Welcome to the
Cathedral Church of All Saints

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

March 15, 2026

11 a.m.

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Mothering Sunday

March 15, 2026

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

Leader: 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'kma'ki 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 O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord *(Venite exultemus Domino)*

Tone II.1

Antiphon: The goodness of God leadeth to repentance: O come, let us worship.
1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his also.
5 The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.
6 O come, let us worship, and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
7 For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. *Antiphon.*

Opening Hymn **434**

The Love of Jesus Calls Us — Aurelia

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.

Kyrie Missa *Ave Jesu* G. Oldroyd (1886-1951)

Kyrie eleison.	*Lord, have mercy.*
Christe eleison.	*Christ, have mercy.*
Kyrie eleison.	*Lord, have mercy.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Holy God,**
in Jesus Christ you reveal yourself to the world,
even when we are blind to your grace.
Open our eyes to see your transforming love
in our midst,
so that we may see your world anew;
through Jesus Christ, the saviour who shows
boundless compassion. Amen. *Propers Working Group (2016)*

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading:

Reader **A reading from the letter to the Ephesians 5:8-14**

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

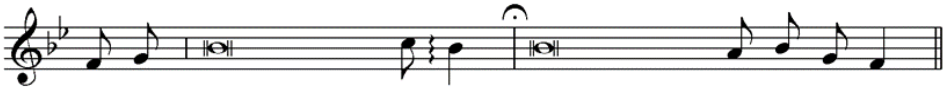
Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me.* Tone VIII.1

A Guide To Singing the Lenten Plainsong Psalms.

a. A word or syllable in **bold type** indicates a change of note and the beginning of the mediation or ending.

b. Two words or syllables joined by the sign ^ are sung to the same note.

c. A word or syllable with two dots above it will require two notes.



Cantor 1 THE LORD is my **shep**-herd :

All I shall **not** be in want.

All 2 He makes me lie down in green **pas**-tures :
and leads me be-**side** still wa-ters.

Cantor 3 He revives my **soul** :
and guides me along right pathways **for** his name's sake.

All 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no **e**-vil :
for you are with me; your rod and your **staff**, they com-fort^me.

Cantor 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who **trou**-ble^me :
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is **run**-ning o-ver.

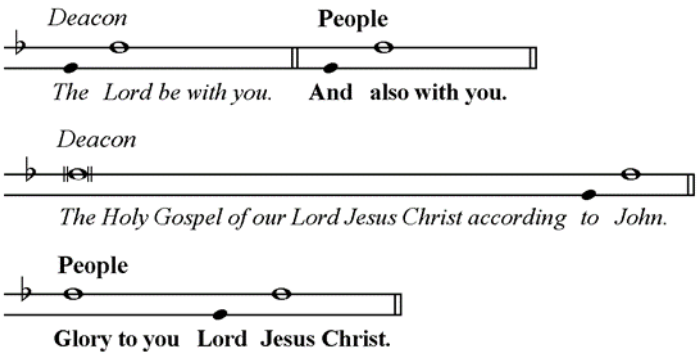
All 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my **life** :
and I will dwell in the house of the **Lord** for ev-er.

Gradual Hymn **397**

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness NETTLETON

Gospel Processional vv. 1&2

Responses before the Gospel



The Gospel

All stand for the Gospel.

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again

to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to be-come his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains." - *John 9:1-41*

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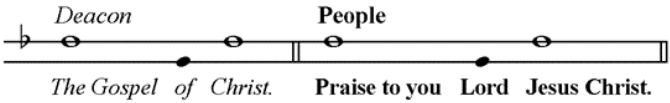


Gospel Recessional v. 4

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 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

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 **306**
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing RICHMOND

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Today we gratefully acknowledge
the wine, hosts and bulletin are offered in Loving Memory of
Ruth & Patricia, our Mothers, from Clyde & Cheryl Wetmore.

