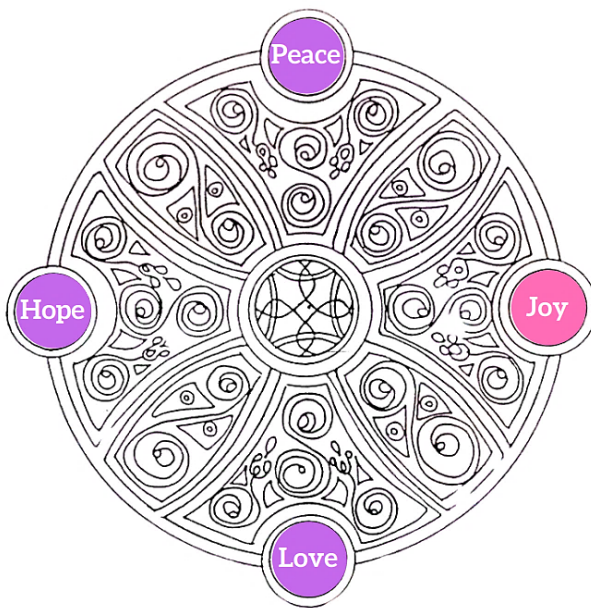


Welcome to the Cathedral Church of All Saints

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



November 30, 2025

10 am

Combined Service

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 30, 2025

Celebrant: The Reverend Dr. Kate Heichler

Preacher: The Very Reverend Paul Smith

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude Song without Words, Op. 30, no. 1 -

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Although we have come together in this Cathedral Church of All Saints in Halifax, Nova Scotia, we each stand in place on solid ground that is the ancestral territory of peoples who were here long before the Europeans crossed the ocean. We gather at this Cathedral which is located on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. We also recognize that African Nova Scotians are a distinct people whose histories, legacies, and contributions have enriched this part of Mi'kma'ki for over 400 years.

Introit The First & Second Great Advent Antiphons (*Sung by the choir*)
Plainsong

O Sapientia. O Wisdom, which camest out of the mouth of the Most High, and reachest from one end to another, mightily and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

O Adonai. O Adonai, and Leader of the House of Israel, who appearedst in the bush to Moses in a flame of fire and gavest him the Law on Sinai: Come and deliver us, with an out-stretched arm.

LIGHTING OF THE 1ST ADVENT CANDLE

The tradition of the Advent Wreath comes from France and Germany, which is why it is often made of evergreen branches, a symbol of God's ever-lively love in the midst of the northern winter. The Season of Advent is a season of waiting, longing, promise, and preparation. Advent is a reminder that we live in the "not yet" time. The candles week by week form a growing circle of light in anticipation of the birth of Jesus, the Light of the world.

Week 1: Hope



Reader: The Prophet Isaiah proclaims to the people of his day a word of **Hope**. Despite wars and hardships that have left the people of Israel in his day broken, fearful and in despair, God says; “they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.”

Reader: In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus tells us to be prepared. “Be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Reader: As we light this first candle of our Advent Wreath we do so as a sign of **Hope**. *[The first candle is lit]* To hope is to seek the glimmer of light in the darkness.

Reader: We hold in our hands the ability to bring forth light or extinguish its glow.

People: May we through our lives and actions share the light of hope. May we hold it high to light the way for others, as we light our own pathway.

Hymn 89 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv.1&2)

VENI EMMANUEL

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel!*

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel!*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Children’s Message

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

All

Almighty God,
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.

Trisagion

(Sung by the choir)

Sviati Bozhe, Sviati krepki, Sviati bessmertni, pomiluy nas.

P. I. Tchaikovsky (1840-93)

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal,
have mercy on us.

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and Holy Spirit,
both now, and for ever, world without end. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant

All

Let us pray.
Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
so that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reader

A reading from **Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as
the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the
nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us
go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that
he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of
Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

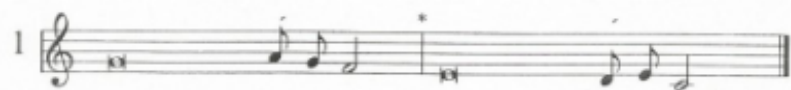
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122

Chant No. 1



I was glad when they / said to me,*
"Let us go to the house / of the Lord."

Now our / feet are standing*
within your gates, / O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built / as a city*
that is at unity / with itself;

To which the tribes go up, the tribes / of the Lord,*
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name / of the Lord.

For there are the / thrones of judgment,*
the thrones of the / house of David.

Pray for the peace / of Jerusalem:*
"May they pros-/per who love you.

Peace be with-/in your walls*
and quietness with-/in your towers.

For my brethren and com-/panions sake,*
I pray for / your prosperity.

Because of the house of the / Lord our God,*
I will seek to / do you good."

