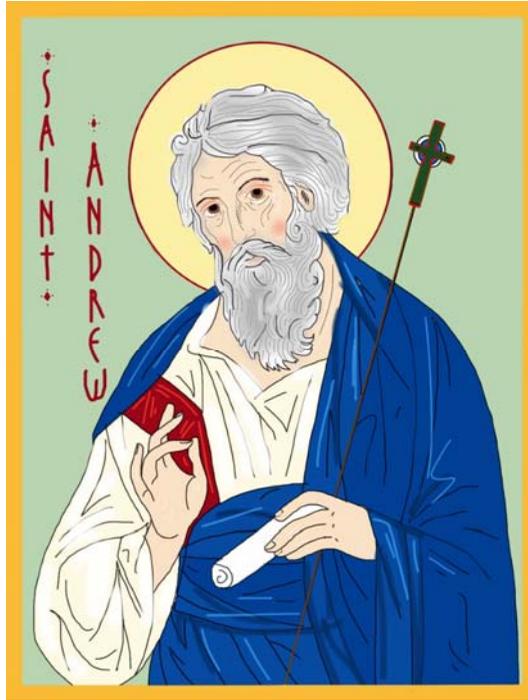


*The Ordination and Consecration of
the Reverend Sandra Ruth Fyfe
as a Bishop in the Church of God
and her Installation as the 17th Bishop
of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island*



The Feast of St. Andrew

November 30, 2020 7:00 pm

The Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax, Nova Scotia

The Anglican Church of Canada
Ecclesiastical Province of Canada
The Anglican Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Please note

The Medical Director of Nova Scotia was given a copy of our plan for this modified service of Consecration and Installation, including our health and safety measures, and we have his approval to proceed according to that plan.

We are upholding all of the provincial regulations that apply to faith-based gatherings in this area as of this date according to Dr. Strang's direction.

The worship space for this liturgy is considered to be the transept.

No more than five people will be present in this space at any one time.

The music ensemble/choir is a small family "bubble" and are always at least 60 feet away from those gathered at the Cathedral. They will sing the hymns and lead the litany and sung parts of the liturgy.

Please follow all public health guidelines regarding congregational singing. You may sing softly while wearing masks and while observing 6 feet of distance from one another unless you are in a bubble with others. Those gathered at the Cathedral are asked to sing only the Offertory Hymn.

Videographers are at least 30 feet from the congregation.

A photographer, when present, is at least 20 feet away from the congregation.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen J. Brahms (1833-1897)
(*Lo, how a rose e'er blooming*)

The presiding bishop, two assisting bishops and the bishop-elect enter.

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer from Mi'kmaq Elder Dorene Bernard, read by Bishop Sue Moxley.

Kwe, Nin telu'isi, Kesatum tan teli Lnu'wey, (I love my Indian Ways), Kiwnik (Otter) clan, Sipekne'katik, Mi'kma'ki. Greetings, I am Dorene Bernard, a Grassroots Grandmother, Water Protector, Water Walker and Residential School Survivor, of Sipekne'katik. I am humbled for the invitation to participate in welcoming everyone tonight to this special sacred event and offering a special prayer. In these uncertain times of pandemic, we must do whatever we can to protect one another. There will be a Diocesan Celebration and party in the future, which I hope to attend in person.

I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered on the unceded lands of the Mi'kmaq, in Kjipuktuk, in the traditional territory of Sipekne'katik in Mi'kma'ki. We are all Treaty People and it is our responsibility to protect and share these lands and resources, as the Peace and Friendship covenant chain of Treaties, intended for us to do.

Wela'lin – Thank you, Creator, for bringing us together in this sacred circle, for this blessed event of the consecration ceremony of Reverend Sandra Fyfe, as the new Anglican Bishop of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. It is my honour to offer prayers and congratulations to Bishop Sandra Fyfe in the true spirit of reconciliation. It is our prayer and hope for the Anglican Church and the Mi'kmaq to continue to do good work that will benefit all Creation. Together we can share and learn from each other and protect our Mother Earth, 'to seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation' and help to create a just and caring society. I offer this prayer of Thanksgiving.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Kisu'lk, Great Spirit, Creator of all things,
Grandmothers and Grandfathers (Ancestors) of the four Sacred Directions,
Please, hear our humble prayer.

