

**The Cathedral Church of All Saints  
Halifax, Nova Scotia**



**TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION**

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

*‘Once we start to act, hope is everywhere.  
So instead of looking for hope, look for action.  
Then, and only then, hope will come.’*

*Greta Thornberg*

**The Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Holy Eucharist**

**Combined Service and Luncheon**

**September 15, 2024**

## 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 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.

Peace and Joy,



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

# The Holy Eucharist

**Prelude Music** *Meditation from Thais* Jules Massenet (1843 - 1912)

## Welcome

### 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.

**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.)*

**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



## Children's Message

*Following the Children's message Sunday School will gather in the  
Diocesan Centre, the Nursery is also available throughout the service*

## 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.**

*The following prayer may be said.*

*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)* A Community Mass R. Proulx (1937-2010)

(Organ)

Glo - ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly  
King, al - migh - ty 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 -  
ceive, re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the  
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the glo - ry of God the  
Fa - ther. A - - men. A - - men.

## The Collect of the Day

*All* O God, because in our ignorance and selfishness we so often fail to care rightly for your Creation, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may soften and unite our hearts with all living beings who suffer; 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 2024*

## The Proclamation of the Word

### The First Reading James [3:1-12]

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also, the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 19** (The congregation may join the **bold** text)



The heavens declare the glo-ry of God,\*  
and the firmament / shows his handiwork.

**One day tells its tale / to another,\*  
and one night imparts knowledge / to another.**

Although they have no / words or language,\*  
and their voices / are not heard,

**their sound has gone out in-/to all lands,\*  
and their message to the ends / of the world.**

In the deep has he set a pavilion / for the sun;\* it comes forth like a  
bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to / run its  
course.

**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of / it again;\*  
nothing is hidden from its / burning heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect and re-/vives the soul;\*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom / to the innocent.

**The statutes of the Lord are just and re-/joice the heart;\* the  
commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light / to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and en-/dures forever;\*  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous / altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, more than / much fine gold,\*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey / in the comb.**

By them also is your ser-/vant enlightened,\*  
and in keeping them there is / great reward.

**Who can tell how often / he offends?\*Cleanse me from my / secret faults.**

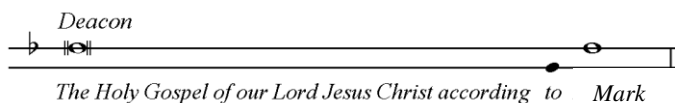
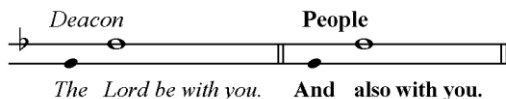
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion / over me;\* then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a / great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable / in your sight,\* O Lord, my strength and / my redeemer.**

**Gradual Hymn # 431** *Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said*  
Breslau

*Gospel Processional* vv. 1-3

**The Gospel** (Mark 8:27-38)



Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

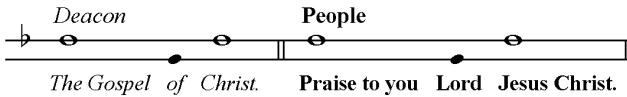
Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful



generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

*At the conclusion of the Gospel*



*Gospel Processional vv. 4 & 5*

## Homily:

### The Apostles' Creed

*The celebrant may invite the people, to join in the recitation of the creed.*

*Celebrant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**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

## Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
God welcomes sinners  
and invites us to this 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

*The presiding celebrant addresses the people.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

**Preparation Hymn # 380** *O Worship the King* Hanover

### The Prayer over the Gifts

*Today the Bulletin, Wine and Host of the Eucharist, are offered in  
Loving memory of James G. Morrison, from his Daughter Alayne Pothier*



**All** Holy God,  
 accept all we offer you this day.  
 May we who are reconciled at this table  
 bring wholeness to our broken world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
 Amen

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer 1

<i>Celebrant</i>	<b>People</b>
<i>The Lord be with you.</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>

<i>Celebrant</i>	<b>People</b>
<i>Lift up your hearts.</i>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>

<i>Celebrant</i>
<i>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</i>

<b>People</b>
<b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>

### *Celebrant*

It is indeed right that we should praise you,  
 gracious God, for you created all things.  
 You formed us, reflecting your own image.  
 In wondrous diversity you created us all.  
 When we turned away from you in sin,  
 you did not cease to care for us,  
 but opened a path of salvation for all people.  
 You made a covenant with Israel,  
 and through your servants Abraham and Sarah  
 gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.  
 Through Moses you led your people  
 from bondage into freedom;  
 through the prophets  
 you renewed your promise of salvation.  
 Therefore, with them, and with all your saints

who have served you in every age,  
we give thanks and raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Sanctus # 719** (sung by all) *LAND OF REST*; American trad.

**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.**

*Celebrant*

Holy God, source of life and goodness,  
all creation rightly gives you praise.  
In the fullness of time,  
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,  
to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and creator of all.

He healed the sick  
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;  
he opened the eyes of the blind  
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom  
to the poor and to those in need.  
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

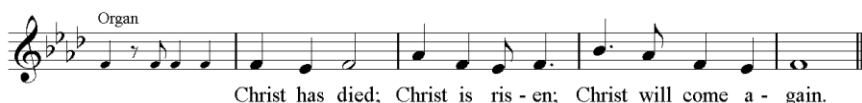
On the night he freely gave himself to death,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
and said, "Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

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,

which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Gracious God,  
his perfect sacrifice  
destroys the power of sin and death;  
by raising him to life  
you give us life for evermore.  
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith;

*All*



*Celebrant*

Recalling his death,  
proclaiming his resurrection,  
and looking for his coming again in glory,  
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts,  
that all who eat and drink at this table  
may be one body and one holy people,  
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever.



*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) Missa L’Hora Passa (**Sung by the choir**)

L. G. da Viadana (1560-1627)

## **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

**(which may be prayed by those at home) \***

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you now in the sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart.

Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus  
and let me never be separated from you.

May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come.

**Amen**

*\*Based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787) used at the 2020 Easter pandemic celebration at The Episcopal Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul (Washington National Cathedral)*

**Communion Motet** *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'oublie 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* St. Elizabeth

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant*      *Let us pray.*

**All** Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,  
that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the  
earth. May we be one with you, so that our work is yours and your  
work is ours.

**Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. who is alive with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen**

## Blessing

*Celebrant* Go forth now to care for God's world. Live in harmony with all creation. Go out into all the world as prophets of a new way of living, and preach the good news to all.

And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son, and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always. **Amen.**

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

**Choral Benediction** *Almighty God, You Call Your Church* P. Halley

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Postlude** *Prelude in C Major* J. S. Bach (BWV 547)

**Dismissal** *by the Deacon*

## Postlude

\*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.



**Join us following the service for lunch in the Great Hall**

