

**A Service of Installation of
Archdeacons and Canons
in the Shared Ministry of the Diocese
of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island**

June 11, 2021



Saint Barnabas the Apostle

The Gathering of the Community

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

Although we have come together in digital space, 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 here from the Cathedral Church of All Saints in Halifax, Nova Scotia, which is located on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

A cloth is draped on the altar

Opening Hymn *God, the Creator* (#445 CP)

God the creator, you in love made me
Who once was nothing but now have grown.
I bring the best of all my life offers,
For you I share whatever I own.

O Christ the Saviour, you in love called me
Who once was no one, lost and alone.
I pledge to go wherever you summon,
Making your will and purpose my own.

O God the Spirit, you in love move me
Who once was nowhere and felt unknown.
I know my need of you for compassion:
All things can change when not on my own.

And with the people summoned together
To be the church in which faith is sown,
I make my promise to live for Jesus
and let the world know all are his own.

Opening Responses

Come to us as we gather, O God,

Come to us with light.

A candle is placed on the altar.

Speak to us as we gather, O God,

Speak to us your truth.

A Bible is placed on the altar or central place.

Dwell with us as we gather, O God,

Dwell with us in love.

A cross is placed on the altar or central place.

Sisters and brothers, siblings and relatives in Christ, we gather today to celebrate shared ministry in our Diocese and, in particular, to uphold the ministries of Archdeacons and Honorary Canons.

Archdeacons share in episcopal leadership and pastoral oversight in the Regions they represent. They work in partnership with the Diocesan Bishop and with their partner Regional Deans to support and guide the clergy and people in their Regions. John, Susan, Marilyn, Katherine, Paul, Tammy, Tom, Simon and Glenn have been chosen to be Archdeacons in recognition of the gifts they bring to these ministries. After prayerful consideration, and according to the practice of this Diocese, the Bishop has appointed them to these positions of leadership in our common ministry.

Honorary Canons preach and assist in the worship services of the Cathedral Church of All Saints. They are called to promote the good works of this Cathedral Church and this Diocese in word and action. Brenda, Paul and Lisa have been chosen in recognition of the gifts they bring to these ministries.

We commend their dedication, their faithful service to the Church, and their leadership in advancing theological, pastoral and missional education as we strive to live out our call to be God's Church in a changing world.

These shared ministries continue the good work done through the years by Archdeacons and Honorary Canons in this Diocese, and are part of the work and witness of the whole church. Today marks a new beginning, because each of these individuals brings particular gifts to our ministry together, and through them the whole church will be enriched.

As we stand in God's presence let us pray that grace will be given to each of them, and to all of us in this ministry we share, that we may fulfill the responsibilities which are ours.

Silence is kept.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Merciful God, help us to follow the example of your faithful servant Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the well-being of your Church, gave generously of his life and substance for the relief of the poor and the spread of the gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Let us prepare ourselves for the word of God as it comes to us in Holy Scripture.

Our hearts and minds are open.

The First Reading Acts 11:19–30, 13:1–3

read by James Travers, Diocesan Chancellor

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'.

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

The Psalm Psalm 112

*read responsively by Haley Bruhm and Maggie Wiegers
Youth Representatives to Diocesan Council*

Gradual Hymn *We Cannot Measure How You Heal* (# 292
CP)

We cannot measure how you heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love, which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.

So, some have come who need your help
and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain,
and make your broken people whole.

The Second Reading Matthew 10:7–16
read by Br. Dylan Stewart

As you go, proclaim the good news, “The kingdom of heaven
has come near.” Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers,
cast out demons. You received without payment; give without

payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town.

‘See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

following the reading

For the word of God around us,

For the word of God among us,

For the word of God within us.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *The Right Reverend Sandra Fyfe, Diocesan Bishop*

Song of Reflection: *What Can I Bring?*

Written and offered by Kimberly Matheson

Promises and Vows

The Bishop addresses the Archdeacons,

Bishop Sandra:

John, Susan, Marilyn, Katherine, Paul, Tammy, Tom, Simon and Glenn, do you, on behalf of this Diocese, commit yourself to the responsibility entrusted to you as Archdeacons?