Wela'lin, thank you, for this opportunity to Honour our Mother Earth.
Wela'lin to Mother Earth for providing all that is needed to live.
We give our sincere gratitude for the Water, that all life depends on.

Wela'lin for the Sacred Water for quenching our thirst and helping things to grow.
Wela'lin for the four sacred winds that gives us Air, the breath of life.
Wela'lin for the Sacred Fire, Grandfather Sun that gives us light and warmth.
Wela'lin for Grandmother Moon, who watches over the water and Mother Earth.

Wela'lin for all our relations; the two legged, our human family, the four-legged,
winged ones,
Swimmers and crawlers, plants and trees and rocks,
that enables our nations to live today.

We pray for strength and courage that encourages growth and positive change.
We give thanks for the resilience you give to us, in our times of need.
We give thanks for the courage of our hearts, our female energy
And of our minds, our male energy, that empowers our potential for healing.

We offer prayers for the good of all our Nations, Communities, Families, Elders,
Youth, Children, Leaders and Medicine people. We remember our loved ones on
their spirit journeys, and pray for those who are sick, for their help and healing,
good health, happiness and understanding. We pray for healing for our Mother
Earth and Water and understanding of the source of all life.
Everything we do today to protect our water and Mother Earth, will benefit us and
all future generations. We pray for all life on Mother Earth that are impacted by
Climate change and the destruction of the environment and water.

We pray for all those who are on the front lines, to protect the sacred. We pray to Creator and our Ancestors to protect and guide us, in these difficult and violent, and uncertain times, in the practice of the 7 sacred teachings of Love, Respect, Courage, Humility, Honesty, Wisdom and Truth, to help us to live a good life, in peace and friendship.

We give thanks to all who have gathered here tonight to celebrate the consecration of your new Anglican Bishop of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Bishop Sandra Fyfe, and ask for Creator's blessings and commit to the spirit of Peace and Friendship to continue to build good relationships and understanding.

We do this, Kisu'lk, CREATOR, so that our children and future generations, all our Relations, will have a safer place to live and grow and will always have clean water to drink, clean air to breathe, clean food to eat, and medicines for good health and will always know to honour the Sacredness of our Mother Earth and Water.

Msit Nokoma~ All my Relations (All Creation)

Wel' alioq.

Dorene Bernard, Grassroots Grandmother, Sipekne'katik, Mi'kma'ki.

Bishop Sue Moxley: 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. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

All: May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

The Primate, unable to be present in-person, offers the Grace, as well as words of greeting and welcome.

Opening Hymn 116 "Your Kingdom Come" – On Bended Knee *Irish*

1 "Your kingdom come" - on bended knee the passing ages pray: and faithful souls have yearned to see on earth that kingdom's day.	2 But the slow watches of the night not less to God belong, and for the everlasting right the silent stars are strong.
3 And lo, already on the hills the flags of dawn appear. Gird up your loins, you prophet souls; proclaim the day is near:	4 the day in whose clear shining light all wrong shall stand revealed, when justice shall be throned in might, and every hurt be healed;
5 when knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth abroad - the day of perfect righteousness, the promised day of God.	

The Collect

Bishop Sue: Let us pray. Almighty God, who gave your apostle Andrew grace to believe in his heart and to confess with his lips that Jesus is Lord, touch our lips and our hearts that faith may burn within us, and we may share in the witness of your Church to the whole human family; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Deuteronomy 30:11-14, read by the Honourable Dr. Mayann Francis

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19: 1-6 (*read responsively*), led by Jim Fyfe

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows the handiwork of the Lord.

