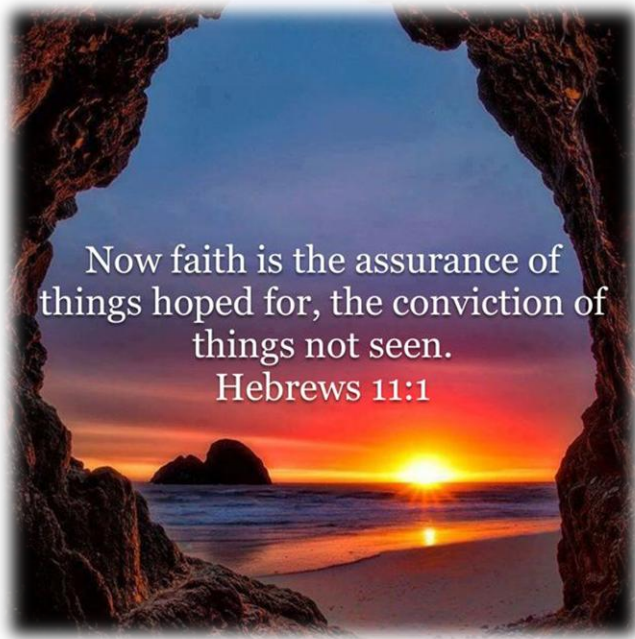


The Cathedral Church of All Saints

Halifax, Nova Scotia



Baptism & Holy Eucharist

August 10, 2025

Welcome!

I am delighted to have you with us today for this service of Eucharist and Baptism. Thank you for joining us. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, please know 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul".

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

Prelude Music

Mr. Russ Hall ~ piano

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

Presider: We acknowledge that we are in Mi'kmaq'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: CP 646 *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*

Tune: NUN DANKET ALL

The Gathering of the Community

The presider greets the community

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

All Watchful God,
kindle a new flame in our complacent hearts
and take from our hands the burden of worthless things,
so that we may be ready to receive a greater gift:
the love of Jesus Christ, our Servant King. Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews [11:1-3, 8-16]

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.

Therefore, from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 33:12-22 (Congregation joins with bold text)

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The Lord looks down from heaven, and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, as we have put our trust in you.

Gradual Hymn CP 520 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Tune: Dominus Regit Me

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 Luke
[12:32-40]

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

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken

into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the Deacon says

. The Gospel of Christ.
People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

The Baptism ~ At the Font

The presider, candidate and family proceed to the font where the presider addresses the candidate(s) or, at the baptism of infants, those who are presenting the candidate(s)

God is love. God gives us life.
In Christ, God reaches out to us.
In baptism, God calls us to respond.
Do you accept this call?

Presenters

We hear and accept God’s call to John Archibald (Archie) and we present him for baptism.

The presider addresses the rest of the congregation

God calls the Church to reflect Christ's glory in baptism, to declare his new life, in fellowship and mission, and to share it.
Do you accept this call?

All **We hear and accept God's call to us.**

The presider addresses those who are presenting the candidate(s)

The Christian life means turning from evil and turning to Christ.
Standing now with Christ, do you renounce evil?

Presenters **I renounce evil.**

Seeking now to follow him, do you turn to Christ?

Presenters **I turn to Christ.**

The presider addresses the whole congregation

Do you believe in God the Creator, who made the world?

All **I believe.**

Do you believe in God the Saviour, who redeemed humanity?

All I believe.

Do you believe in God the Sanctifier, who gives life to God's people?

All I believe.

The presider addresses the candidate/presenters, and the whole congregation

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith, enshrined in Scripture and in Creed.
We believe in one God; Creator, Saviour, and Sanctifier.
Amen.

The presider addresses those who are presenting the candidate(s)

As those who will love and care for *Archie*; will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?

Answer *With the help of God, I will.*

Will you proclaim the Good News by word and deed, serving Christ in all people?

Answer *With the help of God, I will.*

Will you work for justice and peace, honouring God in all people and in all of Creation?

Answer *With the help of God, I will.*

The presider addresses the whole congregation

This is the task of the Church.

All This is our task: to live and work for the kingdom of God.

Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Prayers for the Candidate

A person appointed leads the litany.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Open his heart to your grace and truth.

All **Lord, hear our prayer**

Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send him into the world in witness to your love.

All **Lord, hear our prayer**

Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, you understand our frailty and call us into the sustaining fellowship of the household of faith. Bless those who stand beside *Archie* as he is baptized. May their love and prayers, and ours, accompany him on the journey that lies ahead, until together we grow into the fullness of humanity measured by Christ himself, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Blessing of the Water

The presider says:

Holy God, well-spring of life, in your love and justice, you use the gift of water to declare your saving power.

In the beginning your Spirit moved over the face of the waters. By the gentle dew, the steady rain, you nourish and give increase to all that grows; you make the desert a watered garden. You command the wildness of the waves; when the storms rage you calm our fear; in the stillness you lead us to a deeper faith. In the life-giving rivers and the rainbow, Israel discerned your mercy. You divided the Red Sea to let them pass from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. In the waters of the Jordan, penitents found forgiveness in the baptism of John. There, Jesus your beloved child was anointed with the Holy Spirit, that he might bring us to the glorious liberty of the children of God. Send now upon this water and upon your people your holy, life-giving Spirit .

