hymn 560 *God, Whose Almighty Word* MOSCOW

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

The Gospel [Matthew 8:23-27]

Celebrant

People

Musical notation for the first line of the Gradual Hymn. It consists of two staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the second is for the People. Both staves have a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff has a whole note followed by a double bar line and then another whole note. The second staff has a whole note followed by a double bar line and then another whole note. The lyrics are 'The Lord be with you. And also with you.'

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

Celebrant

People

Musical notation for the second line of the Gradual Hymn. It consists of two staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the second is for the People. Both staves have a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff has a whole note followed by a double bar line and then another whole note. The second staff has a whole note followed by a double bar line and then another whole note. The lyrics are 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.'

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

Celebrant

Musical notation for the third line of the Gradual Hymn. It consists of one staff for the Celebrant. The staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It has a whole note followed by a double bar line and then another whole note. The lyrics are 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

Musical notation for the fourth line of the Gradual Hymn. It consists of one staff for the People. The staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It has a whole note followed by a double bar line and then another whole note. The lyrics are 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A gale arose on the lake, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, ‘Lord, save us! We are perishing!’ And he said to them, ‘Why are you afraid, you of little faith?’ Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, ‘What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?’

Responses after the Gospel

Deacon

People

Musical notation for the responses after the Gospel. It consists of two staves. The first staff is for the Deacon and the second is for the People. Both staves have a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff has a whole note followed by a double bar line and then another whole note. The second staff has a whole note followed by a double bar line and then another whole note. The lyrics are 'The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.'

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

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his 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

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 533 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* ABERYSTWYTH

The Celebration of the Eucharist



Today the Wine and Host, and the Bulletin, are offered in
Loving Memory of Cornell Seymour, Nassau, Bahamas

The Prayer over the Gifts

When the altar has been prepared,

All Eternal God,
in Jesus Christ we behold your glory.
Receive the offering of your people gathered before you,
and open our hearts and mouths
to praise your great salvation,

the same 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.**

**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,

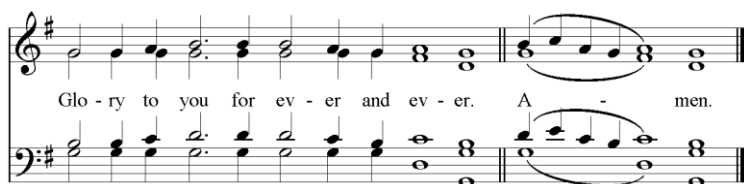
and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations.
We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people
by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share 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 from Missa L'Hora passa L. da Viadana (1560–1627)

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 Motet *Cibavit Eos*

W. Byrd (c.1539–1623)

Cibavit eos ex adipe frumenti, alleluia.

Et de petra melle saturavit eos, alleluia.

Exultate Deo adiutori nostro,

Jubilare Deo Jacob.

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto

sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper,

et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

He fed them from the fullness of the wheat, alleluia.

And sated them with honey from the rock, alleluia.

Rejoice in God our helper,

sing for joy to the God of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen.

Communion Hymn *This Is My Father's World*

TERRA BEATA

1 This is my Fa - ther's world; And to my lis - tening ears All
2 This is my Fa - ther's world; The birds their car - ols raise, The
3 This is my Fa - ther's world; Oh, let me ne'er for - get That

1 na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
2 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De - clare their Ma - ker's praise.
3 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

1 This is my Fa - ther's world; I rest me in the thought Of
 2 This is my Fa - ther's world; He shines in all that's fair; In the
 3 This is my Fa - ther's world; Why should my heart be sad? The

1 rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the won - ders wrought.
 2 rust - ling grass I hear him pass; He speaks to me ev - ery - where.
 3 Lord is King; let the heav - ens ring. God reigns; let the earth be glad.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant All your works praise you, O Lord.

All And your faithful servants bless you.
 Gracious God we thank you for feeding us
 with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
 May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
 we, who drink his cup, ring life to others;
 we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
 Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
 so that we and all your children shall be free,
 and the whole earth live to praise your name;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn 564 *Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us*

MANNHEIM

Choral Benediction Convertat Dominus vultum suum
 ad te et det tibi pacem.

*The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
 and give you peace.*

Dismissal *by the Deacon*

Postlude *Prelude in E Minor*

J. S. Bach (BWV 548)

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





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

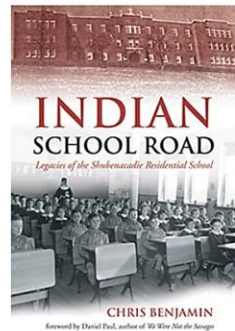
1 pm - Planting pollinator seeds in our new garden out front

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