

The Cathedral Church of All Saints

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



The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026
10 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.

With blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul M. Smith".

The Very Rev. Paul Smith, Rector, and Dean of the
Cathedral Church of All Saints

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Celebration of Eucharist

Prelude *Take Time to Be Holy* by William D. Longstaff arr. Sally DeFord;
Concerto in D Major for Two Violins and Piano, mvt. 2 - Vivaldi

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

Celebrant: We acknowledge 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. And, we recognize that African Nova Scotians are a distinct people whose histories, legacies and contributions have enriched that part of Mi'kma'ki known as Nova Scotia for over 400 years.

Opening Hymn # 465 *Here In This Place* GATHER US IN

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!

All **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.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
your Son came into the world
to free us all from sin and death.
Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,
that we may be raised to new life in Christ,
and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel (37:1-14)

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

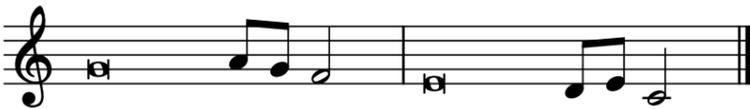
So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon

them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

Reader For the Word of God in Scripture; for the Word of God within us
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130 Chant 1



Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, / hear my voice;*
let your ears consider well the voice of my / supplication.

**If you, Lord, were to note what is / done amiss,*
O Lord, / who could stand?**

For there is forgive-/ness with you;*
therefore you / shall be feared.

**I wait for the Lord; my soul / waits for him;*
in his word / is my hope.**

My soul waits for the Lord,

and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

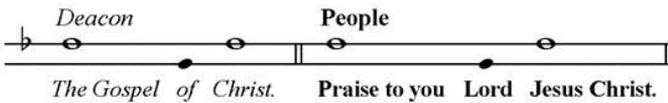
When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he

loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.



Hymn # 640 vv. 3&4 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

Homily *Sylvia Parris-Drummond, CEO of the Delmore "Buddy" Daye Learning Institute – Excellence in Africentric Education & Research*

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.

Amen.

The Peace

All stand, as able, and the Celebrant addresses the people.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Rite of Welcome for New Members

All who wish to be welcomed as members of this congregation are invited to come forward at this time.

Presider Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body. Today we welcome these persons and families who are bringing their gifts and their needs into this part of Christ's body, this community of Christian believers.would like to be formally welcomed as members of this church family.

Warden We read in Hebrews: *Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that confess his name.* (Hebrews 13:15)

Congregation **We invite you to participate with this congregation in worship, study and prayer, as we seek to know God and to be known by God.**

Presider Will you join with us in these as fully as you are able?

New Members **We will.**

Deacon We read in Romans: *Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.* (Romans 12:12-13)

Congregation **We invite you to join with this congregation in**

bearing one another's burdens and sharing one another's joys, as we pray together, eat together, and celebrate together; and to share your time, talent and treasure to build up the Body of Christ in this place.

Presider Will you join with us with in these as fully as you are able?

New Members **We will.**

Warden We read in First Peter: *Always be ready to give an account of the hope that is within you to anyone who asks, yet do it with gentleness and reverence.* (I Peter 3:15-16)

Congregation **We invite you to help this congregation to spread the good news of acceptance and grace in Jesus Christ, bearing witness to our neighbors near and far as we carry God's contagious love into the world.**

Presider Will you join us in mission as fully as you are able?

New Members **We will.**

Dean *So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.* (Ephesians 2:19-22)

In the name of God and of this congregation,
I welcome you as saints at the Cathedral Church
of All Saints, Halifax!!

Congregation **The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**
(II Corinthians 13:14)

Amen!

Preparation Hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

LIFT EVERY VOICE

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing Till earth and hea - ven ring,
 2 Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chas - tening rod,
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

1 Ring with the har - mo - nies of li - ber - ty;
 2 Felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 3 Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;

1 Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the lis - t'ning skies,
 2 Yet with a stea - dy beat, Have not our wea - ry feet
 3 Thou who hast, by thy might, Led us in - to the light,

1 Let it re - sound loud as the rol - ling sea.
 2 Come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed.
 3 Keep us for - ev - er in the path we pray.

1 Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
 2 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered,
 3 Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces our God, where we met thee,

1 Sing a song full of the hope that the pre - sent has brought
 2 We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
 3 Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

1 us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 2 tered, Out from the gloo - my past, till now we stand at
 3 thee; Sha - dowed be - neath thy hand, May we for - ev - er

1 gun, Let us march on Till vic - to - ry is won.
 2 last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 3 stand, True to our God, True to our na - tive land.

Words: James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)

Music: J. Rosamund Johnson (1873-1954)

The Celebration of the Eucharist



*Today we gratefully acknowledge the wine, hosts, and
 bulletin are offered in Loving Memory of Eric Lavers from
 Sandra & Family*

The Prayer over the Gifts

When the altar has been prepared,

All **Giver of life,**
your Son has destroyed the power of death
for all those who believe in him.
Accept all we offer you this day
and strengthen us in faith and hope;
through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all the living.

Eucharistic Prayer 5

The musical notation consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It contains the lyrics "The Lord be with you." followed by a double bar line and then "And also with you." for the People. The second staff continues with the Celebrant's part "Lift up your hearts." and the People's part "We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People with the lyrics "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The notation uses a simple system of dots on a line to represent pitch and rhythm, with a double bar line indicating a section change.

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.
By your power you sustain the universe.

