

# Welcome to the Cathedral Church of All Saints

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



**April 27, 2025**

**10 a.m.**

*Combined Service*

## 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 Easter

April 27, 2025

*Celebrant: The Reverend Taunya Dawson*

*Preacher: The Reverend Ray Carter, TSSF*

## The Holy Eucharist

### Prelude

### 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.

### Opening Hymn

That Eastertide with Joy Was Bright

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### 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.**

*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.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*All*

**O God,  
our beginning and our end:  
accept our doubts,  
heal our desire for certainty  
and, by your Spirit's gentle touch,  
make us a people forgiven and forgiving;  
through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace. Amen.**

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## The Proclamation of the Word

### The First Reading:

*Reader*

A reading from **Acts 5:27-32**

When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

*Reader*

The word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 150** (*Read Responsively*)

1 Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy temple;  
**praise him in the firmament of his power.**

2 Praise him for his mighty acts;  
**praise him for his excellent greatness.**

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn;  
**Praise him with lyre and harp.**

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance;  
**praise him with strings and pipe.**

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals;  
**praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.**

6 Let everything that has breath  
**praise the Lord. Hallelujah!**

## The Second Reading

*Reader*

A reading from **Revelation 1:4-8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Reader*

The word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters

vv. 1,4,5,6&7 are sung before the Gospel

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O FILII ET FILIAE

*Deacon*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Deacon*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## The Gospel

*All stand 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.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my

hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. -*John 20:19-31*

*Deacon*                      The Gospel of Christ.

*People*                      Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn 228 vv. 8 & 9 are sung after the Gospel

## 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*

*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

Be Thou My Vision

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## The Celebration of the Eucharist

*Today we gratefully acknowledge the bulletin and the Wine and Hosts are offered in  
loving memory of the Bowley Family, Nassau, Bahamas.*

## The Prayer over the Gifts

*When the gifts have been prepared,*

*Celebrant*

Thank you, loving God, for forgiveness.

*People*

**God of grace,**

**you have freed us from our sins**

**and made us a kingdom in your Son**

**Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Accept all we offer you this day,**

**and strengthen us in the new life you have given us,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer 2

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Lift up your hearts.

*People*

**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*

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.

**Sanctus**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*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*

**Amen**

*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*

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.

## **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 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.**

*\*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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We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

ST. BOTOLPH

**Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant*                    Father,  
                                      we have seen with our eyes  
                                      and touched with our hands  
                                      the bread of life.  
                                      Strengthen our faith  
                                      that we may grow in love for you and for each other;  
                                      through Jesus Christ the risen 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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Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Risen

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**Dismissal**    *By the Deacon*

**Postlude**    Allabreve in D major

J. S. Bach (BWV 589)

*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.*

*Please join us for our Annual General Meeting  
following the Service in the Great Hall.*

**\*\*As part of our Covid Protocols we dispensed with the practice of passing collection plates throughout the congregations. You will find offering plates at the front and side entrance of the Cathedral. We also have installed touchless “Tap” devices at the main entrance, or you may make electronic donations using the digital QR code below.**



**Thank you for your support of our Cathedral’s ministries.**

## **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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