Gradual Hymn

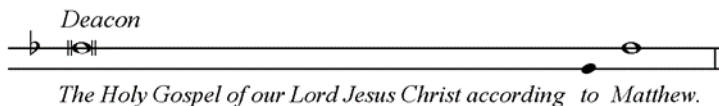
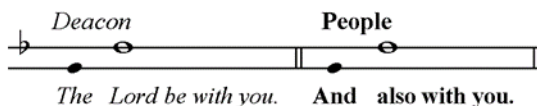
You Servants of the Lord

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NARENZA

Gospel Processional vv. 1-3

Responses before the Gospel

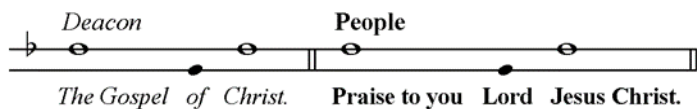


The Gospel

All stand for the Gospel.

‘But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.—*Matthew 24:36-44*

Responses after the Gospel



Gospel Recessional vv. 4 & 5

Sermon

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

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

All

Most merciful God,
**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

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How the World Longs

NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

(v.3 low voices; v.4 high voices)

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

*Today we gratefully acknowledge the bulletin and the Wine and Hosts are
offered in loving memory of Bowley Family, Nassau, Bahamas.*

The Prayer over the Gifts

When the gifts have been prepared,

Celebrant

Thank you, loving God, for forgiveness.

People

God of abundance,

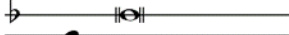
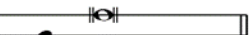
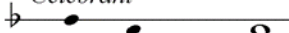
**we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation,
and with them our very lives.**

Teach us patience and hope

as we care for all those in need
until the coming of your Son,
our Saviour and Lord. Amen.
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 3

<i>Celebrant</i>	People
	
<i>The Lord be with you.</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	People
	
<i>Lift up your hearts.</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	
	
<i>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</i>	
People	
	
It is right to give our thanks and praise.	

Celebrant

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh,
and opened to us the way of salvation.
Now we watch for the day when he will come again
in power and great triumph to judge this world,
that we, without shame or fear,
may rejoice to behold his appearing.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
who for ever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

Advent Sanctus ('Nun komm der Heiden Heiland')

(Sung by all)

Trad. Lutheran; adapt. P. Halley

(Organ) *All*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Women

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Men

Bles - sed is he who comes in the

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
name of the Lord. Bles - sed is the Lord. Ho -

All

san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho -
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,

and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

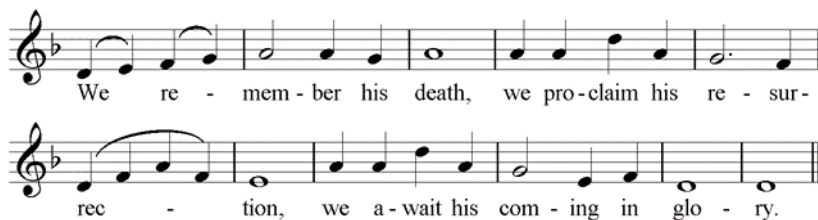
On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, " Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All



Celebrant

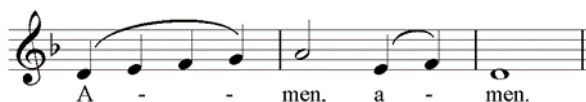
and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

All



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 God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
All Happy are those who are called to the supper of the
Lamb.

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 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.**

Agnus Dei O Lamb of God' *(Sung by the choir)* B. Harwood (1859-1949)

**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 Motet

Audivi Vocem

T. Tallis (c.1505-85)

Audivi vocem de coelo venientem, venite omnes virgines sapientissime.

Oleum recondite in vasis vestris dum sponsus advenerit.

Media nocte clamor factus est, ecce sponsus venit.

*I heard a voice coming from heaven: "Come, you most wise virgins,
Fill your lamps with oil, for the Bridegroom comes."*

At midnight there was a loud noise. Behold, the Bridegroom comes.

Communion Hymn

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Creator of the Stars of Night

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant

Let us pray

All

God for whom we wait,

**in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day
when the hungry will be fed with good things.**

**Send us forth to make known your deeds
and to proclaim the greatness of your name,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

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

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"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

WACHET AUF

Choral Benediction

JUDAH and Jerusalem fear not, nor be dismayed:

Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord he will be with you.

Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord:

Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord he will be with you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord he will be with you!

Words: Final Responsory; Advent Sunday

Music: G. P. da Palestrina

Dismissal *By the Deacon*

Postlude Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

J. S. Bach (BWV 599)

(Come now, Saviour of the Nations)

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.

Please join us in the Great Hall following the Service for **Coffee Hour & Christmas craft making** and a maybe few surprises.

Sundays at Four

Please join us this afternoon for Evensong & Investiture sung by Capella Regalis Men & Girls Choir . All are welcome!