

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of All Saints

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



February 2, 2025

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

The Presentation of Jesus

African Heritage Month

February 2, 2025

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 First Song of Isaiah (Surely It Is God Who Saves Me) Tone III.2

- 1 Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
2. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Saviour.
3. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
4. And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
5. Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
6. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.
7. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Opening Hymn

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Unto Thy Temple, Lord, We Come

GONFALON ROYAL



1 Un - to thy tem - ple, Lord, we come _____
2 the com - mon home of rich and poor, _____
3 And dwell thou with us in this place, _____
4 May thy whole truth be spo - ken here, _____



1 ___ with thank - ful hearts to wor - ship thee,
2 ___ of bond and free, and great and small;
3 ___ thou and thy Christ, to guide and bless.
4 ___ thy gos - pel light for - ev - er shine,



1 and pray that this may be our home un -
2 large as thy love for ev - er more, and
3 Here make the well - springs of thy grace like
4 thy per - fect love cast out all fear, and



1 - til we touch e - ter - ni - ty;
2 warm and bright and good to all.
3 foun - tains in the wil - der - ness.
4 hu - man life be - come di - vine.



A - men.

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.

Gloria

A Community Mass (*Sung by all*) R. Proulx (1937-2010)

(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 - 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 -

(Organ)

ceive, 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 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

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
 for you have sent us your salvation.
 Inspire us by your Holy Spirit
 to recognize him who is the glory of Israel
 and the light for all nations,
 your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading:

Reader

A reading from **Malachi (3:1-4)**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84 (*read responsively*)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King
and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the high-
ways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a
place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in
the tents of wickedness.**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favour and honour.
No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

The Second Reading

Reader A reading from **Hebrews 2:14-18**

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise
shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one
who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all
their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that
he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abra-
ham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters* in every
respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the
service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the peo-
ple. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to
help those who are being tested.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn In His Temple, Now Behold Him

WESTMINSTER ABBEY



1 In his tem - ple, now be - hold him; See the long - ex - pec - ted Lord!
2 In the arms of her who bore him, Vir - gin pure be - hold him lie,
3 Je - sus, by thy Pre - sen - ta - tion, Thou, who didst for us en - dure,
4 Prince and au - thor of sal - va - tion, Be thy bound - less love our theme!



1 An - cient pro - phets had fore - told him, God hath now ful - filled his word.
2 While his ag - ed saints a - dore him, Ere in per - fect faith they die:
3 Make us see thy great sal - va - tion, Seal us with thy pro - mise sure;
4 Je - sus, praise to thee be giv - en By the world thou didst re - deem,



1 Now to praise him, his re - deem - ed Shall break forth with one ac - cord.
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God most high!
3 And pre - sent us in thy glo - ry To thy Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.
4 With the Fa - ther and the Spi - rit, Lord of ma - je - sty su - preme!

Words: Henry John Pye (1827 -1903)

Music: Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Gospel Processional vv. 1 & 2

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 Luke.

People

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel

All stand for the Gospel.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is

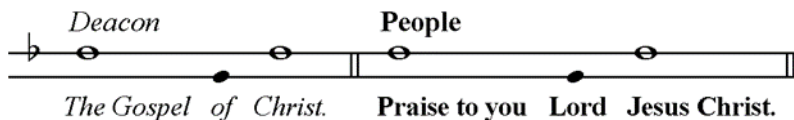
stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him. - *Luke (2:22-40)*

Responses after the Gospel



Gospel Recessional vv. 3 & 4

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
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 Worship the King

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HANOVER

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Today we gratefully acknowledge the Bulletin, Wine and Hosts are offered in support of African Heritage Month with a donation made to the Black Cultural Centre. This year's theme: "Legacy in Action: Celebrating Black Brilliance." The theme celebrates the enduring legacy of Black Nova Scotians, paying tribute to the community's resilience, achievements, and impact throughout history. It reflects the brilliance within the community: the stories we share, the lessons passed down by elders, the rhythms that drive progress, and the powerful ability to honor the past while shaping the future.

