

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of All Saints

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



April 26, 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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

The Holy Eucharist

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 Sing Unto the Lord a New Song (*Cantate Domino*)

G. O. Pitoni (1657-1743)

Cantate Domino canticum novum; laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.

Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum, et filii Sion exsultent in rege suo.

O sing unto the Lord a new song: let the congregation of saints praise him.

Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.

Opening Hymn

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The Head That Once Was Crowned

ST. MAGNUS

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 *Missa Sancti Joannes et Divini (Sung by all)* P. Halley

Intro

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God heav - en - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer, re -
ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

O God,

whose Son is the good shepherd,

send us out as shepherds to seek the lost, to heal

the injured and to nurture all

with grace and compassion;

through Jesus, who calls each by name. Amen.

A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reader

A reading from the Book of Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Processional vv. 1 - 3



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| 1 Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, Keep us all, in safety keep; Nothing can thy power withstand, None can pluck us from thy hand. | 2 Loving Saviour, thou didst give Thine own life that we might live, Bought with Blood and bought for thee, Thine, and only thine, we'd be. |
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3 We would praise thee every day,
Gladly all thy will obey,
Like thy blessed ones above
Happy in thy precious love.

Responses before the Gospel

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|---|---------------------------|
| <i>Deacon</i> | People |
| The Lord be with you. | And also with you. |
| <i>Deacon</i> | |
| The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. | |
| People | |
| Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ. | |

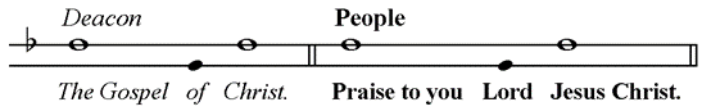
The Gospel *All stand for the Gospel.*

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they

know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." -

John 10:1-10

Responses after the Gospel



Gospel Recessional vv. 4 & 5

4 Loving Shepherd, ever near,
 Teach us all thy voice to hear,
 Suffer not our steps to stray
 From the straight and narrow way.

5 Where thou leadest we would go,
 Walking in thy steps below,
 Till before our Father's throne
 We shall know as we are known.

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 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

It is indeed right that we should praise you,
gracious God,
for you created all things.
You formed us in 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 (*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 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  *Organ*
Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

Celebrant Recalling his death,
proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,
we offer you, 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.

All  *Organ*
A - men, a - men, a - men.

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, un seen 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,
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 Communion Service in F C. V. Stanford (1852-1924)

Communion Motet Vivo Ego, Dicit Dominus A. Lobo (1555-1617)

Vivo ego, dicit Dominus, I am alive, says the Lord,
nolo mortem peccatoris, and do not desire the death of the sinner,
sed ut magis convertatur et vivat. but rather that he change his ways and live.

Communion Hymn

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Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

ST. AGNES

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant God of steadfast love,
watch over the Church redeemed
by the blood of your Son.
May we who share in these holy mysteries
come safely to your eternal kingdom,
where there is one flock and one shepherd.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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

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Thou Art the Way; to Thee Alone

ST. JAMES

Choral Benediction God Be In My Head

J. Rutter (b.1945)

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at mine end, and at my departing

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude Prelude in E Minor

J. S. Bach (BWV 548)

****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.**



Sundays at Four

You are warmly invited to **Sundays at Four** this afternoon at the Cathedral. **Choral Evensong** will be offered by the Cathedral Choir

Combined Service May 3 at 10 am

Next Sunday, May 3 not only are we observing Battle of the Atlantic Sunday, we will be recognizing **Outreach and Justice Sunday** at the Cathedral. A single combined service will be held at 10:00 am

Stay connected with all that's happening in the life of the Cathedral

Cathedral Happenings is our bi-weekly email, sharing upcoming services, events, and community news. If you would like to receive it, we warmly invite you to sign up by emailing hello@anglicancathedralhalifax.ca or by filling out a member card, available on the Greeters' Table. We'd be delighted to keep in touch!

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