One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has God set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Holy Gospel: John 6: 1-13, read by the Reverend Ray Carter

Deacon Ray: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Deacon Ray: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Deacon Ray: After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

Deacon Ray: The Gospel of Christ.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily The Reverend Dr. Joanne Mercer (*unable to be present in-person*)

Anthem **Jesu, The Very Thought Of Thee**

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| 1. Jesu, the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills the breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest. | 2. No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than Jesus' Name,
The Saviour of mankind. |
| 3. O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
To those who ask, how kind thou art:
How good to those who seek! | 4. But what to those who find? Ah, this
Nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is,
None but his loved ones know. |
| 5. Jesu, our only joy be thou,
As thou our prize wilt be;
In thee be all our glory now,
And through eternity. | |

Words: Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)
trans. E. Caswall

Music: Melody by G. Slater (1896-1979)
arr. Paul Halley (b. 1952)

THE ORDINATION OF A BISHOP

The Presentation

After the anthem, representatives of the diocese and ecclesiastical province, standing before Bishop Sue, present bishop-elect Sandra, saying,

Presenters: Sue, Bishop in the Church of God, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, have chosen Sandra Ruth Fyfe to be a bishop and chief pastor. We therefore ask you to lay your hands upon her and in the power of the Holy Spirit to consecrate her a bishop in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

Bishop Sue now directs the Reverend Canon Gordon Redden to read the Diocesan Certificate of Election and the Provincial Statement of Election and Concurrence.

When the reading of the testimonials is ended, Bishop Sue requires the following promise from the bishop-elect.

Bishop-elect Sandra: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I, Sandra, chosen bishop of the Church and See of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, solemnly declare that I do believe the holy scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; I do solemnly promise to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Anglican Church of Canada; and I do pledge myself to render due obedience to the Metropolitan of Canada and to his successors. So help me God, through Jesus Christ.

The Canonical Oath of Obedience was administered and witnessed in advance by the Reverend Canon Gordon Redden.

All stand.

Bishop Sue: Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, you have heard testimony given that Sandra Ruth Fyfe has been duly and lawfully elected to be a bishop of the Church of God to serve in the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. You have been assured of her suitability and that the Church has approved her for this sacred responsibility. Public notice has been duly given, and no objection has been made.

Bishop Sue: Is it your will that we ordain Sandra a bishop?

All: It is.

Bishop Sue: Will you uphold Sandra as bishop?

All: We will.

The Examination

All now sit except the bishop-elect, who stands before Bishop Sue.

Bishop Sue addresses the bishop-elect as follows:

Bishop Sue: Sandra, the people have chosen you and have affirmed their trust in you by acclaiming your election. A bishop in God's holy Church is called to be one with the apostles in proclaiming Christ's resurrection and interpreting the Gospel, and to testify to Christ's sovereignty as Lord of lords and King of kings.

You are called to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church; to celebrate and to provide for the administration of the sacraments of the new covenant; to ordain priests and deacons, and to join in ordaining bishops; and to be in all things a faithful pastor and wholesome example for the entire flock of Christ.

With your fellow bishops you will share in the leadership of the Church throughout the world. Your heritage is the faith of patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and those of every generation who have looked to God in hope. Your joy will be to follow him who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Are you persuaded that God has called you to the office of bishop?

Answer: I am so persuaded.

The bishops address the following questions to the bishop-elect.

Archbishop Arthur Peters: Will you accept this call and fulfill this trust in obedience to Christ?

Answer: I will obey Christ, and will serve in his name.

Archbishop Ron Cutler: Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the study of Holy Scripture, that you may have the mind of Christ?

Answer: I will, for he is my help.

Archbishop Arthur: Will you boldly proclaim and interpret the gospel of Christ, enlightening the minds and stirring up the conscience of your people?

Answer: I will, in the power of the Spirit.

Archbishop Ron: As a chief priest and pastor, will you encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries, nourish them from the riches of God's grace, pray for them without ceasing, and celebrate with them the sacraments of our redemption?

Answer: I will, in the name of Christ, the shepherd and bishop of our souls.

Archbishop Arthur: Will you guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church?

Answer: I will, for the love of God.

Archbishop Ron: Will you share with your fellow bishops in the government of the whole Church; will you sustain your fellow presbyters and take counsel with them; will you guide and strengthen the deacons and all others who minister in the Church?

Answer: I will, by the grace given me.

