

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax

Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
Anglican Church of Canada



July 20, 2025

10 a.m.

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,



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

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Keirsten Wells

Homilist and Speaker: The Revd Canon Keirsten Wells & Jason Gingras

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude Fugue in C Major

D. Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Welcome

Land 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.)

Opening Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

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AURELIA

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 No. 686 in the Hymnal

D. Hurd (b.1950)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us pure hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading:

Reader

A reading from Amos 8:1-12

This is what the Lord God showed me - a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day," says the Lord God; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!" Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 52 (*read responsively*)

- 1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness *
 against the godly all day long?
- 2 **You plot ruin;**
 your tongue is like a sharpened razor, *
 O worker of deception.
- 3 You love evil more than good *
 and lying more than speaking the truth.
- 4 **You love all words that hurt, ***
 O you deceitful tongue.
- 5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, *
 topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,
 and root you out of the land of the living!
- 6 **The righteous shall see and tremble, ***
 and they shall laugh at him, saying,
- 7 "This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, *
 but trusted in great wealth
 and relied upon wickedness."
- 8 **But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; ***
 I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
- 9 I will give you thanks for what you have done *
 and declare the goodness of your name in the presence
 of the godly.

The Epistle

Reader **A reading from Colossians 1:15-28**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he

has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Lord, Your Word Shall Guide Us

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RAVENSHAW

The Gospel Reading

All stand, as able, 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 Luke (10:38-42)

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

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says, .

The Gospel of Christ.

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

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 *(crafted by the reader)*

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

All stand, and the presiding celebrant addresses the people.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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RICHMOND

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer over the Gifts

When the gifts have been prepared,

Celebrant

Thank you, loving God, for forgiveness.

All

O God,

accept our praise and thanksgiving.

Help us in all we do

to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice;

through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 3

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.

Celebrant

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you,
 holy and gracious God, creator of all things,
 ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life,
 for you are the source of all goodness,
 rich in mercy and abounding in love;
 you are faithful to your people in every generation,
 and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
 with the fellowship of saints
 and the company of heaven,
 we glorify your holy name,
 evermore praising you and singing,

Sanctus

No. 719 in the Hymnal (*Sung by all*) LAND OF REST; American trad.

Celebrant

We praise you, merciful Father,
 not as we ought, but as we are able,
 because in your tender love you gave the world your
 only Son in order that the world might be saved
 through him. He made you known by taking the form
 of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed,
 reaching out to the lost.
 Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,
 he confronted the power of sin
 and disarmed it for ever.

In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and
 sufficient sacrifice
 for the sins of the whole world.

Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children;
by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory.
Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

All



Celebrant

Send your Holy Spirit on us
that as we receive this bread and this cup
we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.
May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love,
and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make
of our lives,
we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you,
knitting us together as one, in your Son Jesus Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour
and glory, now and forever.

People



Celebrant

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to pray,

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.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion *(which may be prayed by those at home) **

Celebrant

Dear friends, I invite you in this moment,
wherever you may be,
to receive Christ, in communion with the saints,
and the gathering of God's people,
unseen and yet present with us now.
May this prayer be of be of comfort to you:
Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.
You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill
me with your presence.
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. **Amen**

The Communion

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

Celebrant

The gifts of God for the People of God.

People

Thanks be to God.

**ALL are invited to come forward to receive both Bread and Wine.*

Gluten-free bread is available from those administering.

Wine is offered in individual cups.

Communion Hymn

Blest Are the Pure in Heart

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FRANCONIA

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant

Let us pray

All

O God,
as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries,
may our lives be a continual offering,
holy and acceptable in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Then the following doxology may be said.

Celebrant

Glory to God,

All

whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

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CWM RHONDDA

Dismissal *By the Deacon*

Postlude Fugue in D Minor ('The Giant')

J. S. Bach (BWV 680)

The Postlude - You are invited to be seated during the postlude to pray or simply to enjoy the music. Alternatively, you may depart in peace following the Deacon's Dismissal.

*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.



Thank you for your support of our Cathedral's ministries.