Strategy Launch Sunday

The Qu'Appelle LITURGY

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A word from Bishop Helen



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

What a joy to be with you this morning!

The Diocese of Qu'Appelle has been at work for the past year on a new strategy — not a corporate plan, not a management document, but a vision for faithful, joyful, sustainable ministry in this Diocese over the next five years.

We have called it *A New Way for a New Future*. Across each of the archdeaconries of this Diocese, we are launching it together.

I want to say something clearly at the outset. This strategy did not fall from the sky. It arose from conversations across the Diocese — with clergy, with lay leaders, with parishes, with people who are excited about the future and with people who are anxious about it. It has been shaped by your experience, your faith, and your deep love for the communities where you live and worship. This is your strategy.

Today we will worship together using the Qu'Appelle Liturgy — a remarkable gift from this Diocese to itself, first created in 1969 and now revised for 2026. We will eat together, which is itself a theological act. We will hear about the strategy and the Endowment Campaign that will help to resource it. And then — most importantly — we will be commissioned together: sent out from this gathering to live this strategy in our own parishes and communities.

I am genuinely excited about what God is doing in this Diocese. I hope that by the end of today, you will be too.

+Helen

The Right Reverend Helen Kennedy
Bishop of Qu'Appelle

CALL TO WORSHIP

We STAND

OPENING HYMN 383 ***'Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun'***

Bishop The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

All **And also with you.**

The Bishop welcomes everyone to worship

Responsive Land Acknowledgement

Dean In this time and place, we gather on lands long cared for by Indigenous peoples.

All **From many peoples, cultures, and histories,**
we come into the presence of the living God.

Dean We honour the Indigenous peoples of this place: _____

All **Indigenous and non-Indigenous,**
newcomers and descendants of settlers,
we acknowledge our different histories and our shared life on this land.

Dean We remember the dispossession and harms caused through colonization,
and the part the Church has played in them.

All **Creator, lead us in truth, repentance, healing, and right relationship.**

Dean Breathe your Spirit through us and through all creation.

All **Make us one people in Christ,**
committed to justice, reconciliation, and peace,
and to the work that right-relationship requires.

The Bishop continues,

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Penitential Rite

Deacon Our Lord Jesus Christ tells us to turn from our sins,
to be at peace with our neighbours, and to lead the Christian life.
In order that we may be reconciled afresh to God and to each other,
let us make our confession.

We REMAIN STANDING or KNEEL.

A period of silence shall be kept for recollection and reflection

Deacon Praying together:

All **We confess to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,**
To all the company of heaven and to one another,
That we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
Through our own grievous fault.
We have done things we should not have done;
We have not done things we should have done;
Therefore we pray God to have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.

Bishop Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠forgive you all your sins,
and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

We STAND for the **Peace**

Bishop Christ is our peace;
we meet in Christ's name and we share Christ's peace.
The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

We remain STANDING to sing the **Gloria** *Sally Ann Morris Mass*

Glory to God in heaven: peace and grace to God's people on earth.
We praise you for your great glory, we worship you, we give you thanks, Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.

Refrain:

Glory to God in heaven: peace and grace to God's people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, only Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
You sit at the right hand of the Father: hear our prayer.

Refrain:

Glory to God in heaven: peace and grace to God's people on earth.

You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in the ✠glory of the Father. Amen.

Refrain:

Glory to God in heaven: peace and grace to God's people on earth.

Collect

Bishop The Lord be with you

All **And also with you**

Let us pray for God's guiding Spirit in all that lies ahead:

Bishop Almighty God, you call us to worship you in spirit and in truth,
to serve the communities you love, and to grow in the likeness of your Son.
Grant us wisdom to discern a new way, courage to follow it,
and the joy of finding you already at work ahead of us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

First reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to your dreams that you dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord. For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Jeremiah 29:4-14

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

Leader When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
All **then were we like those who dream.**
Leader Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
All **and our tongue with shouts of joy.**
Leader Then they said among the nations, *
All **"The Lord has done great things for them."**
Leader The Lord has done great things for us, *
All **and we are glad indeed.**
Leader Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
All **like the watercourses of the Negev.**
Leader Those who sowed with tears *
All **will reap with songs of joy.**
Leader Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
All **will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

All **Praise to you, God of our salvation.**
Your generous gifts surpass all that we can ask or imagine.
You have delivered us from the exile of sin
and restored us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Glory and honour and praise to you for ever and ever. Amen.

