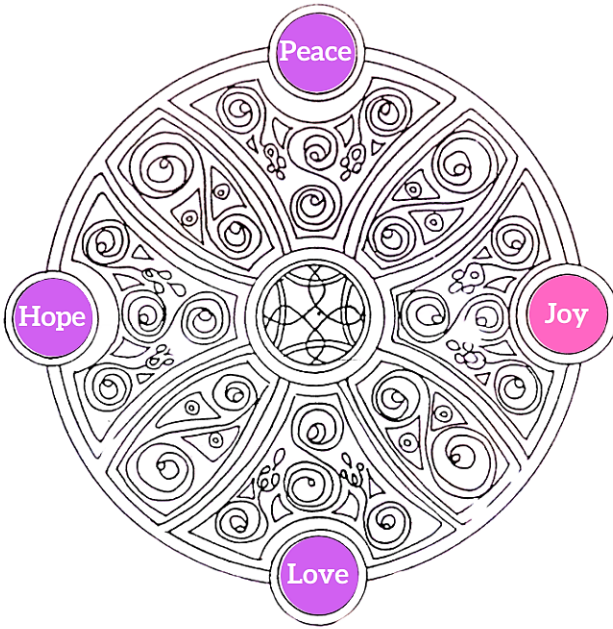


The Cathedral Church of All Saints



The Season of Waiting An Advent Liturgy

Please save me for 9:30 am 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,



*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.

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.)

Advent Candle Lighting {see insert}

Opening Hymn {see insert}

The Gathering of the Community

The presiding celebrant greets the community

Leader: Emmanuel, God with us in the past, as we recount your story

All: **Teach us that waiting is not dead time but a dreaming time through which new ideas and insights are engendered.**

Leader: Emmanuel, God with us in the present, as we share your supper

All: **Teach us that waiting is not lost time but a liminal time within which new possibilities and patterns take form.**

Leader: Emmanuel, God with us in the future, as we celebrate your Kingdom

All: **Teach us that waiting is not inactive time but a quickening time from which new life and love emerges.**

Leader: Emmanuel, God with us in all time, as we look for your coming

All: **Teach us how to inhabit this waiting time.**

The Collect of the Day {see insert}

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; Creator, Redeemer, 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

Leader Emmanuel -
through your Incarnation you have shown us what it is to live
imaginatively, love expansively, and act creatively.

All **We confess that sometimes we have waited without thought and
so have stifled fruitful possibility...** *silence/kyrie*

Leader Emmanuel -
**we confess that sometimes we have waited without generosity
and so have constricted fruitful connection ...** *silence/kyrie*

Leader Emmanuel -
**we confess that sometimes we have waited without hope
and so have limited fruitful action ...** *silence/kyrie*

Leader Emmanuel -
**we confess that sometimes we have simply been
too busy or too distracted to wait, and so have missed
your moment ...** *silence/kyrie*

Leader Emmanuel -
**we look once more for you, forgive the poverty of our waiting,
touch our dreaming, stretch our living and energize our acting,
that we may be ready for your coming.** *silence/kyrie*

Presider: For all to whom regret is real,
. who seek renewal,
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.

May the peace of Emmanuel,
the dynamic peace of imaginative dreaming,
the challenging peace of radical loving,
the powerful peace of engaged action,
fill you to overflowing
in this season of waiting.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Preparation Hymn {see insert}

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Presider: This is the table of Emmanuel –
a place where bread and wine remind us
how to live and love
as those who inhabit God's time,
and work to build His Kingdom.
A place where we recognize
that the one for whom we wait
is also the one who is already,
and always, here with us.

So come,
whether you are watching for the dawn, or dreading first light,
whether you are waiting with hope, or hiding your face,
come with quiet confidence
because here it is Emmanuel who watches
for our coming,
and who waits with love and joy
to welcome us in.

The Prayer over the Gifts

All God of abundance,
we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation,
and with them our very lives.
Teach us patience and hope
as we care for all those in need
until the coming of your Son,
our Saviour and Lord. Amen.
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: The story of Emmanuel
is the story of God –
waiting to inhabit time,
who took on flesh and form,
and lived among us,
so that we might re-imagine life.
It is the story of Jesus –
waiting to be betrayed,
who shared supper with his friends
blessing and breaking bread
(*bread is broken*)
and pouring and sharing wine
(*wine is poured*)
so that we might re-imagine love.
It is the story of Christ –
waiting in the tomb for God's moment,
who threw down the gates of hell
and drew away the sting of death
so that we might re-imagine the world.
It is the story of one

who knows what it is to wait,
and who shows us what it is to wait well.

And so, taking this bread and wine,
we remember and celebrate the waiting
which began to change the world;
and we join our voices
with all who still wait and work
for that change to come to completion:

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.**

And as we follow the example of Jesus
send down now, your Holy Spirit
on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine,
that as they are transformed into the body and blood of Christ,
so too may we be transformed
that we may find the imagination,
the courage, and the strength
to use our waiting times
to build God's Kingdom of joy, justice, and peace.

People **Amen.**

Presdier 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 presider 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 presider 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: The earth still waits for its healing ...

All: May we who are part of that waiting
take and use the dreaming times
to re-imagine the world;
inhabit and use the liminal times
to discover the patterns of God;
embrace and use the quickening times
to learn how to live and love;
so may our watching and waiting

**join with that of Emmanuel
to realize God's Kingdom
here on earth.**

The Blessing:

Presider: Now go in peace,
do what God wills, follow where Christ calls,
pray for the gifts of the Spirit;
and the blessing of God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
rest on, and remain with you, now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn {see insert}

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

Go forth in the name of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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