

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of All Saints

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



May 24, 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 Day of Pentecost

May 24, 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.

Opening Hymn

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Come, Thou Holy Spirit. Come

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS

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.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

**God of wind and flame,
send your life-giving Spirit upon your people:
give fire to our words, strength to our witness,
and boldness to our proclamation of your
wondrous work in Christ; who, with you and the
Spirit, lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.**

Opening Prayers (1997) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reader

A reading from the Book of Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour

out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104 (*Read Responsively*)

Reader A reading of Psalm 104:25-35, 37

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works!
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

**26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.**

27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan,
which you have made for the sport of it.

**28 All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.**

29 You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

**30 You hide your face, and they are terrified;
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.**

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

**32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
34 **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

35 May these words of mine please him;
I will rejoice in the Lord.
37 **Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Hallelujah!**

Gradual Hymn

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

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ABERYSTWYTH

Gospel Processional vv. 1 & 2

Deacon The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to John (20:19-23)
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Gospel *All stand, as able, for the Gospel.*

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." -*John 20:19-23*

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel Recessional v. 3

Sermon

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

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

Come Down, O Love Divine

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DOWN AMPNEY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

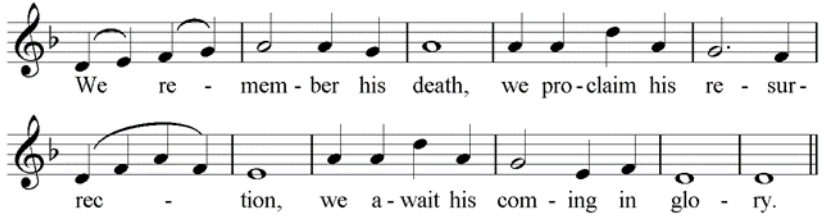
*Today the Wine, Host, and Bulletin are offered in memory of
the Selma Joseph, Nassau Bahamas.*

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

Creator of all,
you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered and
made into this one bread.

All

**So may your Church be gathered from
the ends of the earth
into your kingdom.**

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*

Communion Hymn

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Come, Holy Ghost Our Souls Inspire

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Father,
 may we who have received this eucharist
 live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,
 that we may show forth his gifts to all the world.
 We ask this in the name of 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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I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, heiliger Geist J. S. Bach (BWV 667)
Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost

**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.



We welcome Gabriel O’Brien as our organist this morning. Gabriel was recently appointed Director of Music at the University of King’s College, Halifax. Gabriel is a Halifax-born musician who received his early musical training as a boy chorister in Capella Regalis Men & Boys choir, and while in high school, became its Assistant Artistic Director and Probationers Programme Director. A graduate of the University of King’s College and Dalhousie University Fountain School of Performing Arts, he studied Organ and Composition. After serving as Director of Music at two parish churches in York, England, he returned to Halifax in 2025 as Director of Music at King’s College Chapel and organ instructor at Dalhousie University.

Sundays at Four

Please join us this afternoon 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:

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@anglicanathedrahalifax.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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