

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of All Saints

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



May 17, 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

The Cathedral community extends a warm welcome to **Rob Dawes, Executive Director of the Anglican Alliance** (our guest homilist this morning), and **Dr. Elizabeth Perry, Programmes Director for the Anglican Alliance**.

Based in the UK, Rob leads the Anglican Alliance's global work in development, relief, and advocacy across the Anglican Communion. The Alliance exists to connect and inspire Anglicans around the world to work for a world free of poverty and injustice, while safeguarding creation.

<https://anglicanalliance.org/>

Ascension Sunday

Jerusalem Sunday

May 17, 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 Alleluia! Christ Hath Ascended (*Venite Exultemus Domino*) Tone VI

Antiphon: Alleluia, Christ hath ascended into heaven : O come let us worship. Alleluia.

1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his also.

5 The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.
 6 O come, let us worship, and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
 7 For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the
 sheep of his hand. *Antiphon*

Opening Hymn

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Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL

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

God unheld by word or wall:

lift us from dullness and cynical contempt;

make us ready for your Spirit of transforming

power; and turn our hearts to the mending of the

world, through Jesus Christ, the name above all

names. Amen. *Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land

All

O God of all justice and peace,

we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma

of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering

we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and

Christians and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end of violence

and the establishment of peace, we also call to you

to bring justice and equality to the peoples.

Guide us into your kingdom where all people

Are treated with dignity and honour as your children

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

- Archbishop Hosam Naoum

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Reader

A reading from the Book of Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Reader

The word of the Lord.

People

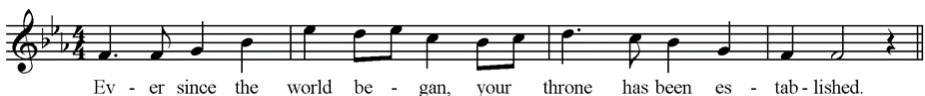
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93 *Dominus regnavit.*

H. Lawes

All sing the Refrain at the beginning and in the places marked "R"

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



1 The Lord is king; he has put on splendid apparel;
the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

- 2 He has made the whole world so sure
that it cannot be moved; R
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves. R
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore. R

The Epistle

Reader

A reading from Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader

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People

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

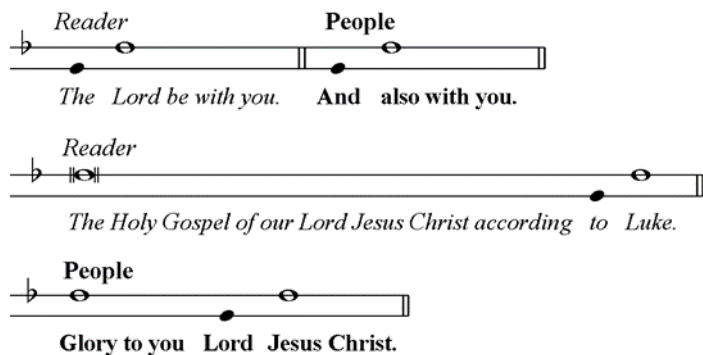
O Lord Most High, Eternal King

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Gospel Processional vv. 1 – 3

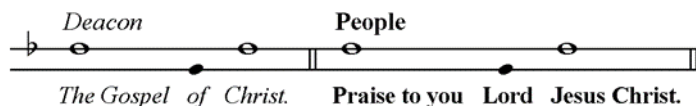
Responses before the Gospel



The Gospel *All stand for the Gospel.*

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God. — *Luke 24:44-53*

Responses after the Gospel



Gospel Recessional v. 4

Homily—*Rob Dawes, Executive Director of the Anglican Alliance*

Anthem Above All Praise

F. Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Above all praise and all majesty, Lord thou reignest evermore. Hallelujah

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

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (*Omit v.5*)

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HYFRYDOL

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

*Today the Wine, Host, and Bulletin are offered in memory of
the Bowley Family, Nassau Bahamas.*

The Prayer over the Gifts

All

Eternal God,
our Saviour Jesus Christ
has promised to be with us until the end of time.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and renew us in his transfigured life;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. . Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

<i>Celebrant</i>	People
<i>The Lord be with you. And also with you.</i>	
<i>Celebrant</i>	People
<i>Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.</i>	
<i>Celebrant</i>	
<i>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</i>	
People	
It is right to give our thanks and praise.	

