

Cathedral Church of All Saints

September 17, 2023

The Prayer over the Gifts

All Holy God,
gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth
and nourish your whole creation.
Turn our hearts toward those
who hunger in any way,
so that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Hymn during the Communion: CP 553

Ubi caritas et amor. Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.
Live in charity and steadfast love
Live in charity; God will dwell with you

Sending Hymn CP 403 *Let All Things Now Living*

Tune: The Ash Grove

Piano Postlude: *Klavierstück 5*

Richard Strauss (1864-1949)



“Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will
spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even put a road in
the wilderness, rivers in the desert” Isaiah 43:19

The Season of Creation

Prelude Music: *I Will Sing New Songs*, Op 99
Antonin Dvořák (1841-1904)

Opening Hymn: CP 614 *Forgive Our Sins, As We
Forgive*
Tune: Detroit

Collect

**Lord of all love and glory, the author and giver of all
good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your
Creation; increase in all true unity; nourish the
world with all goodness; and bring forth the fruit of
good works; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of
Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

Seasons of Creation 2023

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader A reading from the Letter to Romans [14: 1-12]

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the
purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in
eating anything, while the weak eat only
vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who
abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement
on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are
you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is
before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they
will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.
Some judge one day to be better than another, while



“What is good for the world
will be good for us. That requires that we
make the effort to know the world and to
learn what is good for it. We must learn to
cooperate in its processes, and to yield to its
limits. But even more important, we must
learn to acknowledge that the creation is full
of mystery; we will never entirely understand
it. We must abandon arrogance and stand in
awe.

We must recover the sense of the majesty of
creation, and the ability to be worshipful in its
presence. For I do not doubt that it
is only on the condition of humility and
reverence before the world that our species
will be able to remain in it.” *

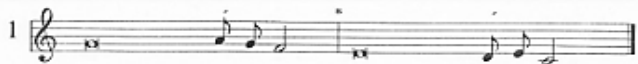
*Wendell Berry, *The Art of the Commonplace:
The Agrarian Essays*
of Wendell Berry (Berkeley, CA: Counterpoint
Press, 2003).

others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also, those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114



Hallelujah!

When Israel came / out of Egypt,*
the house of Jacob from a people / of strange speech.

**Judah became God's / sanctuary,*
and Israel / his dominion.**

The sea beheld / it and fled:*
Jordan turned / and went back.

**The mountains / skipped like rams,*
and the little hills / like young sheep.**

What ailed you , O sea, / that you fled,*
O Jordan, that / you turned back,

**you mountains, that you / skipped like rams,*
you little hills / like young sheep?**

Tremble, O earth,
at the presence / of the Lord,*
at the presence of the / God of Jacob,

**who turned the hard rock
into a / pool of water
and flint-stone into a / flowing spring.**

The Gradual Hymn CP 487

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Tune: Twenty-Fourth (Primrose)

The Gospel

All stand, as able, for the proclamation of the Gospel.

Deacon The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew [18:21-35]

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So, the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So, my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the Deacon says,

The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Preparation Hymn CP 73 *One Bread, One Body,
One Lord of All* Tune: One Bread, One Body



*Today the Wine and Host, and the Bulletin
are offered in Loving memory of
Laurie and Gordon Drain*

The Cathedral Church of All Saints



**Holy Eucharist
A Celtic Liturgy
Ordinary Time**

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 that reads "Paul".

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

The Holy Eucharist ~ a Celtic Liturgy*

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.

Opening Hymn {see insert}

The Gathering of the Community

The presiding celebrant greets the community

Presider: We come in this service to God:

People **in our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.**

Presider We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus:

People **and who walks with us the road of our world's joy and suffering.**

Presider We come with our faith and with our doubts:

People **we come with our hopes and with our fears.**

Presider We come as we are, because it is God who invites us to come:

People **and God has promised never to turn us away.**

The Collect of the Day {see insert}

Presider Let us pray.

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.**

Psalm: {see insert}

Gradual Hymn

The Gospel Proclamation

All stand 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.**

Homily

A silence for reflection may follow.

