

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of All Saints

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA



7pm Christmas Eve

The Holy Eucharist

Preacher

The Right Reverend Sandra Fyfe

Celebrant

The Very Reverend Paul Smith

Prelude

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

Although we have come together in person and in digital space, we each stand on ground that is the ancestral territory of peoples who were here long before the European settlers crossed the ocean. We gather here in and from the Cathedral Church of All Saints in Halifax, Nova Scotia; located on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

Children's message - Debbie Fice

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath with the Christmas Candle



Reader: On this Holy Night we join the circle of our wreath with the candles of HOPE, LOVE, PEACE, and JOY. May the light of their flames cast away all doubts and fears in us and affirm God's promises of old.

Reader: Tonight, we light our center candle as a sign that your promises have been fulfilled.

Reader: "To you is born this day, in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord." Tonight we celebrate the birth of Jesus, which transforms us and our world.

Reader: [The center candle is lit.] May the light of this flame at the center of our wreath proclaim to one and all that Jesus has come to be at the center of our lives.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Light in the midst of us, center of our story, give us courage to share your message of Hope, strive for Peace within ourselves and in our world, to live your example of Love, and to celebrate with Joy the glory of this Christmas. Amen.

Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2 God of God, Light of Light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten not created: *Refrain*

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest: *Refrain*

4 See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; *Refrain*

5 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

The Gathering of the Community

The presiding celebrant greets the community

All stand. 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.**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

**Almighty God, as we prepare with joy
to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child,
embrace the earth with your glory
and be for us a living hope
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Common Worship: Additional Collects 2004

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah [9:2-7]

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,

and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors

and all the garments rolled in blood

shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,

a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders;

and he is named

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,

and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it

with justice and with righteousness

from this time onwards and for evermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Reader **A reading of Psalm 96**

1 Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

**2 Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

3 Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.

**4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.**

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

**6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
Oh, the power and the splendour of his sanctuary!**

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honour and power.

**8 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due his name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.**

9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.

**10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king!
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."**

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

**12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes,
when he comes to judge the earth.**

13 He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his truth.

**We worship you, God of glory, in the beauty of holiness,
and we joyfully proclaim your just and righteous rule,
established for all, through your Son Jesus Christ the
Lord. Amen**

The Epistle is read:

A reading from the letter to Titus [2:11-14]

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn O Little Town of Bethlehem FOREST GREEN

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,

while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all on earth.

3 How silently, how silently,
the wondrous Gift is given
as love imparts to human hearts
the blessings of God's heaven!
No ear may hear his coming
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

All stand for the Gospel.

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke. [2:1-20]

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus

that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and

pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

1 In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
Long ago.

2 Our God, Heaven cannot hold him
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When he comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty
Jesus Christ.

3 Angels and archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air;
But his mother only,
In her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the beloved
With a kiss.

4 What can I give him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb,
If I were a Wise Man
I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give him,
Give my heart.

Sermon

A silence for reflection may follow.

The Nicene Creed

The celebrant may invite the people, to join in the recitation of the creed.

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,**

**and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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 them 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.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer over the Gifts

*When the gifts have been prepared,
the celebrant may say the Prayer over the Gifts*

**Source of light and gladness,
accept all we offer on this joyful feast.
May we grow up in him who unites our lives
to yours;
for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth,
because in the mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused a new light to shine in our
hearts,
to give knowledge of salvation
in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Now with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
we lift our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

All

**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

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.
You sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into
life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
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."
Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and

daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

People Amen.

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 We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us,**

**light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The Communion

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and may say:

The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion (for those at home) *

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you now in the sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen**

**Based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787) used at the 2020 Easter celebration at The Episcopal Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul (Washington National Cathedral)*

Communion Hymn Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

1 Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar,

heavenly hosts sing alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born!

3 Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Father of all,
tonight you have united earth and heaven
in sending your Son to take our human nature.
May we who have tasted heavenly things
share in the life of his eternal kingdom.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our
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 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."

Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."*

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail, the incarnate Deity,
pleased as one of us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."*

3 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings,

risen with healing in his wings,

Mild he lays his glory by,

born that we no more may die,

born to raise each child of earth,

born to give us second birth.

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."*

Dismissal *by the Deacon*

Postlude In dulci jubilo (*In sweetest joy*) J. S. Bach (BWV 729)

**Memorial Gifts Are Given to the Glory of God and in
Loving Memory of the Persons Named Below**

Flowers

Loved Ones

Margy and family

Gloria and Charles McGinley

from their daughter Elizabeth

Ruth Ballab

from her children Prudence, Michael and Dennis

Jamie Cochran

from Charlotte and family

Joy H. & Harry D. Smith

Mairi G. & George H. Morrison

from the family

Harold & Laura Pope

Irene & Parmenas Pope

Mildred & Leonard Ashford

Sarah Badcock

Beckie Walters

Effie Hatch

Margaret Pinsent

Given by Brenda and Charmaine Pope

Douglas Walker

from the family

Ted Wickwire

Gordon & Jacqueline Smith

Harcourt Smith

Gordie Smith

from Eve Wickwire

Suzanne Meier

from Eve Wickwire

Austen & Marjorie Gough

George Campbell

from Barbara and Sarah

Music Endowment Fund

Paul Murray

Hugh Creighton

from Maureen Yeats

Dean's Discretionary

Eric Lavers

from wife Sandra

Loved Ones

from Gay Dennis

Joy H. & Harry D. Smith

Mairi G. & George H. Morrison

from the family

Building Restoration

James G. Morrison

from his daughter Alayne C. Pothier

Outreach

E. Belle Dauphinee

Mr. & Mrs. George Luke

from Barbara Mackenzie

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of All Saints

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NAMES: _____

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