



Easter Sunrise Service

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark...

The Cathedral Church of All Saints

April 5, 2026

Welcome!

I am delighted that you have chosen to join us for this service of worship today. 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 that reads "Paul".

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

The Holy Eucharist

We will gather outside to begin our service.

Territorial Acknowledgement

Leader: As we gather, in joy today, we wish to acknowledge, with gratitude, that we do so on the traditional and unceded land of the Mi'kmaq People.

People: We give thanks for this land and all those who have stewarded 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 with permission from The Emmaus Community, Victoria, B.C.)

The Gathering of the Community

The presiding celebrant greets the community

Leader: Your love is as high as the heavens, O God; Your faithfulness soars through the skies.

People **Your righteousness reaches the towering peaks;
Your mercy the depths of the sea.**

Leader: We shelter beneath your wings; we feast on the food you provide.

People **We open our eyes to drink in your goodness; for
you are the source of all life, and because of your
light we see light.**

A fire is lit and the light is shared person to person:

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

People **A light no darkness can extinguish.**

O Gracious Light *Phos Hilaron*

O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the rising of the sun,
and our eyes behold the dawning light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be sung by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

The Collect of the Day

Leader Let us pray.

**God of all consolation,
in your unending love and mercy
you turn the darkness of death
into the dawn of new life.
May we who wait at Christ's tomb
trust in your power to restore all things
through your Holy Spirit,
who gives life to all creation. Amen.**

The Book of Alternative Services (1985) alt.

The Gospel

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
(20.1–18)

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter

and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

The Gospel of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

***People* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Leader: Let us pray:

The sparks cast by your love dance and spread
and burst forth with resurrection light.

Gracious God, we praise you for the light of new life
made possible through Jesus.

We praise you for the light of new life
that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.

We praise you for the light of new life
that continues to shine in our hearts today.

We pray that the Easter light of life, hope, and joy,
will live in us each day; and that we will be bearers of that light
into the lives of others.

Amen.

Leader Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader May his grace and peace be with you.

People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

The candles may now be extinguished, and the Gathering will enter the Cathedral:

Entrance Hymn # 203 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!
unto Christ our heavenly King, alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, alleluia!
our salvation have procured; alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Reflection

Affirmation of Belief - Affirming the Church's Mission
(from the Iona Community)

Leader: That we worship one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in
whose image we are made, to whose service we are summoned,
by whose presence we are renewed:

All: **This we believe.**

Leader: That it is central to the mission of Christ that we participate through word and action to rejoice in the diversity of human culture, to preserve the earth in all its beauty and frailty, to witness to the love of God for every person, and to invite all to share in that converting experience:

All: **This we believe.**

Leader: That through the power of the Holy Spirit, the persecuted shall be lifted up and the wicked will fall, the heartfelt prayers and hidden actions of God's people shall change for good the course of human history, the ancient words of scripture shall continue to startle us with fresh insight:

All: **This we believe.**

Leader: That God has called the Church into being to be the servant of the kingdom, to be a sign of God's new order, to celebrate in every land worship which raises our hearts to heaven:

All: **This we believe.**

Leader: That Christ, fully aware of our differences, prays that we may be one so that the world may believe:

All: **This we believe and to this we are committed for the love of God, in the way of Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

The Prayers of the People

Reader: O God, with faces touched by the light of a new day,
and hearts warmed by our prayers and praises,
we come before you to pray
for the needs of our world.

Into the light of Easter morning
we raise those who are struggling with illness,
with despair over their lives, or with
the breakdown of relationships.
May the light of Christ shine upon them.
May the light of Christ shine upon them.

Into the light of Easter morning,
we bring those places in our world
where war, violence, poverty and need

are the experiences of everyday life. [remembering...]

May the light of Christ shine upon them.

May the light of Christ shine upon them.

Into the light of Easter morning,
we hold in our hearts the pain
of those suffering violence, illness, bereavement, or conflict.

[remembering]

May the light of Christ shine upon them.

May the light of Christ shine upon them.

And into the light of Easter morning
we bring ourselves, the private struggles,
the heart's yearnings, the hidden dreams,
the unfulfilled potential.

May the light of Christ shine upon us.

May the light of Christ shine upon us. Amen.

