

The Cathedral Church of All Saints

Halifax, Nova Scotia



The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025



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 ~ Russ Hall *Jesus, Lead Thou On*

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

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.)

Opening Hymn # 584 *The Church of Christ in Every Age*

Tune: Herongate

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.

Gloria (said by all)
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.
All Inviting God, who lays open your table
to those without status or power,
and sets a place for the foreign and the unwanted:
overturn our tables of power and teach us
to receive bread from strange and wounded hands;
through Jesus Christ, the one given for all. 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
(13:1-8,15-16)

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,
 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
 What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 112 *(Read responsively)*

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in his commandments!

**2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last for ever.

**4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**6 For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

**8 Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

9 They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness
stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

**10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

Gradual Hymn # 631 *The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy*
Tune: Paderborn

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 (14:7-14)

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

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your

host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

The Rev. Dr. Kate Heichler

A silence for reflection may follow.

The Apostles’ 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

The presiding celebrant addresses the people.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Preparation Hymn # 78 *Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness*

Tune: Schmücke Dich

The Prayer over the Gifts

When the altar has been prepared,

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Creator of all.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

All

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
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 Father 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

**Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

Celebrant

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,
we offer you, 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 Creator,
now and for ever. **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.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**



*Today the Bulletin, Wine and Hosts, are in Loving
Memory of Beryl & Kenneth Seymour, Nassau,
Bahamas*

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)*

Hymn during the Communion:

CP 314

Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum.

Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum!

Sing praises, all you peoples, sing praises to the Lord.

Sing praises, all you peoples, sing praises to the Lord!

Source: Taizé Community

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant *Let us pray.*

All **Almighty God,
you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May your holy food strengthen us in love
and help us to serve you in each other.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)***

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

Celebrant Life is short,
And we do not have much time to gladden the hearts
of those who make the journey with us.
So... be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.
And the blessing of God,
who made us,
who loves us,
and who travels with us
be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn # 592 *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*
Tune: Fulda (Walton)

Dismissal *by the Deacon*

Postlude In Thee Is Gladness
Ralph C. Schultz (1932-2024)

Regional Parish Picnic and Eucharist Service

Saturday September 6th join with Anglican churches in our region for a service of new ministry, installing The Rev. Tammy Hodge-Orovec as Regional Dean. The service will begin at 11 am at Sir Sandford Fleming Park, the picnic area near the parking lot. Bring a lawn chair and join in the fun. Please bring some food to share following the service.

Introduction to "Being With" today after worship

Rev. Kate and Susan Drain will be offering a ten-week series called "Being With," an opportunity to explore faith and spiritual life. Being With creates generous space for newcomers as well as long-time churchgoers who want to go deeper. "Being With" will be offered on Sundays at 5 pm starting September 21. Susan and Kate will lead an introductory session after church today in the Great Hall, for any who want to experience it.

*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.



Welcome to the Cathedral Church of All Saints
New Member Information Form

1. Please list the names of each family member in the space below:

SURNAME(s): _____

NAMES: _____

2. Please give your mailing address and telephone number:

3. Email address _____

☐ **check** here for permission to add your e-mail address to our mailing list. You will receive a bi-monthly listing of Cathedral events called **Cathedral Happenings** and weekly **Sundays @ the Cathedral** announcements.

4. Would you like Offering Envelopes or are you interested in Automatic Offering?

Envelopes: Yes ☐ No ☐

Automatic Offering Yes ☐ No ☐

**Please complete and return on the collection plate
or give to a Greeter. Thank you!**

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