Archbishop Arthur: Will you be merciful to all, show compassion to the poor and strangers, and defend those who have no helper?

Answer: I will, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

All stand.

Bishop Sue: Sandra, through these promises you have committed yourself to God, to serve his Church in the office of bishop. We therefore call upon you, chosen to be a guardian of the Church's faith, to lead us in confessing that faith.

The Nicene Creed

Bishop-elect: 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 Consecration of the Bishop

Bishop Sue: The scriptures tell us that our Saviour Christ spent the whole night in prayer before he chose and sent forth his twelve apostles. Likewise, the apostles prayed before they appointed Matthias to be one of their number. Let us, therefore, follow their examples and offer our prayers to Almighty God before we ordain Sandra for the work to which we trust the Holy Spirit has called her. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

The Litany

Cantor/Choir

*God the Father, **Have mercy on us.***

*God the Son, **Have mercy on us.***

*God the Holy Spirit, **Have mercy on us.***

*Holy Trinity, one God, **Have mercy on us.***

*We pray to you, Lord Christ. **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*For all members of your Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve you in a true and godly life, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*For David, our Metropolitan, Linda, our Primate, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may be filled with your love, may hunger for truth, and may thirst after righteousness, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*For Sandra, chosen bishop in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*That she may faithfully fulfil the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your name, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit she may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the gospel, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*For ourselves: for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*For all who have died in the communion of the Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord.***

*Bishop Sue: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

Hymn **637** Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire *Veni Creator Spiritus*

1 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

2 Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.

3 Anoint and cheer our soiled face
with the abundance of thy grace;
keep far our foes, give peace at home;
where thou art guide no ill can come.

4 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but one:
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song:

5 praise to thine eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Bishop Sue stands with the bishops who assist her, the bishop-elect kneeling before her; she stretches out her hands toward her, and begins this Prayer of Consecration:

We praise and glorify you, almighty Father, because you have formed throughout the world a holy people for your own possession, a royal priesthood, a universal Church.

We praise and glorify you because you have given us your only Son Jesus Christ to be the Apostle and High Priest of our faith, and the Shepherd of our souls.

We praise and glorify you that by his death he has overcome death; and that, having ascended into heaven, he has given his gifts abundantly to your people, making some, apostles; some, prophets; some, evangelists; some, pastors and teachers; to equip them for the work of ministry and to build up his body. And now we give thanks that you have called this your servant to share this ministry entrusted to your Church.

Send down your Holy Spirit upon your servant Sandra, whom we consecrate in your name to the office and work of a bishop in the Church.

Almighty Father, fill this your servant with the grace and power which you gave to your apostles, that she may lead those committed to her charge in proclaiming the gospel of salvation. Through her, increase your Church, renew its ministry, and unite its members in a holy fellowship of truth and love. Enable her as a true shepherd to feed and govern your flock; make her wise as a teacher, and steadfast as a guardian of its faith and sacraments. Guide and direct her in presiding at the worship of your people. Give her humility, that she may use her authority to heal, not to hurt; to build up, not to destroy. Defend her from all evil, that, as a ruler over your household and an ambassador for Christ, she may stand before you blameless, and finally, with all your servants, enter your eternal joy.

Accept our prayers, most merciful Father, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and your Holy Spirit, belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

The new bishop is vested according to the order of bishops.

Bishop Sue presents the new bishop with a Bible and crozier/pastoral staff.

Bishop Sue: Sandra, here are the Holy Scriptures; learn from them, teach them, live by them, and proclaim Christ, the living Word.

Bishop Sandra: God give me understanding in studying the Scriptures. May they reveal to me the mind and heart of Christ, and shape my ministry.

Bishop Sue: Receive this staff as a sign of your pastoral office; keep watch over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has appointed you to shepherd the Church of God. Encourage the faithful, restore the lost, build up the Body of Christ; that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, you may receive the unfading crown of glory.

Bishop Sandra: My concern will be to show love and compassion. God give me courage to strive for reconciliation, wholeness and peace among all people.

The Welcoming and Seating of the Bishop

Dean Paul Smith: Sandra, bishop in the Church of God and our bishop, we welcome you to your cathedral church, the symbol and centre of your pastoral, liturgical, and teaching ministry in this diocese.