Celebrant

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who after his glorious resurrection
appeared to his disciples,
and in their sight ascended into heaven
to prepare a place for us;
that where he is, there we might also be,
and reign with him in glory.
Therefore we praise you with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
who for ever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

Missa Brevis

T. Tallis (1505 -1585)

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.

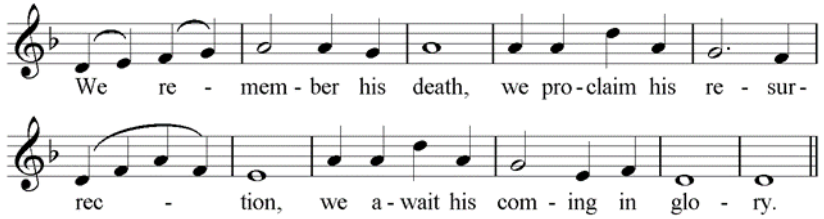
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All



We re - mem - ber his death, we pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, we a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

Celebrant

and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

All



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 Missa Brevis

T. Tallis

Communion Anthem O God, the King of Glory H. Purcell (1659-1695)

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thy only son Jesus Christ with great triumph into heaven;

We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost, to comfort us,

and exalt us unto the same place where our Saviour Christ is gone before us.

Amen.

Words: Collect for the Sunday after Ascension.

Communion Hymn

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Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

ST. OSMUND

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Eternal Giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom.
Confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our 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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Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

ASCENSION

Choral Benediction Alleluia. Christ hath ascended into heaven; P. Halley
so may we also in heart and mind thither ascend,
and with him continually dwell. Alleluia.

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude Heut' triumphiret Gottes Sohn (*Today God's Son triumphs*)
J. S. Bach (BWV 630)

**As part of our Covid Protocols we dispensed with passing collection plates during services. Offering plates are available at the front and side entrances of the Cathedral. Touchless "Tap" devices are also located at the main entrance, and electronic donations may be made using the QR code below.



Jerusalem Sunday

Jerusalem Sunday is a call to action for Anglicans and Lutherans in Canada to stand in partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan & the Holy Land. Through worship, learning and giving, congregations are invited to support God's healing mission, especially for the critical health care services offered in the region.

The ministries of the Diocese of Jerusalem sustain and strengthen respect and concern for all people through education, health care, hospitality, and working for peace. The diocese puts their Christian presence and faith into the action of 'loving our neighbours as ourselves', bringing hope to many - regardless of faith and circumstance. "You shall be my witnesses, in Jerusalem... and to the ends of the earth".

<https://www.anglican.ca/companions-of-jerusalem/>

The Place Where We Are Right

From the place where we are right
Flowers will never grow
In the spring.
The place where we are right
Is hard and trampled
Like a yard.
But doubts and loves Dig up the
world Like a mole, a plow.
And a whisper will be heard in the place
Where the ruined
House once stood.

by Yehuda Amichai

*Yehuda Amichai was an Israeli poet and author, one of the first to write in colloquial Hebrew in modern times. Yehuda Amichai, the poet of everyday life, love, and death, is the most internationally renowned Israeli poet. His 17 books have been translated into more than 20 languages, including Chinese and Japanese.

Sundays at Four

There will be no Sundays at Four service this afternoon. Please join us next Sunday, May 24 for Choral Evensong, sung by guest singers and directed by Gabriel O'Brien, Director of Music at University of King's College.

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/>

Combined Sunday Service & BBQ Lunch – June 14

On Sunday, June 14, we will gather for one combined service at 10:00 am. Following worship, please join us for a BBQ lunch as we celebrate the beginning of the summer season and the close of the Sunday School term.

Beginning June 14, we will move to one Sunday service for the summer months, held each week at 10:00 am. The nursery will be open for children and their caregiver(s), though it will be unsupervised.

Please also note these upcoming special Sundays:

Pentecost Sunday – May 24

Say Yes to Kids Sunday – May 31

Refugee Sunday & National Indigenous Peoples Day – June 21

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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