~ written by Ann Siddall, in 'Lent to Easter liturgies'

Confession and Absolution

Leader: Holy God, Maker of all

All: **Have mercy on us.**

Leader: Jesus Christ, servant of the poor

All: **Have mercy on us.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Breath of life

All: **Have mercy on us.**

Leaderr: In silence let us confess our faults and admit our frailty.

All: **Before God, we confess to our brokenness;
to the ways we wound our lives,
the lives of others, and the life of the world.**

Leader: May God forgive you,
the risen Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Preparation Hymn: # 405 *Alleluia No. 1*

Refrain: *Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. **Refrain.**
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen. **Refrain.**
3. We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. **Refrain.**
4. God has proclaimed the just reward:
Life for all men, alleluia! **Refrain.**
5. Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour. **Refrain.**

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

Blessed are you, O God,
ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

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: Blessed are you, O God,

for you have brought forth bread from the earth.

Blessed are you, O God,

for you have created the fruit of the vine.

In the beginning you watered the earth

that man and woman might have food and drink.

You gave your servant Sarah bread to strengthen her family
on their journey,

and wine to make them glad.

You called Moses and his people out of bondage
and refreshed them with food in the wilderness.

You gave Mary and Jesus their daily bread to share.

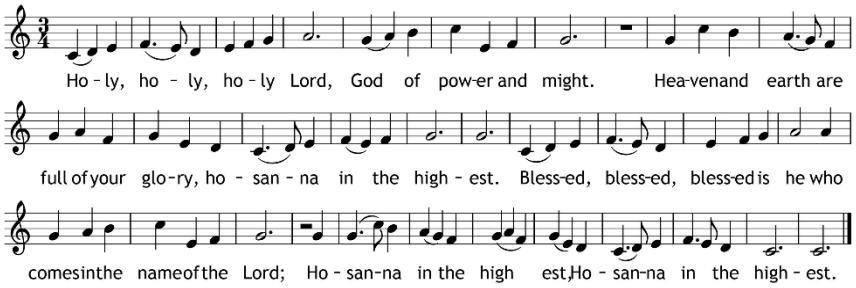
And here at your table you offer us bread and wine
for the journey to nourish us as sons and daughters.

And so, with all our sisters and brothers,
our siblings before us and beside us,

we praise you for your unending greatness, as we sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)

Kate Heichler, 2000



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Heaven 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.

President: Among friends, gathered round a table,
on the night before his betrayal, suffering and death,
Jesus took bread and, having blessed it,
he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying,
‘Take and eat, for this is my body which is given for you.’

In the same way he took wine and,
having given thanks for it, he poured it out
and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,
‘This cup is the new relationship with God,
the sign of love and forgiveness made possible through my death.
Take this and share it to remember me.’

Now, following Jesus’ example, we take this bread
and this wine; the ordinary things of the world
through which God will bless us.

Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now,
as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room,
breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and this wine.
May they become for us your body, and blood, vibrant with your life,
healing, renewing and making us whole.

And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink
are changed into us, may we be changed again into you,
bone of your bone and flesh of your flesh,
loving and caring in the world.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit,
here and everywhere, now and for ever.

People 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 Presider breaks the consecrated bread for distribution

Presider: Look, the body of Christ is broken for us

All: **Here is Christ coming to us in bread and wine.**

The Communion

The Presider: invites the people to share in communion and may say,

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**



Please join us as we gather around the altar table to share the bread and wine. Please take a cup as you enter the circle. You are welcome to come forward for a blessing should you not wish to receive the bread and wine of Eucharist.

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Let us pray.

All: **Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life,
and the bread of life to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,
so that we may show your glory to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

The Blessing:

Presider: As you have been fed at this table, go to feed the hungry.
As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned.
As you have received – give.
As you have heard – proclaim.
And the blessing which you have received from God;
Creator, Son, and Spirit go with you. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn # 205 *The Day of Resurrection*

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory!

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

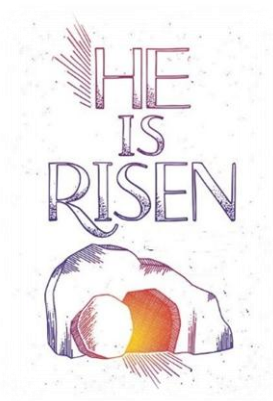
Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth the song begin!
The round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end!

Dismissal and Sending

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. Alleluia, Alleluia!

All: **Amen. We leave this worship to serve the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*Thank you for sharing in this service,
please join us for a potluck breakfast in the Great Hall.*



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