

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of All Saints

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



December 10, 2023

11 a.m.

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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10

The Holy Eucharist

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

We begin by acknowledging that we are in Mi'kma'ki , the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) People first signed with the British Crown in 1725. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

Introit The Third & Fourth Great O Antiphons (*Sung by the choir*)
Plainsong

O Radix Jesse O Root of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people, at whom kings shall shut their mouths, to whom the Gentiles shall seek: Come and deliver us, and tarry not.

O Clavis David O Key of David, and Sceptre of the house of Israel; that openest and no man shutteth: and shuttest, and no man openeth: Come and bring the prisoner out of the prison house, and him that sitteth in darkness, and the shadow of death.

Opening Hymn

On Jordan's Bank

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WINCHESTER NEW

Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle—Peace

Reader: In days when God's people longed for peace, Isaiah declared, "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins" (Isaiah 40:1).

Reader: We who gather today also seek comfort and peace, yet we are unsatisfied with ideas of peace that tell us to keep quiet and go with the flow. We long for real peace, true peace, just peace.

Congregation: **We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.**

Reader: We light these candles as signs of God's shocking hope and just peace. [2 purple candles are lit] May they be beacons calling us to repent and to live the good news of Jesus Christ as we wait and watch and labor for the day when all people can gather together, unafraid, to worship and glorify God.
Amen.

Hymn

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv. 1&2)

VENI EMMANUEL

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel!*

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel!*

The Gathering of the Community

The presiding celebrant greets the community

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

The following prayer may be said.

Celebrant Almighty God,
All 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.

Trisagion from *Popule Meus* (Sung by the choir)

T. L. de Victoria (c.1548-1611)

Hagios o Theos	Sanctus Deus	<i>Holy God</i>
Hagios ischyros	Sanctus fortis	<i>Holy and mighty</i>
Hagios athanatos	Sanctus et immortalis,	<i>Holy and immortal</i>
eleison imas	miserere nobis	<i>have mercy upon us</i>

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.
All **God of hope,**
you call us from the exile of our sin
with the good news of restoration;
you build a highway through the wilderness;
you come to us and bring us home.

**Comfort us with the expectation
of your saving power,
made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Reader A reading from Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.
A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the
desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be
made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough
places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all
people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'
A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people
are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass
withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon
it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower
fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a
high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice
with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not
fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the
Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward
is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock
like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry
them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13 (*read responsively*)

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together;
and righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway or his feet.

Gradual Hymn

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

Gospel Processional vv. 1—3

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ASCENSION

The Gospel

All stand for the Gospel.

Responses before the Gospel

Deacon

People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight” ’, John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

-Mark 1: 1-8

Responses after the Gospel

Deacon

People

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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;
God welcomes sinners
and invites us to this 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.

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

PSALM 42

The Prayer over the Gifts

When the gifts have been prepared,

All

**God of abundance,
we bring before you
the precious fruits of your creation,
and with them our very lives.
Teach us patience and hope
as we care for all those in need
until the coming of your Son,
our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant **People**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant **People**

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

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.

Advent Sanctus ('Nun komm der Heiden Heiland')

Trad. Lutheran; adapt. P. Halley

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.

People



Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to pray,
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 We break this bread, to share in the body of Christ.
All **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in
the one bread.**

The Communion

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and may say,

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei The Short Communion Service (*Sung by the choir*)
A. Batten (c.1591-c.1637)

*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*

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion (to be prayed by those at home) *

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you now in the sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen**

**Based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787) used at the 2020 Easter celebration at The Episcopal Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul (Washington National Cathedral)*

Communion Anthem Jesus Christ, The Apple Tree

E. Poston (1905-1987)

1 The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

2 His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

3 For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

4 I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

5 This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Words: anon. New Hampshire (1784)

Communion Hymn

Creator of the Stars of Night

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CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

Prayer after Communion

All God for whom we wait,
in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day
when the hungry will be fed with good things.
Send us forth to make known your deeds
and to proclaim the greatness of your name,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

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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Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding

MERTON

Dismissal

Deacon

Postlude

The Postlude - You are invited to be seated during the postlude to pray or simply to enjoy the music. Alternatively, you may depart in peace following the Deacon's Dismissal.

Thank you for joining us today!

Want to learn more about the Cathedral Church of All Saints?
Please connect with one of our Greeters or you are welcome to
visit www.cathedralchurchofallsaints.com.

You may also consider emailing Sarah Underwood, in the Cathedral Office at sarahunderwood@anglicancathedralhalifax.ca or calling Sarah Monday to Friday at (902) 423-6002

Advent & Christmas Worship at the Cathedral

Sunday, December 17 – Advent 3

10 am (combined Service) join us for our annual Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 24

10 am (combined Service) for Advent 4 at 10:00 am

4 pm Friends and Family Christmas Celebration -
Youth-Led Eucharist

7pm Choral Eucharist

10:30 pm Christmas Eve Midnight Eucharist Service
(10:30 pm musical prelude/ Service 11:00 pm).

Monday, December 25

10 am Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, December 27

7:30 am Holy Eucharist

Friday, December 29

12noon Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 31

10 am (combined Service)

Monday, January 1

New Year's Day and Bishop's Levée. Service is at 10:00 am with Levée to follow.

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of All Saints

New Member Information Form

1. Please list the names of each family member in the space below:

SURNAME(s): _____

NAMES: _____

2. Please give your mailing address and telephone number:

3. Email address _____

☐ **check** here for permission to add your e-mail address to our mailing list. You will receive a bi-monthly listing of Cathedral events called **Cathedral Happenings** and weekly **Sundays @ the Cathedral** announcements.

4. Would you like Offering Envelopes or are you interested in Automatic Offering?

Envelopes: Yes ☐ No ☐

Automatic Offering Yes ☐ No ☐

**Please complete and return on the collection plate
or give to a Greeter. Thank you!**

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