

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn:

Prayer over the gifts:

Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

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All who are baptized are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's Table. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

Prayer after Communion:

Father, may we who have received this eucharist live in the unity of the Holy Spirit, that we may show forth his gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Recessional Hymn:

Please stay for a time of fellowship.

The Parish of Wilmot

comprising the churches of:

*All Saints Anglican Church, Kingston
and
Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Middleton*

Celebration of New Ministry

among

*The Right Reverend Sandra Fyfe,
Bishop of Nova Scotia and PEI
(represented by Archdeacon Thomas Henderson)
and
The Reverend Sue Channen
and
The people of the Parish*

*at All Saints Anglican Church,
521 Pleasant Street, Kingston, NS*

*Sunday, May 24, 2026
The Day of Pentecost
3:00 PM*

The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn

Archdeacon Thomas Henderson, as the Bishop's representative and Officiant, greets the community

Officiant: 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.**

Officiant: My brothers and sisters in Christ, the Reverend Susan Elizabeth Channen has been chosen to be the rector of the Parish of Wilmot. After prayerful consideration by the bishop, by the parochial committee and by Sue, and according to the practices of this diocese, the Bishop appointed Sue to this position of leadership in our common ministry – a ministry that is shared among the Bishop, Sue and the people of this parish. This ministry continues the good work done through the years in the communities of Kingston and Middleton and the surrounding area and is part of the work and witness of the whole Church. It is a new beginning because Sue brings particular gifts to our ministry together.

As we stand in God's presence, let us pray that grace will be given to Sue, to the people of the Parish of Wilmot, and to all others gathered here, that we may fulfil the responsibilities which our ours.

Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Psalm: Psalm 104:25-35, 37

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13

Gradual Hymn

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Sermon: Rev. Peter Armstrong

The Covenant in Ministry

Commissioning of the Rector

Archdeacon Tom stands with the Rev. Sue Channen and Bruce Robertson and Sheila Hulford, Parish Wardens, before the congregation. The Mandate will be read.

Wardens: Archdeacon Tom, I present the Reverend Sue Channen to you. I certify that the required oaths and declarations have been made and that Sue's letters of appointment as Rector have been read in our presence.

Officiant: Sue, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to the responsibility entrusted to you?

Rector: I do.

The Officiant asks the congregation to stand and says:

Officiant: Do you, the people of the parish of Wilmot, commit yourselves to share with Sue in the ministry of this parish to the people of this area?

Parishioners: **We do.**

The Officiant asks visitors to stand, and says:

Officiant: As brothers and sisters in the body of Christ, will you support Sue and the parish of Wilmot in their ministry together?

Visitors: **We will.**

The Ministry Covenant will be signed by Archdeacon Tom Armstrong, the Rev. Sue Channen and the Parish Wardens.

Rev. Wade comes forward to introduce the symbols of our shared ministry: a Bible, a Pitcher of Water, Oil of Healing, the Vestry Book, the Keys of the Churches and the Bread and Wine of the Eucharist, presented by members of the congregation.

Phil Milo presents a Bible.

Leader: Will all who read aloud the Word of God or who open the Word through preaching in this parish please stand. Phil holds before us the story of God's love and mercy, and above all, the Gospel of our Saviour Christ. Sue, be among us as a preacher of the word of God and teacher of the faith.

Rector: I invite you all to join me in proclaiming the Gospel of hope and life.

People: **Amen. We have good news to share.**

Edna Miller presents the Pitcher of Water

Leader: Sue, in the water of baptism we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Be among us as one who baptizes into the community of Christ.

Rector: I invite you all to join with me in rejoicing in our baptismal fellowship, and in nurturing the community of faith.

People: **Amen. May we all grow into the full stature of Christ.**

Sheila Hulford presents the Flask of Oil.

Leader: Sue, hold before us the anointing of the Holy Spirit for wholeness of life. Be among us as reconciler and healer.

Rector: I invite you all to join me in the ministry of reconciliation and healing, so that through the power of God we may bring wholeness of life to all people.

People: **Amen. In forgiveness and healing we find new life.**

Mary McBurney and Lorrie Penny present the binders of Council minutes and all who are members of the Parish or Church Councils stand.

Leader: Will all who serve on Parish Council or the two Church Councils please stand?

Sue, we look to you to work with the councils of the churches and parish and in our community, so that our administration may serve Christ and his Gospel and not just ourselves. Be among us in wisdom and humility, in discernment and in good humour.

Rector: I invite you all to join with me in working for the building up of Christ's Church.

People: **Amen. We are the Body of Christ.**

Murray Rolph and Phyllis Bennett present the keys of the churches:

Leader: Sue, we look to you to lead and encourage us to be an open, welcoming community. Accept these keys and may the doors of our churches be open to everyone.

Rector: I invite you all to join with me in welcoming all who would come into the fellowship of the people of God.

People: **Amen. May we greet Christ in all who come.**

Linda Wade presents a prayer book:

Leader: Sue, we look to you to lead us in worship, so that, in word and sacrament, we may be renewed in our life together in our Lord Jesus Christ. Receive these books and be among us as a person of prayer.

Rector: I invite you all to join with me, and with the whole Church, in regular and constant prayer to our God.

People: **Amen. In quietness and confidence will be our strength.**

Sibella Hulford and Wenda Rodda present bread and wine. All who are servers, communion ministers or prepare the altar stand:

Leader: Will those who prepare the altar, who serve, or administer communion please stand?

Sue, we look to you as one who presides at the eucharist and shares with us and with the whole church in the breaking of the bread as a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. Be among us to break the bread and bless the cup.

Rector: I invite you all to join with me in making eucharist together, in company with the church in every age.
People: **Amen. May we know the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.**

Officiant: Sue, let all these be signs of the ministry which is the bishop's and yours and is shared by all the people of God.
Rector: Amen. May we find joy together in the service of Christ.
Officiant: I present Sue Channen as the leader of your ministry, and I invite your welcome of her.

Commissioning of Lay Ministers in the Church

Sheila Hulford, Mary and Grant McBurney, Peter Miller, Bruce and Roz Roberston, Mark Rutherford and David Skidmore come forward to be commissioned.

Officiant: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose today is to recognize and affirm the ministries for which these persons have offered themselves: the ministry of preaching and leading in the worship and the common prayers of these congregations. Is it your will that Sheila Hulford, Mary and Grant McBurney, Peter Miller, Bruce and Roz Roberston, Mark Rutherford and David Skidmore fulfil this ministry?

People: **It is.**

Officiant: Sheila, Mary, Grant, Peter, Bruce, Roz, Mark and David, you have been called to this ministry. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with care, to the honour of God and the benefit of the Church?

Lay Readers: **I will.**

Officiant: Will you uphold them in this service?

People: **We will.**

Officiant: Let us pray. Blessed are you, gracious God, our creator and redeemer. In every age you call people to minister in your name. May the work of these your servants so build up your Church, that we may faithfully serve you and

show your love in all the world. Blessed are you, O God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(The lay readers are presented with their medals and licenses.)

Officiant: Sheila, Mary, Grant, Peter, Bruce, Roz, Mark and David, the Lord enable and uphold you in this ministry.

Rector: Dear friends in Christ, let us pray that this ministry we share may accomplish the purpose of God's grace. Let us pray for the world, the universal Church, and for ourselves.

Lay Reader:

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, especially the mission of your church that gathers here as the parish of Wilmot, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to all people, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger, that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rector: My brothers and sisters in Christ, please stand.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Please exchange a sign of peace with those around you.