

# Welcome to the Cathedral Church of All Saints

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



**April 19, 2026**

**11 am**

**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

# Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

## The Holy Eucharist

*Celebrant: The Reverend Dr. Kate Heichler*

*Preacher: The Very Reverend Paul Smith*

### 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** Sing Unto the Lord a New Song (*Cantate Domino*)      Tone VIII.2

*Antiphon: The Lord is in his holy temple: O come, let us worship.*

Sing unto the Lord a new song, / and his praise from the end of the earth;  
Ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; / the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.

Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, / the villages that Kedar doth inhabit.

Let the inhabitants of the rock sing, / let them shout from the top of the mountains.

Let them give glory unto the Lord, / and declare his praise in the islands.

*Antiphon.*

### Opening Hymn

Rejoice, Angelic Choirs, Rejoice

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MIT FREUDEN ZART

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*The presiding celebrant greets the community*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
*Celebrant* May his grace and peace be with you.  
*People* **May he fill our hearts with joy.**  
*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.**

Glory to God No. 686 in the Hymnal

D. Hurd

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
*All* **Risen Christ,  
companion on the way:  
break through the disillusionment and despair  
which cloud our vision,  
so that we may find our way and journey on as  
messengers of your good news. Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Reader* **A reading from the Book of Acts 2:14, 36-41**  
Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to

them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17** *Dilexi, quoniam.* (Sung by all) Simplified Anglican Chant



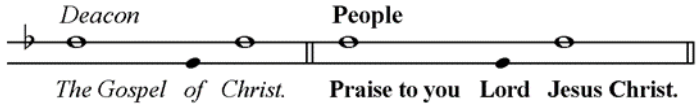
*Change notes on the **bolded** text.*

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my suppli-**ca-tion**, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called up-**on him**.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took **hold of me**; \*  
I came to grief and **sorrow**.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 Then I called upon the Name of the **Lord**: \*  
"O Lord, I pray you, save my **life**."
- 10 How shall I repay the **Lord** \*  
for all the good things he has **done** for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of sal-**va-tion** \*  
and call upon the Name of the **Lord**.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the **Lord** \*  
in the presence of all his **people**.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the **Lord** \*  
is the death of his **servants**.
- 14 O Lord, I am your **servant**; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my **bonds**.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of **thanksgiving** \*  
and call upon the Name of the **Lord**.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the **Lord** \*  
in the presence of all his **people**,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's **house**, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Halle-**lu-jah!**



and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. - *Luke 24:13-35*

Responses after the Gospel



Gospel Recessional vv. 4 & 5

**Sermon**

*A silence for reflection may follow.*

**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;  
he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his 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

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN



1 Christ the Lord is risen a - gain! Christ has bro - ken ev - ery chain! Now through all the  
2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en - dured the strife, takes our sin and  
3 He who bore all pain and loss, com - fort - less up - on the cross, is ex - alt - ed



world it rings that the Lamb is King of Kings. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
guilt a - way that with an - gels we may say: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
now to save, wrest - ing vic - tory from the grave. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, our Pas - chal



lamb in - deed, Christ, to - day your peo - ple feed. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

*Today the Wine, Host, and Bulletin are offered in memory of  
Gordon Michael from Margy.*



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** (*Sung by all*) Christ ist erstanden

arr. P. Halley

Organ Intro.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er  
 and of might, Hea - ven and earth are full, full\_\_\_ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of pow - er and of might, Hea - ven and earth are full. full\_\_\_ of your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_

*High voices:*  
 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Low voices:*  
 ho - san - na in the high - est, in the high - est.

*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.

*All*



*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*

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

*All*

**Now we are raised to new life.**

*Celebrant*

We were buried in your tomb.

*All*

**Now we share in your resurrection.**

*Celebrant*

Live in us, that we may live in you.

## **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,*

The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*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*

**Agnus Dei** from Missa *L'Hora passa*

L. da Viadana (1560-1627)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, grant us peace.*

## Communion Anthem Now The Green Blade Riseth

Trad. French; arr. S. Lindley (b.1948)

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain.

Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;

Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,

Thinking that never he would wake again,

Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:

Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain.

He that for three days in the grave had lain.

Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:

Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,

Thy touch can call us back to life again,

Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

*Words: J.M.C. Crum (1872-1958)*

## Communion Hymn

Author of Life Divine

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**\*\*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.**



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