

**Cathedral Church of All Saints
Halifax, Nova Scotia**



**The Easter Vigil
Holy Saturday
April 19, 2025**

The Great Vigil of Easter

Preacher & Celebrant: *The Right Reverend Sandra Fyfe*

Deacon: *The Reverend Ray Carter, TSSF*

Organist and Choir Director: *Paul Halley*

Territorial Acknowledgement

Celebrant: We acknowledge 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. And, we recognize that African Nova Scotians are a distinct people whose histories, legacies and contributions have enriched that part of Mi'kma'ki known as Nova Scotia for over 400 years.

The Service begins at the front entrance of the Church

The Service of Light

The celebrant may then greet the people in these or similar words.

Dear friends in Christ,
on this most holy night,
when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life,
the Church invites her children throughout the world
to come together in vigil and prayer.
This is the Passover of the Lord.
We remember his death and resurrection
by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries;
we are confident that we shall share his victory over death
and live with him for ever in God.

The celebrant may say the following prayer.

Let us pray.

Loving God, we share in the light of your glory
through your Son, the light of the world.

Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with new hope.

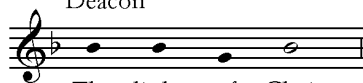
Purify our minds by this Easter celebration
and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Procession into the Cathedral


The Deacon lifts high the Paschal Candle and proclaims,

Deacon



The light of Christ.

People



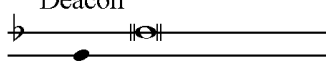
Thanks be to God.

The Exsultet

The Deacon, or one appointed sings: " Rejoice, heavenly powers!..."

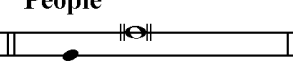
After the words "...echoing the mighty song of all God's people!"

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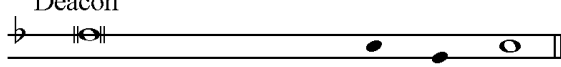
The Lord be with you.

People



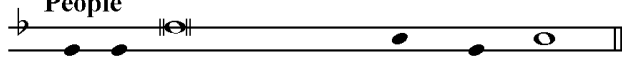
And also with you.

Deacon



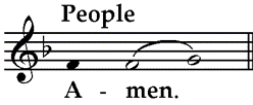
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

After the concluding words "...your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever." all respond



The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading: Genesis 1: 1-2: 2

Psalm 36 : 5-10

TONE II.1

5 Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens,
and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.

6 Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains:
thy judgements are like the great deep.

7 Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast; how excellent is thy mercy, O
God!

and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

8 They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house;
and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures, as out of the river.

9 For with thee is the well of life;
and in thy light shall we see light.

10 O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee,
and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.

Prayer

Almighty and eternal God,
you created all things in wonderful beauty and order.

Help us now to perceive
how still more wonderful is the new creation,
by which in the fullness of time

you redeemed your people
through the sacrifice of our Passover, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Second Reading: Exodus 14: 10 –15: 1

The Song of Moses

P. Halley

(Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18)

Based on a traditional Catalan melody

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of
wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.

Prayer

God of steadfast love,
your wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day.
By the power of your mighty arm
you once delivered your chosen people
from slavery under Pharaoh,
to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations
by the water of baptism.
Grant that all the peoples of the earth
may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham,
and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Third Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Psalm 30: 1 – 6, 12&13

TONE VIII.1

1 I will magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up,
and not made my foes to triumph over me.
2 O Lord my God, I cried unto thee,
and thou hast healed me.
3 Thou, Lord, hast brought up my soul from hell:
thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.
4 Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his;
and give thanks unto his holy Name.
5 For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his favour is
life;
heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.
6 As for me, in my prosperity I said, 'I shall never be moved';
thou, Lord, of thy goodness hadst made my hill so strong.
12 Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy;
thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;
13 That my soul may sing of thy praise without ceasing.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

Prayer

Living God,
by the Passover of your Son
you have brought us out of sin into righteousness,
and out of death into life.

Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit
the will and power to proclaim you to all the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Fourth Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Psalm 126

Chant by G. Garrett

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Sion,
then were we like unto them that dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with joy.

3 Then said they among the nations,
'The Lord hath done great things for them.'

4 Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already;
whereof we rejoice.

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
as the rivers in the South.

6 They that sow in tears
shall reap in joy.

7 He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth his seed, shall
doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

Prayer

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,
look favourably on your whole Church,
that wonderful and sacred mystery.

By the effectual working of your providence,
carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation.

Let the whole world see and know

that things which were cast down are being raised up,
and things which had grown old are being made new,
and that all things are being brought to their perfection
by him through whom all things were made,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Easter Anthem *Christ Our Passover*

P. Halley

Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:
therefore let us keep the feast;
Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness;
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more;
death hath no more dominion over him.
For in that he died, he died unto sin once:
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin,
but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Christ is risen from the dead,
and become the first-fruits of them that slept.
For since by man came death,
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

Eternal Giver of life and light,
this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ.
Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism,
that we may worship you in sincerity and truth,
and shine as a light in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

New Testament: *Romans 6: 3-11*

Psalm 114

Tonus Peregrinus

1 When Israel came out of Egypt,
and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,
2 Judah was his sanctuary,
and Israel his dominion.
3 The sea saw that, and fled;
Jordan was driven back.
4 The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep.
5 What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest,
and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?
6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams,
and ye little hills, like young sheep?
7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord:
at the presence of the God of Jacob;
8 Who turned the hard rock into a standing water,
and the flint-stone into a springing well.