Bishop Sandra responds, saying,

I thank you for your welcome. I promise, with God's help, to be a faithful pastor and servant among you. I pray that the ministry we share may be pleasing to God and may strengthen the life of this diocese and the whole Church of God.

The Dean escorts Bishop Sandra to the Cathedra and seats her there.

Dean Paul: In the name of The Cathedral Church of All Saints and on behalf of the people of this diocese I install you, Sandra, in the chair appointed to your office. **Amen.**

Bishop Sue: My brothers and sisters in Christ, I present to you, Sandra, your Bishop, duly ordained and canonically installed. I ask your loyalty, affection and prayers for her that she may be upheld in the exercise of her pastoral office and with grace and goodwill lead the Church in this diocese.

The people say,

People: Sandra, we, the people of this Diocese, receive you as our bishop. Be seated among us as our pastor and leader. May the Lord stir up in you the flame of holy charity, and the power of faith that renews the world. Amen.

The Peace

Bishop Sandra: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn 505 Be Thou My Vision

Slane

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art –
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3 Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The new bishop concelebrates with the presiding bishop. Receiving Holy Communion from the presiding bishop, and with the other bishops, signifies that the Bishop of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and her Diocese are in communion with the wider Church.

Prayer over the Gifts

Bishop Sue: Eternal God, ruler of the universe, may we who have heard your word always be ready to answer your call and to follow without fear. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bishop Sue: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Bishop Sue: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to God.**

Bishop Sue: Let us give thanks to God.

People: **It is right to give both thanks and praise.**

Bishop Sue: Blessed are you, O God,
for you have brought forth bread from the earth.
Blessed are you, O God, for you have created the fruit of the vine.
In the beginning you watered the earth
that your people might have food and drink.
You gave your servant Sarah bread to strengthen her family
on their journey, and wine to make them glad.
You called Moses and his people out of bondage
and refreshed them with food in the wilderness.
You gave Mary and Jesus their daily bread to share.
And here at your table you offer us bread and wine for the journey
to nourish us as sons and daughters.
And so with all our siblings, before us and beside us,
we praise you for your unending greatness, as we sing:

*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.*

Bishop Sue: Among friends, gathered round a table,
Jesus took bread and, having blessed it,
he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'This is my body which is given for you.'

In the same way he took wine and,
having given thanks for it, he poured it out
and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,
'This cup is the new relationship with God,
made possible through my death.
Take this and share it to remember me.'

Now, following Jesus' example,
we take this bread and this wine;
the ordinary things of the world
through which God will bless us.

Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now,
as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room,
breathe your Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that they may be heaven's food and drink for us,
renewing, sustaining and making us whole;
and that we may be your body on earth,
loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
here and everywhere, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Bishop Sue: 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

Bishop Sue: "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

All: **Give us this bread for ever.**

Bishop Sue: "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All: **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

Bishop Sue: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

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

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Grant us thy peace.

Motet The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee

The eyes of all wait upon thee;
and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand,
and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

Words: Psalm 145: 15,16

Music: Jean Berger (1909-2002)

Prayer after Communion

Bishop Sue: Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the body and blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your word and sacraments. We pray that Sandra may be to us a godly example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with her, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Blessing from the Franciscan Community

Bishop Sandra: Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind; and the blessing, mercy, and grace of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon Ray: Grace and peace remain with you, and keep you in the love of Christ. Amen. Alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Closing Hymn 273 **Sing of Andrew, John's Disciple**

Abbot's Leigh

1 Sing of Andrew, John's disciple,
led by faith through ways untrod,
till the Baptist cried at Jordan,
"There behold the Lamb of God!"
Stirred by hearing this new teacher,
Andrew, freed from doubt and fear,
ran to tell his brother Simon,
"God's Anointed One is here!"

2 Sing of Andrew, called by Jesus
from the shores of Galilee,
leaving boats and nets and kindred,
trusting in that "Follow me."
When a lad's small meal fed thousands,
when inquiring Greeks found care,
when the Spirit came in blessing,
Andrew faithfully was there.