Affirmation of Belief Affirming the Church's Mission - (*from the Iona Community*)

Leader: That we worship one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in whose image we are made, to whose service we are summoned, by whose presence we are renewed:

All: **This we believe.**

Leader: That it is central to the mission of Christ that we participate through word and action to rejoice in the diversity of human culture, to preserve the earth in all its beauty and frailty, to witness to the love of God for every person, and to invite all to share in that converting experience:

All: **This we believe.**

Leader: That through the power of the Holy Spirit, the persecuted shall be lifted up and the wicked will fall, the heartfelt prayers and hidden actions of God's people shall change for good the course of human history, the ancient words of scripture shall continue to startle us with fresh insight:

All: **This we believe.**

Leader: That God has called the Church into being to be the servant of the kingdom, to be a sign of God's new order, to celebrate in every land worship which raises our hearts to heaven:

All: **This we believe.**

Leader: That Christ, fully aware of our differences, prays that we may be one so that the world may believe:

All: **This we believe and to this we are committed,
for the love of God, in the way of Christ,
by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Holy God, Maker of all

All: **Have mercy on us.**

Presider: Jesus Christ, servant of the poor

All: **Have mercy on us.**

Presider: Holy Spirit, Breath of life

All: **Have mercy on us.**

Presider: In a time of silence, let us remember our own faults and failings.

(A time of silent reflection may follow.)

All: We confess to God,
and in the company of all God's people,
that our lives and the life of the world are broken by our sin.
We have failed to do all that we could,
and we have walked away from that which we might have done.
We are truly sorry.

Presider: For all to whom regret is real,
God forgives you,
Christ renews you
and the Holy Spirit enables you to grow in love.

People: Amen.

The Peace

All stand, and the presiding celebrant addresses the people.

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.

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who hunger in any way,
so that all may know your care;
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Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

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: Blessed are you, O God,
for you have brought forth bread from the earth.
Blessed are you, O God,
for you have created the fruit of the vine.
In the beginning you watered the earth
that man and woman might have food and drink.
You gave your servant Sarah bread
to strengthen her family on their journey,
and wine to make them glad.
You called Moses and his people out of bondage
and refreshed them with food in the wilderness.
You gave Mary and Jesus their daily bread to share.

And here at your table you offer us bread and wine
for the journey to nourish us as sons and daughters.
And so, with all our sisters and brothers,
our siblings before us and beside us,
we praise you for your unending greatness, as we say:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of Love and Light,
heaven and earth are full of your Light
Glory to You, our God.
Blessed is He, blessed are we,
blessed are all who come
to your Light.
Glory to You, our God.**

Presider: Among friends, gathered round a table,
Jesus took bread and, having blessed it,
he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'This is my body which is given for you.'

In the same way he took wine and,
having given thanks for it, he poured it out
and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,
'This cup is the new relationship with God,
made possible through my death.
Take this and share it to remember me.'

Now, following Jesus' example, we take this bread
and this wine; the ordinary things of the world
through which God will bless us.

Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now,
as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room,
breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine.
May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life,
healing, renewing and making us whole.
And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink
are changed into us, may we be changed again into you,
bone of your bone and flesh of your flesh,
loving and caring in the world.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
Creator, Son and Holy Spirit,
here and everywhere, now and for ever.

People Amen.

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

Presider: Look, the body of Christ is broken
for the life of the world.

All: **Here is Christ coming to us in bread and wine.**

The Communion

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and may say,

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: Gracious God,
in this meal you have drawn us to your heart,
and nourished us at your table with food and drink,
the body and blood of Christ.

Now send us forth to be your people in the world,
and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

The Blessing:

Presider: As you have been fed at this table,
go to feed the hungry.
As you have been set free,
go to set free the imprisoned.
As you have received – give.
As you have heard – proclaim.
And the blessing which you have received from God;
Creator, Son, and Spirit go with you. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn {see insert}

The Sending *by the Deacon (in these or other words):*

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.



Sculpture by Timothy Schmalz

*As part of our Covid Protocols we dispensed with the practice of passing collection plates throughout the congregations. 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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***Liturgical Resources:** *Iona Abbey Worship Book,*
Wee Worship Book, Common Praise