All Bring those who are baptised in this water with Christ through the waters of death, to be one with him in his resurrection. Sustain your people by your Spirit to be hope and strength to the world.

Presider This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Baptism

John Archibald ~ Archie I baptise you, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; Creator, Saviour, and Sanctifier.

All Amen.

The presider anoints the candidate(s) upon the forehead, making the sign of the Cross with the Oil of Chrism, and saying

Archie, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

All Amen.

The presider lays hands on the candidate's head, saying

May the Spirit of God be in you, wisdom and understanding keep you, the power of God encircle you, and God's truth lead you into all freedom.

All Amen.

A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized as the presenter says:

Archie let the light of Christ scatter the darkness from your heart and mind.

The community responds:

All Christ go before you to guide your steps.
Christ be within you to kindle your vision.
Christ shine from you to give light and joy to the world.

As the congregation greets the newly Baptized the following hymn is sung.

Little Child So Loved and Cherished

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Welsh Traditional Melody.



Little child so loved and cherished, gift from the Lord!
One with us in God's own family, called by His Word.
Sacrament of Grace imparted
Now your walk with Jesus started.
He from you shall not be parted. Love never fails.

Filled with joy in God's creation, daily you grow.
Part of Christ's own Holy Nation, His image show.
Share the priesthood of our Saviour;
For His Kingdom gladly labour.
In His eyes you have found favour. Constant remain.

Holy Trinity Eternal. Godhead Divine:
Our foreparents claimed Your mercies, Yahweh sublime.
May our children own your merit,
Guided by Your Holy Spirit,
Everlasting Life inherit. So may it be.

Words by The Very Reverend Glen Burgomaster

The presider addresses the candidate(s)

Archie, God has received you by baptism into the Church.

All **We welcome you.**
 We will care for you.
 We will share our faith with you.

The Eucharist continues with the Peace

Presider Renewed in the Spirit, we meet in Christ's name;

All Let us share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Preparation Hymn CP 434 *The Love of Jesus Calls Us*

Tune: Aurelia

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer over the Gifts



*The Wine & Hosts for Communion today, and the Bulletin,
have been given in loving memory of Charles & Ida Moser
from Kathy Chaddock;*

All Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your
love, through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to God.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to give both thanks and praise.

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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

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.**

The Communion

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

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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.*

Source: The Taizé Community

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: 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:

Celebrant: 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.**

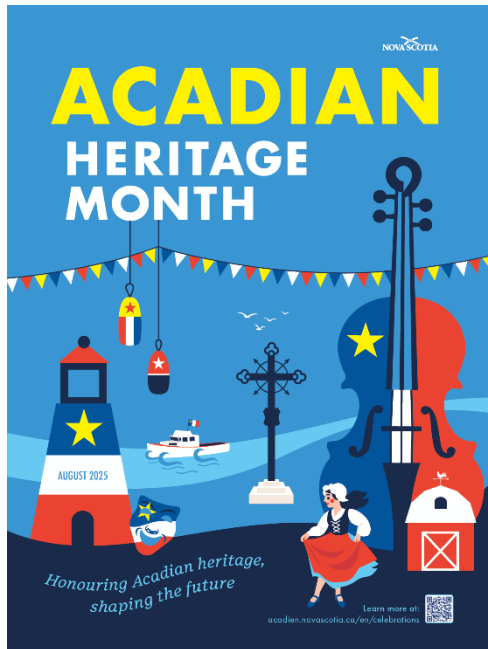
Closing Hymn CP 598 *Go to the World* Tune: ENGELBERG

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.**

Postlude



National Acadian Day: Since 1881, Acadians have celebrated National Acadian Day on August 15th

French settlers arrived in Nova Scotia (then part of Acadia) in the early 1600s, establishing a colony centered around Port Royal. Acadians developed a unique culture, language, and way of life, marked by their farming practices (particularly dykeland creation), close-knit communities, and strong Catholic faith. Over time, Acadia was frequently contested between France and Britain. By 1713, mainland Nova Scotia came under British control, but Acadians maintained their neutrality. When Britain and France went to war again in 1744, Acadians' neutrality was questioned. From 1755 to 1763, the British deported thousands of Acadians, a period known as the Great Upheaval. Many Acadians were dispersed throughout the 13 American colonies, France, and other parts of the world. Despite the displacement, Acadian culture persisted and many eventually returned to the Maritime Provinces, including Nova Scotia. Today, Acadian culture is vibrant in Nova Scotia, with a strong presence in communities, language, music, festivals, and historical sites.

<https://levillage.novascotia.ca/lacadie>



***Liturgical Resources:** *Iona Abbey Worship Book,
Wee Worship Book, Common Praise*

Baptism Text: *Adapted from **Holy Baptism 2006**
The General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church

*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.