

# **The Cathedral Church of All Saints**



**The Second Sunday of Easter**

**Holy Eucharist & Baptism**

**April 12, 2026**

## Welcome!

I am delighted to have you with us today for this service of worship. As we welcome two young people into the family of Christ we are reminded of our own Baptism and commitment. 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, our community, and the world. We're not perfect. We dare to 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

# Baptism and Eucharist

## Prelude Music

## 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.

**Opening Hymn # 347** *That Eastertide with Joy was Bright*  
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

## 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.**

*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.

*All* **Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked,  
no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
so that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God, the Source of all life. Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

## The Proclamation of the Word

### The First Reading

*Reader* A reading from the book of Acts (2:14a, 22-32)

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.” ‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.” This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 16**

**REFRAIN** **God will not abandon me to the grave.**

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other." All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

**REFRAIN**

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied. Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. **REFRAIN**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

**REFRAIN**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. **REFRAIN**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit. **REFRAIN**

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **REFRAIN**

## **The Second Reading**

*Reader* A reading from the first letter of Peter (1 Peter 1:3-9)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is

tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**Gradual Hymn # 228** *Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters*

O FILII ET FILIAE

*Gospel Processional* vv. 1,4,5,6&7 are sung before the Gospel

**The Gospel** *All stand, as able, for the proclamation of 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  
(20:19-31)

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not

written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, the Deacon says,*

The Gospel of Christ.

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

*Gospel Recessional*      **vv. 8 & 9**

## **Homily**

### **Procession to the Font**

**Hymn # 47** *We Praise You, Lord, for Jesus Christ*    DETRIOT

### **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

*The celebrant says, the candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented. Candidates unable to answer for themselves are presented by their sponsors as follows:*

*Sponsors*      **I present N to receive the sacrament of baptism.**

*The celebrant asks the parents and sponsors,*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

*Parents and sponsors,* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and sponsors,* **I will, with God's help.**

*Then the celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and sponsors who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.*

*Question*      Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer*      **I renounce them.**

*Question*      Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer*      **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* **I do.**

*After all have been presented, the celebrant addresses the congregation, saying,*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

## **Prayers for the Candidates**

*The celebrant then says to the congregation, let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.*

*A person appointed leads the following litany.*

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*The celebrant then says these or similar words.*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People* **I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever

- People* you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
**I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?  
**I will, with God's help.**
- People* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?  
**I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
**I will, with God's help.**
- People* Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?  
**I will, with God's help.**

## **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The celebrant blesses the water*

- Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- Celebrant* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship

those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Baptism**

*Each candidate is presented by name to the celebrant, who then pours water upon, the candidates, saying;*

N, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The celebrant makes the sign of the cross on the forehead saying to each;*

I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Heavenly Father,  
we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit  
you have bestowed upon these your servants  
the forgiveness of sin,  
and have raised them to the new life of grace.  
Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.  
Give them an inquiring and discerning heart,  
the courage to will and to persevere,  
a spirit to know and to love you,  
and the gift of joy and wonder  
in all your works. **Amen.**

## **The Giving of the Light**

*One of the ministers may then give to each of the newly baptized a lighted candle, saying,*

Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed  
from darkness to light.

*People* **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your  
good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*People* **We receive you into the household of God.  
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,  
proclaim his resurrection,  
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn 505** *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE



*Today the Wine, Host, and Bulletin are offered in loving  
memory of Beryl and Kenneth Seymour, Nassau, Bahamas.*

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

**God of grace, you have freed us from our sins  
and made us a kingdom in your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Accept all we offer you this day,  
and strengthen us in the new life you have given us,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

### **Eucharistic Prayer 1**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is indeed right that we should praise you,  
gracious God, for you created all things.

You formed us, reflecting your own image.  
In wondrous diversity you created us all.  
When we turned away from you in sin,  
you did not cease to care for us,  
but opened a path of salvation for all people.  
You made a covenant with Israel,  
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah  
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.  
Through Moses you led your people  
from bondage into freedom;  
through the prophets  
you renewed your promise of salvation.  
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints  
who have served you in every age,  
we give thanks and raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Sanctus**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant*

Holy God, source of life and goodness,  
all creation rightly gives you praise.  
In the fullness of time,  
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,  
to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.

He healed the sick  
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;  
he opened the eyes of the blind  
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom  
to the poor and to those in need.  
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,  
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.”

Gracious God,  
his perfect sacrifice  
destroys the power of sin and death;  
by raising him to life  
you give us life for evermore.  
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith;

*All*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant*

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection,  
and looking for his coming again in glory,  
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,  
that all who eat and drink at this table  
may be one body and one holy people,  
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

*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:* Look, the body of Christ is broken  
for the life of the world.

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

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Communion Hymn # 244** *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*  
ST. BOTOLPH

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* *Let us pray.*

*All* **Father, we have seen with our eyes  
and touched with our hands  
the bread of life.  
Strengthen our faith  
that we may grow in love for you and for each other;  
through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.**

*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**      *Celebrant*

**Closing Hymn # 220**    *Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Risen*    ALL SAINTS

**Dismissal**      *Deacon*

**Postlude**      *Allabreve in D major*    J. S. Bach (BWV 589)



\* 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.