Second reading

A reading from the second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for the one who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthains 5:14-21

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 500 ***'Sister, Let Me be Your Servant'***

We remain STANDING for the proclamation of the Holy Gospel

A Deacon proclaims the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All **✠Glory to you, O Lord.**

+ Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him. *Luke 5: 1-11*

The Gospel of the Lord

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon *The Bishop: The Rt Rev Helen Kennedy*

Nicene Creed

Deacon Let us declare our faith, as we say together:

We believe in one God,
almighty Father, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

We believe in the one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten of the Father from all eternity:
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God:
begotten, not made, one in being with the Father.
Through whom all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven.
By the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary and became one of us.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered, died and was buried.
He rose on the third day in accordance with the scriptures.

He entered 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 never end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father (and the Son).
Together with the Father and the Son he is adored 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.

We REMAIN STANDING or KNEEL for the **Intercessions**

Bishop In the power of the Spirit,
let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader We pray for the Church of God,
and especially for this Diocese of Qu'Appelle as we seek God's future together:God of wisdom and hope, open our hearts to your Spirit.
Give us courage to listen, grace to discern, and faith to follow where you lead.
Free us from fear, defensiveness, and narrowness of vision,
and renew us for faithful witness in our communities.
God of wisdom and hope:

All **Guide us in your way.**

We pray for Bishop Helen, for clergy and lay leaders,
for parish councils, vestries, wardens, and all who share in the work of leadership:
Guiding God, grant them wisdom, patience, humility, and strength.
Help them to lead with honesty and compassion,
to make room for different voices,
and to seek not their own way, but the way of Christ.
God of wisdom and hope:

All **Guide us in your way.**

We pray for every parish, congregation, and worshipping community:
God of mission, renew us in love for you and for our neighbours.
Show us what we are called to preserve, what we are called to release,
and what new things you may be bringing to birth among us.
Make us attentive to the gifts already present in our communities
and ready to serve with imagination, generosity, and hope.
God of wisdom and hope:

All **Guide us in your way.**
We pray for all who are anxious about change,
for those trapped in fear or uncertainty,
and for those wondering what the future may hold:
God of peace, meet us in our anxiety and weariness.
Remind us that the Church belongs to you, that Christ is our foundation,
and that your Spirit is already at work before us.
Give us trust for the journey and patience with one another.
God of wisdom and hope:

All **Guide us in your way.**

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;
for victims of war and violence, for those who mourn; and for all who especially asked us to pray for them:
God of healing and mercy, draw near to all who suffer.
Strengthen the weary, comfort the grieving,
and uphold all who feel forgotten or alone.
God of wisdom and hope:

All **Guide us in your way.**

We remember before God those who have gone before us in faith,
and we give thanks for all who have built up the life of our parishes and Diocese:
God of every generation, keep us grateful for the faith we have received,
and faithful in handing it on, that those who come after us may find a Church alive in Christ and open to the work of your Spirit.
God of wisdom and hope:

All **Guide us in your way.**

In a moment of quietness let us bring before our loving God,
our prayers for ourselves and one another,
either silently or aloud, knowing that God hears us as we pray

*We **pause** for a moment for either **silent or open prayer***

Bishop Merciful God, you call your Church to faithfulness in every generation.
All **Accept these prayers,**
renew us by your Spirit,
and lead us in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and our hope.
Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

OFFERTORY HYMN *433* *'Lord, You Give the Great Commission'*

During the hymn, the altar is prepared and an offering is gathered and presented.
We STAND for the **Prayer over the Gifts**

Bishop Generous God, we offer you these gifts which you have given us:
this bread, this wine, this money.
With them we offer ourselves, our lives and our work.
As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of our Lord,
so may we and all your Holy Church
become more effective channels of your reconciling love;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer / Great Thanksgiving

Bishop The Lord be with you.
All ***And also with you***

Bishop Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks.
All **We give thanks to the Lord our God.**

Bishop It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because in Jesus Christ you have reconciled the world to yourself, making us ambassadors of a new creation.
In him, everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new.
In him, we are sent out to be the Church in the world
— to worship you in all of life, to serve our neighbours with gladness,
and to grow in the grace and knowledge of your Son.
And so, with the whole company of heaven,
and with all who have gone before us in faith, we join in the endless song:

All **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,** *Sally Ann Morris Mass*
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The highest glory is yours, O Lord.
✠Blessed is he who comes in your name,
The highest glory is yours.

