

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of All Saints

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



March 30, 2025

10 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 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Mothering Sunday

March 30, 2025

Celebrant & Preacher

The Reverend Dr. Heather McCance

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude Intermezzo Op. 76, No. 7 in a minor Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

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'kmaq 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 Deal Gently With Thy Servants, Lord

CHARLESTOWN

1 Gently Lord, O gently lead us,
Through this lonely vale of tears,
And, O Lord, in mercy give us,
Thy rich grace in all our fears.

2 In the hour of pain and anguish,
In the hour when death draws near,
Suffer not our hearts to languish,
Suffer not our souls to fear.

3 When this mortal life is ended,
Bid us in thine arms to rest,
Till by angel bands attended,
We awake among the blest.

Words: Thomas Hastings (1784–1872)

Music: *The Southern Harmony*, 1825

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading:

Reader A reading from **Joshua 5:9-12**

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32

Chant No. 4



Happy are they whose transgressions / are forgiven,*
and whose sin is / put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord im-/putes no guilt,*
and in whose spirit there / is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones with-/ered away,*
because of my groaning / all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me / day and night,*
my moisture was dried up as in the / heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my / sin to you,*
and did not con-/ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions / to the Lord."*
Then you forgave me the guilt / of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in / time of trouble,*
when the great waters overflow, they / shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve / me from trouble;*
you surround me with shouts / of deliverance.

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that / you should go;*
I will guide you / with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no / understanding;*
**who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will / not stay near you.”**

Great are the tribulations / of the wicked;*
but mercy embraces those who trust / in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice / in the Lord;*
shout for joy, all who are / true of heart.

The Second Reading

Reader A reading from **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader The word of the Lord.

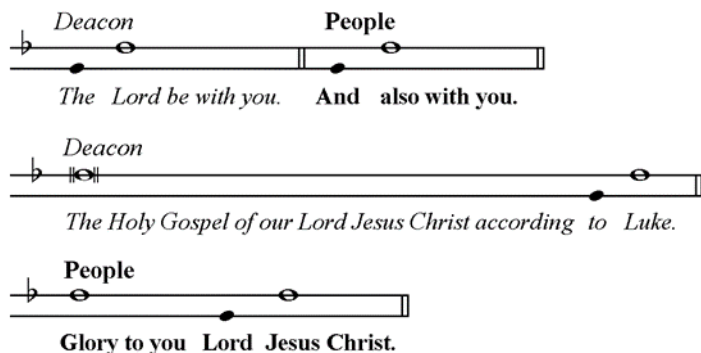
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Far, Far Away from My Loving Father

Gospel Processional vv. 1–3

Responses before the Gospel



The Gospel

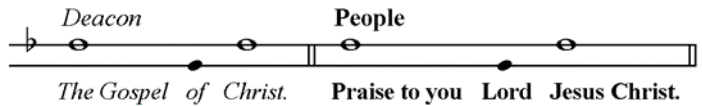
All stand for the Gospel.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it

on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

-*Luke 15:1-3, 11B-32*

Responses after the Gospel



Gospel Recessional vv. 4 & 5

Homily

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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn

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The King of Love My Shepherd Is (*v. 3 women; v.4 men*) DOMINUS REGIT ME

The Celebration of the Eucharist

*Today we gratefully acknowledge the bulletin and the Wine and Hosts are offered
in loving memory of James G. Morrison by his daughter Alayne Pothier.*

The Prayer over the Gifts

When the gifts have been prepared,

Celebrant Thank you, loving God, for forgiveness.

People **God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love.
Accept all we offer you this day,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

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.

Sanctus

Missa *Ave Jesu*

G. Oldroyd

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.

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

We break this bread,

All

Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant

Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.

All

**If we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

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.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Giver of life,
you enlighten all who come into the world.
Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily praise your holy name,
through Jesus Christ the Lord.

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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How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

BROTHER JAMES' AIR

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

Dismissal *By the Deacon*

Postlude

Prelude in C Major

J. S. Bach (BWV 545)

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.

Our Annual General Meeting originally scheduled for today, March 30, has been rescheduled to April 27.

Sundays at Four

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

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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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