3 Sing of Andrew, bold apostle,
sent to make the gospel known,
faithful to his Lord's example,
called to make a cross his own.
So may we who prize his memory
honor Christ in our own day,
bearing witness to our neighbours,
living what we sing and pray.

Postlude

Chorale Improvisation on 'Nun danket
alle Gott' (*Now thank we all our God*)

S. Karg-Elert
(1877-1933)

Bishop Sandra will proceed with the other bishops to the steps of the Cathedral to offer a blessing for Halifax Regional Municipality and its leaders, and for the provinces that constitute our Diocese, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and provincial leaders.

The bishops return to the Cathedral where Bishop Sandra's Certificate of Ordination is sealed in wax with the impression of their episcopal rings. We offer thanks to Bishop Bruce Myers, Diocese of Quebec, for providing this genuine, homemade sealing wax made by his own bees. Although the pandemic makes it impossible for him to be here in person, this wax is offered as a sign of his presence with us and the prayers of his diocese for us.

Plans for a reception have been put on hold until we can gather in larger numbers to celebrate together.

Participants in the Liturgy (In-Person)

<i>Presiding Bishop</i>	<i>The Right Reverend Sue Moxley</i>
<i>Assisting Bishops</i>	<i>The Most Reverend Ron Cutler and the Most Reverend Arthur Peters</i>
<i>Readers</i>	<i>The Honourable Mayann Francis, Jim Fyfe, and the Reverend Ray Carter</i>
<i>Presenters</i>	<i>Archbishop Ron Cutler, Brittany Drummond, and the Reverend Canon Gordon Redden</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Paul Halley</i>
<i>Litanist</i>	<i>Nicholas Halley</i>
<i>Singers</i>	<i>The Halley Family "bubble"</i>

The bread and wine for the Eucharist are offered to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cecil Boutilier, Wayne Boutilier and George Douglas.

Music

The "Sanctus" for today's service is based on the Lutheran Advent Chorale "Nun komm der Heiden Heiland" (Come, now, Saviour of the nations) arr. by Paul Halley.

The "Agnus Dei" is from the "Missa Ave Jesu" by George Oldroyd.

Episcopal Vestments and Items Presented to our Incoming Bishop

(with thanks to Archbishop David Edwards for background information on their symbolism)

In the late middle ages, the rite for the ordination of bishops came to include the delivery of instruments of office. An episcopal ring, mitre and staff or other suitable insignia of office may be presented to the newly-ordained bishop.

Crozier (Pastoral Staff) - presented by Bishop Sue Moxley

In Western Christianity, the crozier (known as the pastoral staff, from the Latin pastor, shepherd) is shaped like a shepherd's crook. A bishop bears this staff as "shepherd of the flock of God," i.e., particularly the community under his or her canonical jurisdiction, but any bishop, whether or not assigned to a functional diocese, may use a crozier when administering the sacraments and presiding at liturgies. A bishop usually holds the crozier with his or her left hand, leaving the right hand free to bestow blessings and, traditionally, with the crook towards the people or forward. The bishop usually holds the crozier during a procession and when listening to the reading of the Gospel, giving a homily, accepting vows, solemn promises or a profession of faith, and when blessing people, unless he or she must lay hands on them. In Anglican tradition the crozier may be carried by someone else before the bishop in procession.

The crozier presented to Bishop Sandra belongs to the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and has been passed on from one bishop to another for over 130 years. It is inscribed: "Presented to Frederick Fifth bishop of Nova Scotia by the Clergy of the Diocese - 1889" and has been carried by every diocesan bishop since then (Frederick refers to the Right Reverend Frederick Courtney). Each holder of the episcopal office is remembered by an engraved ring on the staff. The crozier is in three sections that disassemble for ease of transport and has been repaired numerous times over the years.

Episcopal Ring and Pectoral Cross - presented by Archbishop Arthur Peters

In ancient and medieval times pectoral crosses were worn by both clergy and laity, but by the end of the Middle Ages the pectoral cross came to be a special indicator of position worn by bishops. Most pectoral crosses are made of precious metals (platinum, gold or silver) and some contain precious or semi-precious gems. Some contain a corpus like a crucifix while others use stylized designs and religious symbols.

