

# Welcome to the Cathedral Church of All Saints

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



May 11, 2025

11 am

## 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

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

*Celebrant: The Reverend Dr. Helen Ryding*

*Preacher: The Very Reverend Paul Smith*

## The Holy Eucharist

### 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** O Sing Unto the Lord a New Song (*Cantate Domino*)

G. O. Pitoni (1657-1743)

*Cantate Domino canticum novum; laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.*

*Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum, et filii Sion exsultent in rege suo.*

*O sing unto the Lord a new song: let the congregation of saints praise him.*

*Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.*

### Opening Hymn

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The Head That Once Was Crowned

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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.

Glory to God

*Missa Sancti Joannes et Divini (Sung by all)*

P. Halley

Intro

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 2/2 time signature. It consists of nine staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the third, fourth, and seventh staves. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God heav - en - ly King, al - might - y 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 - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,'

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you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,  
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*All*

**Eternal God,  
 from whose gentle hands  
 none can snatch us away:  
 give us faith to believe  
 that we are know and loved  
 with a passion strong enough  
 to bring the whole world back to you;  
 through Jesus Christ, who is one with you,  
 the Sources of life. Amen**

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)*

## The Proclamation of the Word

### The First Reading:

*Reader*

**A reading from Acts 9:36-43**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

*Reader*                    The word of the Lord.  
*People*                    **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23**

*Refrain* **The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**

*Reader*                    A reading from **Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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*People*                    **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Processional vv. 1 – 3



1 Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,  
Keep us all, in safety keep;  
Nothing can thy power withstand,  
None can pluck us from thy hand.

2 Loving Saviour, thou didst give  
Thine own life that we might live,  
Bought with Blood and bought for thee,  
Thine, and only thine, we'd be.

3 We would praise thee every day,  
Gladly all thy will obey,  
Like thy blessed ones above  
Happy in thy precious love.

Responses before the Gospel

<i>Deacon</i>	<b>People</b>
<i>The Lord be with you.</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>

<i>Deacon</i>
<i>The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.</i>

<b>People</b>
<b>Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.</b>

**The Gospel**

*All stand for the Gospel.*

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

*-John 10:22-30*





## 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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (*v.3 high voices; v.4 low voices*) 520  
DOMINUS REGIT ME



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 Holy, Holy, Holy** (*Sung by all*) Christ ist erstanden; arr. P. Halley

Intro.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and of might,  
Hea - ven and earth are full. full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
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Hea - ven and earth are full. full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

*Women:*

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est,

*Men:*

ho -

ho - san - na in the high - est.

san - na in the high - est, in the high - est.

*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.

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

*Celebrant*

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

*People*    
A - men, a - men, a - men.

*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 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** Communion Service in F (*Sung by the choir*)    C. V. Stanford (1852-1924)

*\*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 Anthem** Almighty God, Who By Thy Son    O. Gibbons (1583-1625)

Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ  
didst give to thine Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts,  
and commandedst him earnestly to feed thy flock;  
Make, we beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach thy holy Word,  
and the people obediently to follow the same,  
that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory. Amen.

*Text: Collect for St. Peter's Day*

## Communion Hymn

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

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ST. AGNES

## Prayer after Communion

*Celebrant*                    God of steadfast love,  
watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son.  
May we who share in these holy mysteries  
come safely to your eternal kingdom,  
where there is one flock and one shepherd.  
We ask this in the name of 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

Thou Art the Way; to Thee Alone

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## Choral Benediction God Be In My Head

J. Rutter (b.1945)

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

## Dismissal *By the Deacon*

## Postlude Prelude & Fugue in A Major

J. S. Bach (BWV 536)

*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 Choral Evensong  
sung by the Men & Boys of Capella Regalis*

\*\*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.**