

The Cathedral Church of All Saints



**Holy Eucharist
A Celtic Liturgy**

Please save me for 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,

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

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.)

Opening Hymn - See Insert

Children's Talk

All children are welcome to join today's story-teller on the round rug.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Presider We come in this service to God:
People **in our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.**

Presider We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus:
People **and who walks with us the road of our world's joy and suffering.**

Presider We come with our faith and with our doubts:
People **we come with our hopes and with our fears.**

Presider We come as we are,
because it is God who invites us to come:
People **and God has promised never to turn us away.**

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*

Gospel Chant

Celtic Alleluia

O'Carroll/Walker 1985



The Gospel Proclamation

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...

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.**

Gospel Chant

Celtic Alleluia

O'Carroll/Walker 1985

Homily

A silence for reflection may follow.

Affirmation of Belief

from the Church of South India

We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God.

And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end
to death and all destructive forces.

The Prayers of the People – (*Crafted by the Reader*)

Confession and Absolution

Presider Holy God, Maker of all

All **Have mercy on us.**

Presider Jesus Christ, servant of the poor

All **Have mercy on us.**

Presider Holy Spirit, Breath of life

All **Have mercy on us.**

Presider In a time of silence, let us remember our own faults
and failings.

(A time of silent reflection may follow.)

All **We confess to God and in the company of all God's people,
that our lives and the life of the world are broken by our
sin. We have failed to do all that we could, and we have
walked away from that which we might have done.
We are truly sorry.**

Presider God forgives you,
Christ renews you,
and the Holy Spirit enables you to grow in love.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand as they are able

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Preparation Hymn – See Insert

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Presider The table of bread and wine is now made ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.
It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,
 with whom Jesus identified himself.
It is the table of communion with the earth,
 in which Christ became incarnate.
So come to this table, you who have much faith
 and you who would like to have more;
 you who have been here often
 and you who have not been for a long time;
 you who have tried to follow Jesus,
 and you who have failed;
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

The Prayer over the Gifts

All **Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to
us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in**

the center of this sacred circle through which all of creation is related.
You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life.
Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment
as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen

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 It is right and good to give you thanks, Almighty God,
maker of mountains and seas, rivers and deserts, trees and birds,
and all life everywhere; for we were made to give thanks.
This beautiful world reflects your glory, and we, made in your image,
join in the song of praise echoing from all of creation, as we sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)

Kate Heichler, 2000



Lord God, you made us in Your image, to care for this lush world,
to bear Your love and Your light to each other and to all creation.
You gave us stewardship over it and invited us to tend its creatures
as you tended us – with love and care and generosity.
And as sin entered our hearts, love of self overcame love for your world,
In taking more than we needed, we broke our unity with You, Lord God,
with one another, and with the creation.

Into this brokenness, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to heal all things.
He came and brought new life to everything he touched –
 bread multiplied on hillsides; fish multiplied in nets;
 the sick became whole and dead were raised to new life.
He came and showed us how to love as friends and pets love us,
 with devotion and joy.

And he showed us how to love sacrificially.
On the night our Lord Jesus Christ was handed over to suffering
 and death, he ate supper with His friends.
He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it
 to His disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, given for you.
Do this to remember 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, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.”

So we come to this feast;
 to remember his death,
 to celebrate his resurrection;
 to anticipate our life with God in the restored Creation.

Send Your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, we pray,
 making it holy food for your holy people.
Send Your Holy Spirit upon your people gathered here:
 make us as bread to feed the world.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.
By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN!**

Presider 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.
A period of silence is kept.

Taste and See

Kate Heichler, 2006

Ta - ste and see the good-ness of the Lord, the bread he broke for us, Hal-le - lu-jah! -
 - Ta - ste and see the wine that he ha - s poured, the great-est for the
 least, Hal-le - lu - jah! So let us keep the feast, Hal-le - lu - jah!

The Communion

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 Let us pray.

All **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us in this holy meal. We thank you for life, for new life, for Christ's life renewing our life. May this life flow from us into all the world, renewing all created things. May we, reconciled at your table, be stewards who tend and care for all life – the earth, its skies and waters, its plants and animals, and our fellow human beings, in the name of Christ: *Amen*.**

The Blessing

Presider Deep peace, pure white of the moon to you.
Deep peace, pure green of the grass to you.
Deep peace, pure brown of the earth to you.
Deep peace, pure gray of the dew to you.
Deep peace, pure blue of the sky to you.
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.
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 {see insert}

The Sending *(in these or other words)*

Deacon 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's world.**

Worship Resources:

Iona Abbey Worship Book,

Wee Worship Book, Common Praise

Resources for the Season for Creation

The Creed is from the Church of South India

The eucharistic prayer was written by Kate Heichler



Sculpture by Timothy Schmalz

*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.

