

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of All Saints

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



May 10, 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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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 If Ye Love Me

T. Tallis (1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may bide with you for ever, e'en the spirit of truth. *Words:* St. John 14:15-17

Opening Hymn

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

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 A Community Mass (*Sung by all*)

R. Proulx (b.1950)

(Organ)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - migh - ty God and fa - ther. We
 wor - shipyou, 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, re - ceive our prayer. (Organ) 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
 Spi - rit in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

**Three-fold God of love,
 you invite us to abide in you.
 May we follow the Spirit of truth,
 so that through us your commanding love
 may speak to the heart of the world;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reader

A reading from the Book of Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown God.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66: 7 – 18 *Benedicite populi Domino nostro.* Chant by C. H. H. Parry

Refrain 1st time Cantors; 2nd time all and in the places marked "R".



7 Bless our God, you peoples; *

make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *

and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; *

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs. **R**

11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you
my vows, *

which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I
was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *

and I will tell you what he has done for me. **R**

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; *

he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

Sermon

Anthem Sing We Merrily

S. Campbell (1909-74)

Sing we merrily unto God our strength; make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret, the merry harp with the lute. Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast day.

For this was made a statute for Israel and a law of the God of Jacob.

Alleluia!

Words: Psalm 81:1 - 4

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

O Thou Who Camest from Above

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HEREFORD

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.
 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.
 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



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 from *Missa Quarti Toni* T. L. de Victoria (1548-1611)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.</i>
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.</i>

Communion Motet O Sacrum Convivium T. Tallis

O sacrum convivium in quo Christus sumitur:
recolitur memoria passionis ejus: mens impletur gratia:
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.

*O sacred banquet in which Christ is received,
the memory of his passion is recalled, the mind is filled with grace
and the pledge of future glory is given to us.*

Communion Hymn

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Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

EISENACH

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant **Father,**
 you restored us to life
 by raising your Son from death.
 May we who receive this sacrament
 always be strengthened to do your will,
 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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King of Love, O Christ We Crown You

HERMON

Choral Benediction The Lord bless you and keep you. P. Halley
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude Fugue in C Minor

J. S. Bach (BWV 582)

**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 Men & Girls of Capella Regalis

Visiting Choir at the Cathedral – Sunday, May 31

We are pleased to welcome the **Choir of The University of the South, Sewanee, TN** to the Cathedral on Sunday, May 31.

The choir will sing at the 11:00 a.m. service, and again at 4:00 p.m. for Evensong. The choir is directed by Geoffrey Harris Ward.

<https://new.sewanee.edu/campus-life/believing/all-saints-chapel/the-university-choir/>

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