Gradual Hymn

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Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er

VICTORY

The Holy Gospel: *Luke 24:1-12*

Sermon *The Rt. Rev Sandra Fyfe*

During the Procession to the Font the choir will sing "Sicut Cervus"
to the setting by G. P. da Palestrina (c.1525-94)

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum:
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

*Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks,
so longeth my soul after thee, O God*

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The celebrant blesses the water, using one of the following forms.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant (*Water is poured into the Font*)*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith. We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The celebrant then says these or similar words.

Dear friends,
through the paschal mystery
we have been buried with Christ in baptism,
so that we may rise with him to a new life.
Now that our Lenten observance is ended,
let us renew the promises we made in baptism,
when we rejected Satan and all his works,
and promised to serve God faithfully
in his holy catholic Church.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil
and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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.**

Celebrant
People

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**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.**

Celebrant

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People

I will, with God's help.

The celebrant concludes the Renewal of Baptismal Vows with the following:

God the creator, the rock of our salvation,
has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit,
and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins,
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

May he keep us faithful to our calling,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand, as able, and the celebrant addresses the people.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Preparation Hymn

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Yours Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son

MACCABEUS

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer over the Gifts

When the altar has been prepared,

All **Light of all creation,
may the radiance of this night
fill us with the Spirit of love
and unite us in faith,
so that we may bear witness to the resurrection
and show forth your glory to all the world;
in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen Lord,
our light and our salvation. Amen.**

FWM Proposed Prayers alt.

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 3

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.

Celebrant

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you,
 holy and gracious God,
 creator of all things,
 ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life,
 for you are the source of all goodness,
 rich in mercy and abounding in love;
 you are faithful to your people in every generation,
 and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
 with the fellowship of saints
 and the company of heaven,
 we glorify your holy name,
 evermore praising you and singing,

Sanctus

The Communion Service in C (*Sung by the choir*)

J. Ireland (1879-1962)

Holy Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
 Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
 Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
 Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:
 Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

We praise you, merciful Father,
not as we ought, but as we are able,
because in your tender love
you gave the world your only Son,
in order that the world might be saved through him.
He made you known by taking the form of a servant,
healing the sick, liberating the oppressed,
reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, forsaken, and nailed to the cross,
he confronted the power of sin
and disarmed it for ever.
In his offering of himself,
he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.
Redeemed by Christ,
we have been adopted as your children;
by your pardon
you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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.”

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts
we approach your holy table,
remembering our Saviour’s sacrifice,
and rejoicing in his victory.
Confident in his sovereign purpose,
we declare our faith.

All



Organ

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

Celebrant

Send your Holy Spirit on us
that as we receive this bread and this cup
we may partake of the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and feed on him in our hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.
May we be renewed in his risen life,
filled with his love,
and strengthened in our will to serve others;
and make of our lives, we pray,
a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you,
knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and forever.

All



Organ

A - men, 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.

All are invited to come forward to the center aisle to receive the bread, or a blessing. (Gluten-free bread is available from the server).

We also administer the wine of the Eucharist. If you wish to receive, please take a cup from the table; you may leave the cup in the tray as you return to your seat.

Agnus Dei The Communion Service in C (*Sung by the choir*) J. Ireland

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

Communion Hymn

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Come Away to the Skies

MIDDLEBURY

Communion Anthem Most Glorious Lord of Life

W. H. Harris (1883-1973)

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day
Didst make thy triumph over death and sin,
And having harrowed hell, didst bring away
Captivity thence captive, us to win.

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
And grant that we may for whom thou didest die,
Being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin,
May live forever in felicity.

And that thy love we weighing worthily,
May likewise love thee for the same again;
And for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,
With love may one another entertain.

So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought;
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

Words: Edmund Spenser (1552-99)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

**Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life,
and the bread of life to nourish your people.**

**Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,
so that we may show your glory to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our risen 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 *Celebrant*

Closing Hymn

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Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Dismissal *by the Deacon*

Postlude Litanies

J. Alain (1911-40)

**Memorial gifts are given to the Glory of God and in
Loving Memory of the Persons Named Below**

Wine and Hosts

Mairi G. & George H. Morrison

William & Matilda J. Smith

from the family.

Building Restoration

James G. Morrison

from his daughter Alayne C. Pothier.

Dean's Discretionary

Joy H. & Harry D. Smith

from the family.

Jamie Cochran

from Charlotte, John and Rob and families.

Loved Ones

from Gay Dennis.

Flowers

Laura and Harold Pope

from daughters Brenda and Charmaine.

Mildred and Leonard Ashford

Irene and Parmenas Pope

from grand daughters Brenda and Charmaine.

Joy H. & Harry D. Smith,

Mairi G. & George H. Morrison,

and William G. & Matilda J. Smith

from the family.

Muriel & Murray Langille

from Bruce and Loretta Langille.

Cuming, Seamone, MacIntyre & Withrow Loved Ones

from Margy & family.

Leonard & Freda Alldread

Sydney & Dorothy Reade

from Judith and family.

Cynthia Maynard

from the family.