Bishop Loving God,
we thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus the Christ.
We give thanks that he has become one of us, sharing our life.
We give thanks that we are becoming one with him, sharing his life.
Give us then, O God, through this Eucharist,
the true life and presence of our Lord,
and send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts
that they may become for us the ✠Body and Blood of Christ.
Who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;
and when he had given thanks,
He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take eat, this is my body given for you.
Do this and know that I am with you.'

Then after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying,
'Drink this, all of you. This is the new covenant made in my blood.
Do this, as often as you drink it, and know that I am with you.'

And so, loving God,
we remember Christ's death, resurrection, ascension,
and the sending of the Holy Spirit;
rejoicing in his presence in the world, we look for his coming again in glory.
Accept Lord, our sacrifice, and send on us here present
the Holy Spirit of love and peace and strength; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
we praise you, O God, throughout all ages, world without end.

All **Amen.**

Fraction

*After a **short period of silence**, Bishop Helen says, while breaking the bread in the sight of all,*

This is the Body of Christ:
Behold what you are; become what you receive.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Lord's Prayer

Bishop Let us pray:

All **Our Father in heaven, your name be honoured;**
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
forgive us the wrong we have done,

as we forgive those who have wronged us,
and do not bring us to the test, but save us from evil.
For the kingdom is yours, and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Communion Rite

Bishop Draw near and receive the Body and the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion is distributed.

Communion Reflection **'*Communion*' by Alfred Hollins**

Choir Anthem **'*He, Whom Angels Worship*' – Trad. Irish, arr. Alan Bullard (Text: W. Y. Fullerton)**

I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
Should our his love upon the human race,
Or, why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wand'rers,
To bring all back within the fold of grace.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary,
Wench Bethl'em's manger was his only home,
And that he lived and laboured and Nazareth,
And so the Saviour of the world is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
As with his peace he graced this place of tears,
Or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken hearted,
Forgives our sin, and calms our inmost fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For yet the Saviour of the world is here.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship
When, at his bidding, ev'ry storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts on earth with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And countless throngs of human voices sing,
And earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer:
'At last the Saviour of the world is King!'

We STAND for the **Post-communion Prayer**

Bishop Gracious God, you have fed us with the bread of life
and united us in the body of Christ.
As we seek the way ahead,
give us wisdom to discern your call,
courage to embrace change,
and faith to follow where you lead.
Renew us in hope,
strengthen us for service,
and make us ready to share your love
with our communities and with the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

Bishop The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
and give you grace to heed what the Spirit is saying to the Church,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the ✠Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 379 ***'Rejoice, the Lord is King'***

A Deacon dismisses the people with the following words,

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord;
Rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit;
Be the Church in the world.

All **Amen.**

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The flowers in the chancel are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the patron saint of music, St. Cecilia, from the members of St. Paul's Cathedral Choir in loving memory of former choir members and in thanksgiving for the many blessings that music has brought to our lives.

Ministers at the Liturgy

Presider & Preacher ..... *The Right Reverend Helen Kennedy*
Bishop's Chaplain ..... *Canon Trevor Powell*
Dean ..... *The Very Reverend Mike Sinclair*
Deacons ..... *The Reverend Deacon Susan Haacke*
..... *The Reverend Deacon Nathan McLean*
Sub Deacon ..... *Luis Pavon*
Intercessor ..... *Canon Trevor Powell*
Crucifer ..... *Setor Tsegah*
Readers ..... *Margaret Nicholls, Luis Pavon*
Communion Assistants ..... *Averyl Dogao, Pat Lauder*
Greeters ..... *Dave & Marilyn Hedlund*
Altar Guild ..... *Merrilyn Dubreuil, Basil Pogue*
Coffee Time ..... *Shelley Proulx, Betty Perry, Janice Denike*
Camera Operator ..... *Ian Yeates*
Director of Music ..... *Dorianna Holowachuk*
Choir of St. Paul's Cathedral .....
directed by Dorianna Holowachuk
Organist ..... *Valerie Hall*
Organ Scholars ..... *Alexander Olson, Hilarey Cowan*
Prelude ..... *Hymn Prelude on 'Darwall' by Percy Whitlock*
Postlude ..... *Hymn Prelude on 'Diademata' by Jeffrey Blersch*