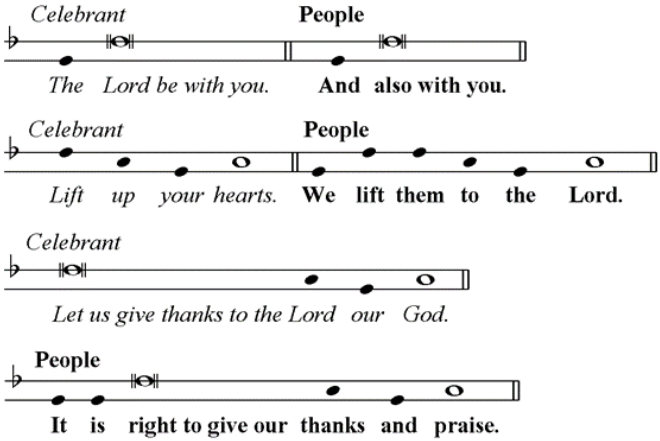
The Prayer over the Gifts

When the gifts have been prepared,

All **God of light,**
your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory.
Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2



Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.
By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.
He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.
Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus Missa *Ave Jesu* G. Oldroyd

Holy Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest

Celebrant Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
now and for ever.

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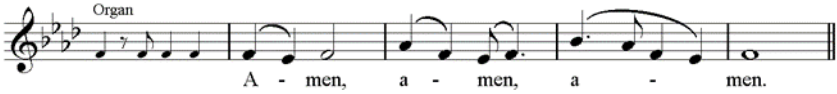

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to pray,

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 We break this bread,
All **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**
Celebrant Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.
All **If we have died with him,**
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.

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 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 Missa *Ave Jesu* G. Oldroyd

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace

**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 Sancte Deus T. Tallis (1505-1585)

Sancte Deus, sancte fortis, sancte et immortalis, miserere nobis.
Nunc, Christe, te petimus, miserere, quaesumus.
Qui venisti redimere perditos, noli damnare redemptos:
Quia per crucem tuam redemisti mundum. Amen.

Holy God, holy mighty one, holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.
Now, O Christ, we ask thee, we beseech thee, have mercy.
Thou who came to redeem the lost, do not condemn the redeemed:
For by thy cross thou hast redeemed the world. Amen.

Communion Hymn **487**
Where Charity and Love Prevail DUNFERMLINE

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us Pray
All **Father,**
through your goodness
we receive your Son in word and sacrament.
May we always have faith in him,
Jesus Christ the Lord. 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.

Blessing

Closing Hymn **345**
King of Glory, King of Peace GWALCHMAI

Choral Benediction Benedicat tibi Dominus et custodiat te. Amen.
The Lord bless you and keep you. Amen.

Dismissal *By the Deacon*

Postlude Fugue in F Minor J. S. Bach (BWV 534)

**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.

Sundays at Four: Please join us this afternoon for Choral Evensong sung by Capella Regalis Men & Girls Choir

Please note that on **Sunday, March 22**, we will gather for **one combined service at 10:00 a.m.**, followed by our **Annual General Meeting**.

We are also delighted to welcome **Sylvia Parris-Drummond**, CEO of the **Delmore "Buddy" Daye Learning Institute**, who will be our guest speaker during the service. The Institute is dedicated to excellence in Africentric education and research, and we are honoured to have Sylvia share with us.

We hope you will join us for this special morning of worship, learning, and community. We look forward to seeing you there!

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday, March 29
9:15 am Holy Eucharist
11 am Holy Eucharist
4:00 pm Evensong sung by the Cathedral Choir

Monday in Holy Week – March 30
7:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday in Holy Week – March 31
7:00 pm The Great Litany
Music by Victoria and Brahms

Wednesday in Holy Week – April 1
7:30 am Holy Eucharist
7 pm Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday, April 2
7:00 pm Eucharist with Foot-Washing and stripping of the Altar
Music by Bach, Duruflé, Howells and Sheppard

Good Friday, April 3
10 am Justice Walk (neighbourhood outdoor Stations of the Cross)
12:00 noon Meditations on the Cross
Music by Victoria, Allegri, Monteverdi, Blow and John of Portugal

Holy Saturday/Easter Eve April 4
8:00 pm The Great Vigil of Easter Renewal of Vows & Confirmation with Bishop Sandra Fyfe

Easter Day, Sunday, April 5
6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service (Service begins outside, potluck breakfast to follow)
9:15 am Holy Eucharist
11 am Choral Eucharist - The Resurrection Mass (Jazz Easter)
Sung by the Cathedral Choir and Capella Regalis Men & Boys & Girls Choirs with sax, drums, bass, percussion, piano, organ and choirs joining in a festive and joyful celebration.

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