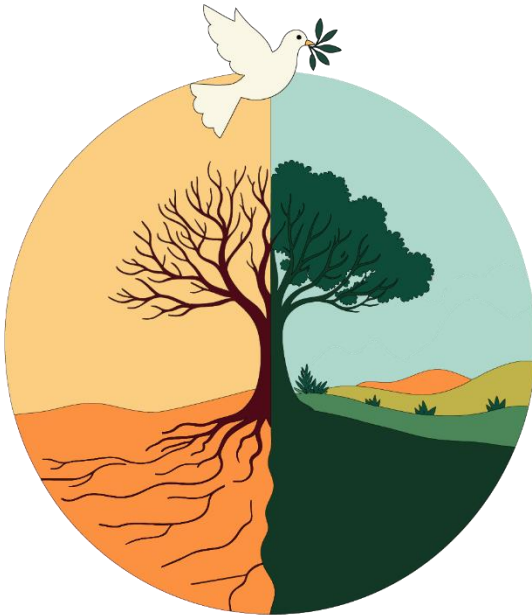


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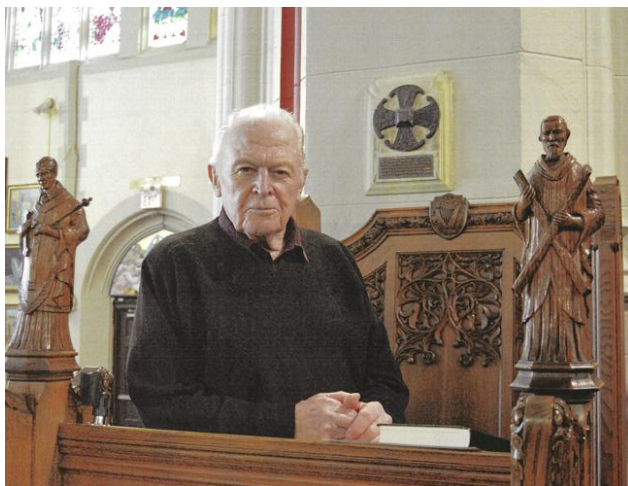
**Halifax, Nova Scotia**



**The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

***The Season of Creation***

**September 14, 2025**



**Today on this ‘Welcome Back’ Sunday,  
we honour the memory of Howard D’Arcy  
May 20, 1939 – June 10, 2025**

A beloved teacher at J.L. Ilsley High School for 24 years, Howard was also an actor appearing in local films, including *Three Days*, *Roller Town*, and *Those Forgotten*. An avid historian Howard often provided displays for the Cathedral including our role in the Titanic disaster and an annual centerpiece of historic reflection for Remembrance Sunday. Howard also served as the Verger here at All Saints for more than a decade. Modest, humble, and unassuming, Howard’s request was not to have a published obituary or public funeral, but his ashes were interred here in the Cathedral earlier this summer. His plaque reads:

*We are all visitors to this place. We are just passing through. Our purpose here is to observe, to learn, to grow, to love, and then we return home.*

Howard’s ministry of welcome, as a greeter and parishioner, was genuine and all encompassing. Many people recall Howard as their first introduction to our Cathedral community. “Now who are you?” or, “I don’t think I’ve met you before” Howard would begin with his smile of greeting. On this *Welcome Back Sunday*, we are asking everyone to fill out a name tag, and a simple statement as a conversation starter. Let us together continue the tradition of welcome and hospitality Howard taught us so well.



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 ~ Paul Halley**    *Aria*    F. Peeters (1903-1986)

## 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 # 474**    *Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet*  
WARRINGTON

## 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.**

*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 # 686 D. Hurd (b.1950)**  
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* Merciful God,  
you seek us in the hidden places of our ignorance  
and in the forgotten corners of our despair.  
Gather us into your loving embrace,  
and pour upon us your wise and holy Spirit,  
so that we may become faithful servants

**in whom you rejoice with all the company of heaven.  
Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **The Creation Collect**

**God, having shown us how far your love goes in saving the lost and forgotten, mercifully grant that we might join you in the work of reuniting with all creatures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Season of Creation for Episcopal Parishes*

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **The First Reading**

*Reader* A reading from the prophet Jeremiah [4:11-12, 22-28]

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. "For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good." I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger. For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

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

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

## **Psalm 14 [Read responsively]**

1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

**2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.**

3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; there is none who does good; no, not one.

**4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?**

5 See how they tremble with fear, because God is in the company of the righteous.

**6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, but the Lord is their refuge.**

7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

## **The Second Reading**

*Reader* A Reading from the First Letter to Timothy [1:12-17]

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages,

immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

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

**Gradual Hymn # 631** *The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy*  
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 [15:1-10]

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

*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.*

## 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.



*Today the Bulletin, Wine and Hosts, are in Loving  
Memory of of Gordon & Laurie Drain*

*All are welcome to come forward to receive the sacrament.  
Gluten-free bread is available, simply ask those administering  
bread. Please take a cup from the table to receive the wine of the  
Eucharist, you may leave the cup in the tray as you return to  
your seat. If Eucharist is not your custom, please come forward  
for a prayer of blessing. We are happy to come to you at your  
seat should you desire.*

**Offertory Hymn** *Theres a Wideness in God's Mercy* BEECHER



1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice,  
which is more than liberty.  
There is welcome for the sinner,  
and more graces for the good;  
there is mercy with the Saviour;  
there is healing in His blood.

2 There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgment given.  
There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.

3 For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of the mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful,  
we should take him at his word;  
and our life would be thanksgiving  
for the goodness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)      Music: John  
Zundel (1815-1882)

## 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*

**Gloria # 686**                      D. Hurd (b.1950)

**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;



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

*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.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

*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.

## **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 Hymn # 519** *The Lord's My Shepherd* Crimond

## **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.

*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.**

*Celebrant*    **Blessing**

Go forth now to care for God's world.  
Use resources wisely. Share your knowledge.  
Sacrifice where necessary.  
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 # 438** *O Jesus, I Have Promised* THORNBURY

**Dismissal**      *by the Deacon*

**Postlude**    *Prelude & Fugue in C Major ('Weimar')*  
J. S. Bach (BWV 545)



Join us, following the service for a luncheon in the Great Hall, everyone is welcome and there is food to share!

## Hope for New Beginnings Benefit Concert



**Box Office Hours**

Tickets for the Benefit Concert on October 24 are now on sale!

📌 **This week:** Available during the *Welcome Back BBQ* near the Great Hall.

📌 **Next week (beginning September 21):**

- **Sundays** – after the 9:15 & 11:00 services (next to the greeters' table)
- **Wednesdays (Sept. 17 onward)** – 12:45–1:45 pm, through the Purple Awning Door
- **Fridays (Sept. 19 onward)** – 12:45–1:45 pm, through the Purple Awning Door

🎫 **Tickets: \$50.00 (cash or Tip Tap)**

**Thank you for your support—we look forward to seeing you at the concert!**

# The Season of Creation



## PEACE WITH CREATION SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect

our common home. The celebration of this Season began in 1989 when Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I established September 1 as a Day of Prayer for Creation for the Orthodox Church. The World Council of Churches extended the celebration to October 4th, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. We are co-creatures and part of all that God has made. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth. The Season of Creation 2025 logo, titled "Garden of Peace," depicts a white dove carrying an olive branch over a tree, with one side of the landscape barren and the other flourishing. Inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18, the symbol illustrates the transition from a damaged environment to a fertile one, reflecting the theme "Peace with Creation" and the connection between environmental care and peace. We rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all beings who share 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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