

The Cathedral Church of All Saints



The Season of Creation

St. Francis of Assisi

October 4, 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* ~ *Fugue in D Major (from the 2nd Book of the Well-Tempered Clavier)* J. S. Bach (BWV 874)

* The “Prelude” and “Choral Benediction” for today’s service are particular favourites of Joseph Poon who, sadly, will be leaving us soon to take up his new posting in Ottawa.

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 *Lord, Make Us Servants Of Your Peace*
O. Gibbons (1583–1625)

1 Lord, make us servants of your peace;
Where there is hate, may we sow love;
Where there is hurt, may we forgive;
Where there is strife, may we make one.

2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
Where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
Where all is night, may we sow light;
Where all is tears, may we sow joy.

3 Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
To be consoled, but to console,
Nor look to understanding hearts,
But look for hearts to understand.

4 May we not look for love’s return,
But seek to love unselfishly,
For in our giving we receive,
And in forgiving are forgiven.

5 Dying, we live, and are reborn
Through death’s dark night to endless day:
Lord, make us servants of your peace,
To wake at last in heaven’s light.

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (paraphrased by James Quinn)

Opening Hymn 286 *Give Me the Wings of Faith* WESTMINSTER

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.**

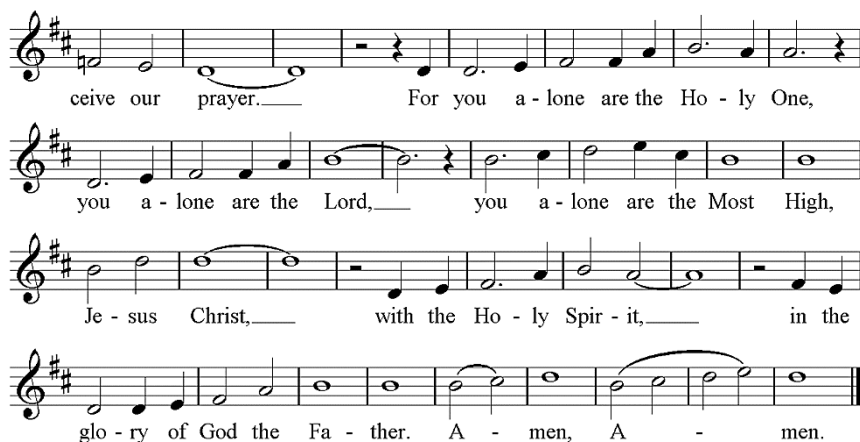
Celebrant Almighty God,
All to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify
your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 for the Day

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The Frist Reading

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah [43:18-21]

Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
 I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
 I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
 The wild animals will honour me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
 for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
 to give drink to my chosen people,

the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148 *Laudate Dominum.* C. V. Stanford

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



- 1 Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. **R**
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord;
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will; **R**
- 9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, old and young together. **R**
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord,
for his Name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal
servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. **R**

Gradual Hymn 410 *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace* PUER NOBIS **Gospel Processional vv. 1 – 3 v 4 following the reading**



1 Creating God, your fingers trace
the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light
and what lies hidden praise your might.

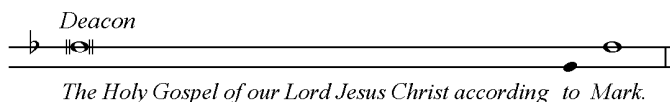
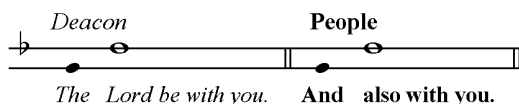
3 Redeeming God, your arms embrace
all now despised for creed or race;
let peace, descending like a dove,
make known on earth your healing love.

2 Sustaining God, your hands uphold
earth's mysteries known or yet untold;
let water's fragile blend with air,
enabling life, proclaim your care.

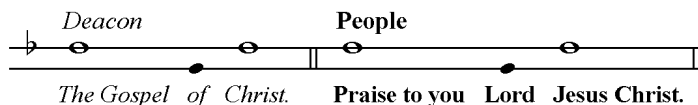
4 Indwelling God, your gospel claims
one family with a billion names;
let every life be touched by grace
until we praise you face to face.