Archdeacon: I do.

Bishop Sandra: Will you strive to faithfully serve God and the clergy and people of your Region as you carry out these duties?

Archdeacon: I will.

The Bishop addresses the Honorary Canons,

Bishop Sandra:

Brenda, Paul and Lisa, do you, on behalf of the Cathedral Chapter, commit yourself to the responsibility entrusted to you as an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral Church of All Saints?

Honorary Canon: I do.

Bishop Sandra: Will you strive to faithfully serve God and the people of God in this Diocese as you carry out these duties?

Honorary Canon: I will.

The Dean of the Cathedral Church of All Saints “seats” each Archdeacon or Honorary Canon in their appointed stall.

Bishop Sandra: I present your newly-installed Archdeacons and Honorary Canons, and I invite your welcome.

Dear friends in Christ, let us pray that this ministry we share may accomplish the purpose of God’s grace.

Let us affirm our support of our Archdeacons and Honorary Canons as we pray:

Creating God,

we thank you that you have made each of us

in your own image,

and given us gifts and talents with which to serve you.

We thank you for those who have offered themselves

in the service of this Diocese as Archdeacons

and Honorary Canons.

Grant them wisdom, clarity, courage and good humour in all that they do.

May they reveal your grace and witness to your truth,

and may we who minister in company with them

be assured of your guiding presence and your steadfast love,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in these words from the Iona Community.

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the one God,
maker and sustainer of earth, sea and sky.**

**Born of Mary's womb, faithful to the God of Abraham and Sarah,
Jesus healed the sick, served the poor, and proclaimed
heaven on earth.**

**Condemned by the religious, crucified by the state,
he died but transformed even death and rose to life
everlasting.**

**He blessed the disciples with his Holy Spirit
and sent them forth, East and West, North and South.
We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as siblings
and to his mission in the world in the grace of the Holy
Spirit.
Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

led by youth, children and families throughout the Diocese

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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.**

Closing Responses and Sending

Look at your hands, see the touch and the tenderness,
God's own for the world.

Look at your feet, see the path and the direction,
God's own for the world.

Look at your heart, see the fire and the love,
God's own for the world.

Look at the cross, see God's Son and our Saviour,
God's own for the world.

This is God's world,
And we will serve God in it.

God of justice, may we who have heard your word and received new life through the waters of baptism, bear witness to your truth in the world, so that all may come to share in your kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn *Go to the World* (# 598 CP SINE NOMINE)

Go to the world! Go into all the earth;
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place;
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace;
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
The nights of tears give way to joyful day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia.

Go to the World! Go as the ones I send,
For I am with you till the age shall end,
When all the host of glory cry, "Amen." Alleluia

Blessing

May God, who is present in sunrise and nightfall,
and in the crossing of the sea, guide your feet as you go.

May God, who is with you when you sit and when you stand,
encompass you with love and lead you by the hand.

May God, who knows your path and the places where you rest,
be with you in your waiting, be your good news for sharing,
and lead you in the way that is everlasting.

Amen.



To participate in God's mission of reconciling the world to God through Jesus Christ. To create and sustain Christ-centered, mission-minded ministering communities of faith; By focusing on the Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion.

Archdeacons:

The Rev. Tom Henderson

The Rev. Glen Eason

The Rev. John Clarke

The Rev. Marilyn Newport

The Rev. Katherine Bourbonniere

The Rev. Tammy Hoge-Orovec

The Rev. Simon Davies

The Very Rev. Paul Smith

The Rev. Dr. Susan Slater

Region:

Annapolis

Chignecto

Prince Edward Island

Eastern Shore

Dartmouth

Fort Sackville

South Shore

Chebucto

Northumbria and
Cape Breton

Canons:

The Rev. Dr. Paul Friesen

The Rev. Brenda Drake

The Rev. Lisa Vaughn