In church tradition, the episcopal ring was a signet ring. It may have been used as an official seal. The use of episcopal rings has been dated to the seventh century. Modern episcopal rings are often made of gold and ornamented with an amethyst. The episcopal ring is usually worn on the ring-finger of the bishop's right hand.

Bishop Sandra's pectoral cross and episcopal ring were designed by Studio Philippe Goldsmith in Wolfville, N.S. Philippe is a goldsmith, jewellery designer and gemologist. The pectoral cross and ring are made of sterling silver with amethyst, peridot and other semi-precious gemstones. The gemstones are ethically sourced, and all metalsmithing and diamonds come from recycled/reclaimed sources. The ring and cross have been designed with the symbolism of the vine and branches as found in John 15:5 in mind: *I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.* This is a good reminder for anyone taking on spiritual leadership in the Church. Bishop Sandra's pectoral cross has been given to her by the ACW and parishioners of the Parish of Horton. The ring is an anonymous gift.

Stole, Cope and Mitre - presented by Archbishop Ron Cutler

The stole is the vestment that marks recipients of Holy Orders. It is conferred at the ordination of a deacon, by which one becomes a member of the clergy. It is normally made of coloured material similar to the liturgical colour of the day. A bishop or other priest wears the stole around the neck with the ends hanging down in front (or crossed by a priest), while the deacon places it over the left shoulder and ties it cross-wise on the right side, similar to a sash. Together with the cincture (and the now mostly defunct maniple), the stole symbolizes the bonds and fetters with which Jesus was bound during his Passion.

Bishop Sandra's stole was made by Cathedral Sacristan Maureen Yeats and includes the Diocesan crest as a distinctive element. As the diocesan bishop often shares in worship at the Cathedral at Christmas and Easter, when the liturgical colour is white, this stole has been made with those occasions in mind.

The cope (known in Latin as *pluviale* 'rain coat' or *cappa* 'cape') is a liturgical vestment, more precisely a long mantle or cloak, open in front and fastened at the breast with a band or clasp. It may be of any liturgical colour. There has been little change in the character of the vestment from the earliest ages. A cope may be worn by any rank of the clergy, and also by lay ministers in certain circumstances. If worn by a bishop, it is generally accompanied by a mitre.

Bishop Sandra's white cope was gifted to her by the Reverend Canon Russell Elliott before he died this past October. The cope was given to Canon Elliott by the clergy of the South Shore Region when he became Archdeacon of that region in 1968, for use at special occasions. He gave permission for the cope to be altered not only for size, but so that fabric artist Mary McMillan could repurpose it to include panels depicting scenes, images, birds and animals familiar in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Mary is a parishioner of the Parish of Horton. A gifted and versatile artist and teacher, she was married to the late Canon Cal McMillan. Mary's father is the late Archbishop William Wallace Davis, who served in this diocese as Bishop Co-Adjutor before becoming Diocesan Bishop and, later, Metropolitan. The cross on the back panel is from Canon Elliott's original cope.

The mitre in its modern form in Western Christianity, is a tall folding cap, consisting of two similar parts (the front and back) rising to a peak and sewn together at the sides. Two short lappets always hang down from the back. The bishop will normally remove the mitre as a show of respect, for example, when in prayer but always wears it when pronouncing absolution or blessing. The mitre symbolizes the Holy Spirit who descended as if tongues of fire on the heads of the apostles. "... a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak ..." (Acts 2:2-4)

Bishop Sandra's mitre was made by Annapolis Valley milliner, Thea Crawford. A graduate of Dalhousie's Costume Studies program, Thea has done tailoring and costume work for the Canadian Department of National Defence and the Stratford Theatre Festival. She now works as a milliner in Cambridge, N.S., where she operates her home-based business *Leave Your Hat On* and offers her millinery talent to local film productions, the Stratford Festival and a host of clients. The mitre is white with green trim and was designed simply to complement Bishop Sandra's episcopal cope.

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