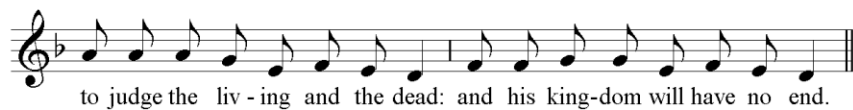
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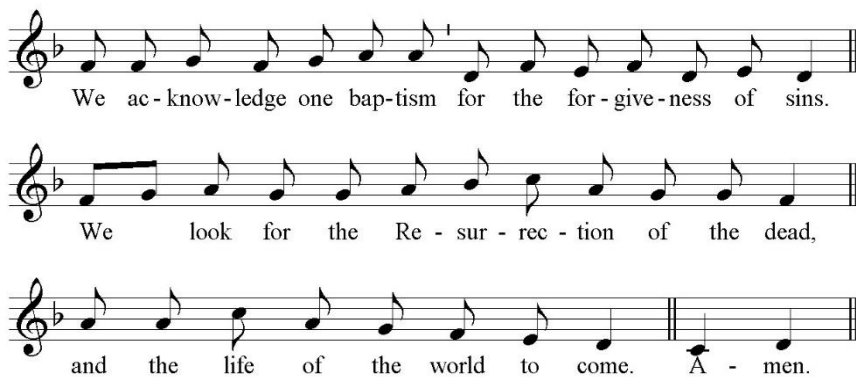
The Gospel [Mark 9:1-13]



In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’ And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.







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 355 *All Creatures of Our God and King*
(v. 4 women; v.5 men; v.6 choir only) LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The Celebration of the Eucharist



Today the Wine and Host, are given in Thanksgiving for
the Congregation at the Cathedral, by Joseph Poon

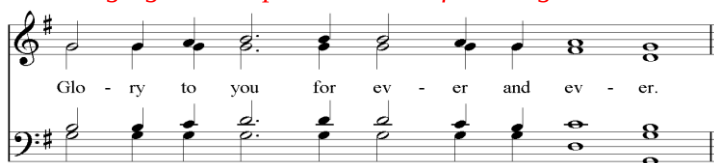
The Prayer over the Gifts

All God of truth,
receive all we offer you this day.
Make us worthy servants,
strong to follow in the pattern
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 4

<i>Celebrant</i>	People
<i>The Lord be with you.</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	People
<i>Lift up your hearts.</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</i>	
People	
It is right to give our thanks and praise.	

The congregation responds with the following acclamation.



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.**

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.



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 *The Communion Service in F C. V. Stanford (1852–1924)*

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Communion Motet *Beatus Franciscus*

Jerónimo de Aliseda (1548–1591)

Beatus Franciscus, dum morti appropinquaret,
lacrimosis oculis in coelum intendens dixit:
voce mea ad Dominum clamavi, voce mea ad Dominum deprecatus sum:
educ de custodia animam meam ad confitendum nomini tuo
me expectant justi donec retribuas mihi.

When the blessed Francis was close to death,
 he spoke, with tears in his eyes, looking up to heaven, and said:
 I have cried aloud to the Lord; I have lifted up my voice to the Lord for mercy.
 Set me free from my prison, that I may praise your name.
 Then the righteous will gather about me because of your goodness to me.

Communion Hymn 76 *Thee We Adore, O Hidden Saviour, Thee*
 ADORO TE

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 *Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him*
 REX GLORIAE



Praise the Lord, ye heav'ns adore him;
 praise him angels, in the height;
 sun and moon, rejoice before him;
 praise him, all ye stars of light!
 Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken;
 worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
 laws which never shall be broken
 for their guidance hath he made.

2 Praise the Lord, for he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail;
God hath made his saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high his pow'r proclaim;
heav'n and earth and all creation,
laud and magnify his name.

3 Worship, honour, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer unto thee;
young and old, thy praise expressing,
in glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heav'n adore thee,
we would bow before thy throne;
as thine angels serve before thee,
so on earth thy will be done.

Choral Benediction *If Ye Love Me* T. Tallis (1505–1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may bide with you for ever, e'en the spirit of truth. Words: St. John 14:15-17

Postlude *Toccata in D Minor (Dorian)* J. S. Bach (BWV 538)



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. We also have installed touchless “Tap” devices at the main entrance, or you may make electronic donations using the digital QR code below.