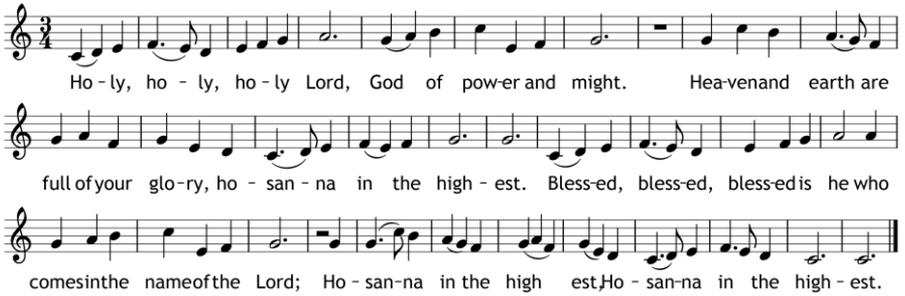
All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.
In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.
Therefore, with all who serve you

on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing:

Sanctus

Kate Heichler, 2000



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.
Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.
On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death.
By raising him from the dead you show us the power of
your love to bring new life to all your people.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, saying,
“Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, “Drink this,
all of you: this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many,

so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.”

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Gracious God, with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus
in the breaking of bread,
and share in the life of the family of your children.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy
at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All **Glory to you for ever and 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: 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.

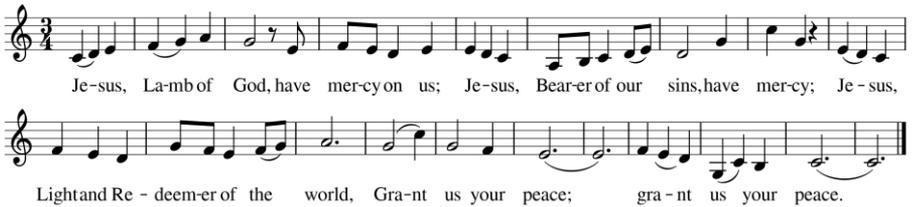
All **If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

Kate Heichler, 2006



Je-sus, La- mb of God, have mer-cy on us; Je-sus, Bear-er of our sins, have mer-cy; Je - sus,
Light and Re - deem-er of the world, Gra-nt us your peace; gra - nt us your peace.

All are invited to come forward to the center aisle to receive the bread, or a blessing. (Gluten-free bread is available from the server).

We also administer the wine of the Eucharist in individual cups. If you wish to receive, please take a cup from the table; you may leave the cup in the tray as you return to your seat.

Communion Songs *Prayer for the Lenten Journey* Beth Styles, 2008



Let the light of your face shine on us, shine on us, O God;
Your mer - cy and love have been from of old, from of old, O
God. Give us strength and cour - age to turn our hearts to you.
So that we may be saved, A - - men.

Love is Spoken Here

Reinach/Ross, 1998

Love is spo - ken here Step in - side the door - way
Make your - self at home my friend where God is near.
Love is spo - ken here, Hush, and you will hear it, And
when the qui - et's bro - ken, love is spo - ken here.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

**Lord God, you feed us in this holy meal,
which by faith becomes the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ, filling us with new life:
we thank you.**

**You make us by this meal into a family,
which by faith becomes Christ's body in the world,
filling the world with new life: we praise you.**

**Strengthen us to live as ministers
who take your light into all the world.**

**Humble us to learn from the people
to whom we bear love.**

**Release us as your servants, for the sake of Jesus,
our Lord and traveling companion. Amen**

Kate Heichler; Eucharistic Prayer for Annual Meeting

Then the following doxology may be said.

Celebrant
All

Glory to God,
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 # 433 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*
ABBOT'S LEIGH

Dismissal *by the Deacon*

Postlude

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.

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination



The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, is observed annually on the 21st of March, to commemorate the Sharpeville Massacre in South Africa which took place on March 21st 1960. Police in Sharpeville opened fire on a peaceful protest against apartheid pass laws, killing 69 people. Established by the United Nations General Assembly to raise awareness and encourage global action against racism, the observance reflects broader international efforts that have led to important progress, including the dismantling of apartheid in South Africa and the strengthening of global commitments to equality and non-discrimination, principles also affirmed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

In 1979, the General Assembly further strengthened international efforts by launching a programme of activities during the *Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination*, encouraging Member States to organize a week of solidarity with peoples fighting racism beginning on 21 March each year.

The ***International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination*** (ICERD) is one of the most important international agreements dedicated to combating racism and promoting equality worldwide. Adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 21 December 1965 through Resolution 2106 (XX), the Convention established a global framework to eliminate racial discrimination and ensure equal treatment for all individuals regardless of race, color, descent, or national

or ethnic origin. It calls on States to condemn and address racism through laws, policies, and international cooperation that promote equality, understanding, and social justice.

Despite these achievements, racism continues to affect communities, politics, media, sport, and the digital environment across the world, with rising racist rhetoric, discrimination against migrants and minority groups, and persistent inequalities rooted in historical power imbalances. Conflicts and crises in several regions, including Myanmar, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and Sudan, also demonstrate how discrimination and dehumanization can fuel instability and injustice. Addressing these challenges requires sustained commitment from governments, businesses, media, civil society, and international organizations such as the United Nations Human Rights Office to implement anti-discrimination laws, strengthen accountability, collect and analyze data, reform education, support victims, and ensure meaningful participation of affected communities in decision-making. Inspired by the legacy of global civil rights leaders such as Desmond Tutu, Marielle Franco, Claudette Colvin, and Jesse Jackson, the international community continues to work toward dismantling systemic racism and building societies founded on dignity, equality, and justice for all.

“The ancient poison of racism is alive and kicking in every community, society, country and region of the world...

The antidote is unity and action.” - UN Secretary-General António Guterres

Source: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-racism-day>