<https://ansa.novascotia.ca/african-heritage-month>

The Prayer over the Gifts

When the gifts have been prepared,

All **Almighty God,**
accept the joyful offering of your Church,
and grant that your Son may shine in us
as the light that lightens every nation.
We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1

<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 It is indeed right that we should praise you,
gracious God,
for you created all things.
You formed us, reflecting 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 No. 732 in the Hymnal (*Community Mass*) R. Proulx (1937-2010)

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.

Acclamation



Celebrant

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



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 God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

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, unseen 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,

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei from Missa *Doulce Mémoire* (Sung by the choir)

O. di Lasso (1532-1594)

**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 Motet Hodie Beata Virgo Maria

W. Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Hodie beata Virgo Maria
puerum Jesum presentavit in templo,
et Simeon, repletus Spiritu Sancto,
accepit eum in ulnas suas,
et benedixit Deum in aeternum.

*Today the Blessed Virgin Mary
presented the child Jesus in the temple,
and Simeon, full of the Holy Spirit,
took him in his arms,
and blessed God for evermore.*

Communion Hymn

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Blest Are the Pure in Heart

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Prayer after Communion

Celebrant

God for whom we wait,
you fulfilled the hope of Simeon,
who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah.
Complete in us your perfect will,
that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom;
for he is Lord for ever and ever.

Amen

Then the following doxology may be said.

Celebrant

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

All

**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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How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

ST. PETER

Choral Benediction Lumen ad revelationem gentium Plainsong

Lumen ad revelationem gentium,
Et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.

*A light to lighten the Gentiles,
And the glory of thy people Israel.*

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine,
Secundum verbum tuum in pace.

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word;*

Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum.
Quod parasti ante faciem
omnium populorum.

*For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face
of all people.*

Dismissal *By the Deacon*

Postlude Fugue in D Major J. S. Bach (BWV 532)

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.

Sundays at Four

*Please join us this afternoon for Evensong sung by Capella Regalis
Men & Girls & Boys Choir.*

HISTORY OF AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

From the beginning

The commencement of Black History Month (now referred to as African Heritage Month) is traced back to 1926. Harvard-educated Black historian, Carter G. Woodson, founded Negro History Week to recognize the achievements made by African Americans.

Woodson purposefully chose February because of the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, who were both key figures in the emancipation of enslaved Blacks. In the 1950's Negro History Week was celebrated in Canada, and in 1976 it was expanded to Black History Month.

Black History Month in Canada

For the past decades, the contributions of African Canadians have been acknowledged informally. However, Nova Scotia has set a path for Canada's recognition of African Heritage Month. Our province has been a leader in promoting and recognizing our African heritage in our country. Some efforts of Nova Scotia include:

1985 – The “official” opening night of Black History Month at the North Branch Library

1987 – First meeting of the Black History Month Association

1988 – First Black History Month in Nova Scotia

1994 – Black History Month Association was officially incorporated in Nova Scotia

1996 – Black History Month renamed to African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia

We believe some of these efforts have influenced our country to take action on a national level:

1995 – The House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month following a motion introduced by the Honourable Jean Augustine, the first Black Canadian woman elected to Parliament.

2008—Nova Scotia Senator Donald Oliver, Q.C., the first Black man appointed to the Senate, officially declared February as Black History Month. His motion was the final parliamentary procedure needed for Canada's permanent recognition of Black History Month.

AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH 2025



LEGACY

IN ACTION

CELEBRATING BLACK BRILLIANCE



LEGACY IN ACTION: CELEBRATING BLACK BRILLIANCE HIGHLIGHTS THE LIVING LEGACY OF BLACK NOVA SCOTIANS, HONORING THE IMPACT AND PERSEVERANCE OF THE LONG-STANDING COMMUNITY. IT HIGHLIGHTS THE GREATNESS WE HOLD, THE PATHS WE LEAD THROUGH OUR DEEP CONNECTION WITH OUR ELDERS, STORYTELLING, THE RHYTHMS OF CHANGE, AND THE ABILITY TO LOOK BACK TO MOVE FORWARD.



HALIFAX

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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