

HOLY EUCHARIST

Juneteenth celebration

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | JUNE 18, 2023 - 9:00AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Adoration – Florence Price (1887-1953)

Today's liturgical themes celebrate Juneteenth, the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States, and now a federal holiday, also embraced by the Episcopal Church. Much of our music today comes from the African American tradition, and readings follow the theme of emancipation and liberation. Further opportunities to learn about Juneteenth will be available at a special potluck after the service.



*Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of God shall be your guard.*

ISAIAH 58:6, 8

Please stand as the bell sounds.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, with each line of music corresponding to a line of text. Triplet markings (a '3' over a bracket) are placed above the first, third, and fifth staves of music. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward
2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his
3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as

goes the pil - grim band, through the night of
ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the
from the heart of one; one the con - flict,

doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.
gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:
one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:

Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and
one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the
one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the

burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we
faith which nev - er tires, one the ear - nest
far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -

march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.
look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
might - y Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.

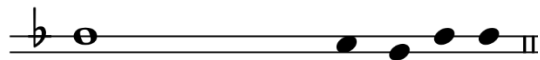
Words: Bernard Severin Ingemann (1789-1862) tr. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924), alt.
Music: *Ton-y Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant intones

Blessed be God, who liberates the captive and gives sight to the blind.

The People respond



Glory to God fore-ver and ev-er.

SONG OF PRAISE

1. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
 2. I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter,

1. — Since I laid my bur - den down.
 2. — Since I laid my bur - den down,

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Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant intones

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophets and saints in every age, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LESSON *seated*

Exodus 3:1-2, 7-12

Moses led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

I waited patiently for you, O God; *
you stooped to me and heard my cry.

You lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
you set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in you.

Happy are they who trust in you! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O God, make haste to help me.

Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed who seek after my life to destroy it; *
let them draw back and be disgraced who take pleasure in my misfortune.

Let those who say “Aha!” and gloat over me be confounded, *
because they are ashamed.

Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad; *
let those who love your salvation continually say, “Great is the Holy One!”

Setting: D. Hurd

THE EPISTLE

Galatians 5:1, 13-14, 22-23

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing, all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People.*

The Refrain is sung once by the Cantor, then repeated by all



The Cantor sings alone:

Speak, O God, your servant is listening; you have the words of eternal life.

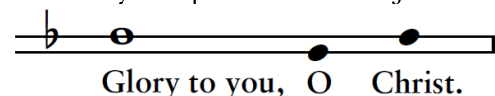
All repeat Refrain

Setting: Will Doreza

THE GOSPEL *The Deacon or Priest intones*

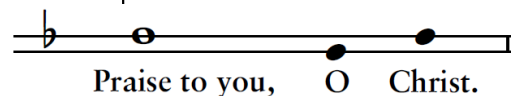
Luke 4:14-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

Gail Bindley-Taylor

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

standing, said together at 9am; at 11am, service continues with the Prayers of the People

We believe that God is love,
so we commit ourselves to reconciliation.

—1 John 4:8

We believe that Jesus gives us the Spirit,
so we commit ourselves to God's liberating work in the world.

—1 John 4:13

We believe that God is the light of life,
so we commit ourselves to bearing God's light in our world.

—John 1:4

We believe that the Spirit speaks through us,
so we commit ourselves to proclaim the good news of abundance
for the world God loves. Amen.

—Philippians 2:3

from Daily Prayer for all Seasons

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God of liberation, we give you thanks this day for the strength, the courage, and the resilient witness to the faith of those enslaved and those emancipated. We pray now in that spirit, and with a hunger for justice.

We give thanks for those who have pressed on through the generations with your Spirit and vision. We celebrate their resistant, resilient community and witness, rooted in your liberating love, which spread your justice even in the darkest hour.

In our remembering,
free us with truth.

We give you thanks for the prophets speaking in our own day, calling us more deeply into conversion and amendment of life, with true and equal justice and liberty for all.

In our struggle for freedom,
ground us in resilient love.

Forgive us for the ways we have blocked your freeing power and have feared progress that requires sacrifice and change. Help us this day to face into our own struggles with racism and power embedded deep within us, and to open ourselves to your transformation.

In our repenting,
turn our hearts to justice.

Move us to action, pressing toward a day when all racism is uprooted, in this country and throughout the world. Help us to see each other as you see us — as your beloved children. Make us repairers of the breach, restorers of broken places, part of your vision for a beloved community that knows no limit.

In your power,
may we open doors to true and sustained progress.

And for what else shall we pray?

The People offer their prayers, aloud or silently.

The Celebrant concludes

Jesus, you revealed God through your deeds, and we encounter you still today in the faces of those whom society has pushed to the margins. Guide us, through the love you revealed, to establish the justice you proclaimed, that all peoples might dwell in harmony and peace, united by that one love that binds us to each other, and to you. May your justice continue to roll down like mighty waters and your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Let us see the day when this is so, O God, and let it be so among us this Emancipation Day. **Amen.**

Dear People of God, in building Christ's beloved community, we are called to love all people, respect all people, and work for the good of all people. We must stand alongside God's children of every race, language, and culture, and work together as agents of justice, peace, and reconciliation.

You, as St. Paul's second and third circles of Sacred Ground, have given yourselves, with courage and dedication, to the work of learning our country's history of racial division and injustice in its deeper dimensions. As you close these circles of learning, and continue this journey of healing and transformation, you are now called to continue risking yourselves for the sake of God's love, following your call to seek and serve Christ in all people. You are especially called to continue the work and ministry of God's healing justice and reconciliation.

Will you continue to persevere in prayer and fellowship?

I will, with God's help.

Will you continue to proclaim the good news of reconciliation in both word and deed?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to see Christ in all persons, those with whom you agree and disagree?

I will, with God's help.

Will you dedicate yourselves to mend what is broken by human sin and greed?

I will, with God's help.

Will you pledge to work toward dismantling the sin of abuse of power?

I will, with God's help.

In the name of God and of this Church, I commission you to continue the good work you have begun; to stand up, speak out, and live into becoming Beloved Community in your lives, in this community, and in the world.

Amen.

The whole congregation prays together this prayer of self-offering.

O God our healer, whose mercy is like a refining fire: by the loving kindness of Jesus, heal us as we seek to be a healing presence in the communities in which we live. Renew us, and make us witnesses to your wholeness in our broken world; through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit. Amen.

May Almighty God have mercy on us, grant us courage and conviction, and strengthen us to love others who are unlike us. May God, the Holy and Undivided Trinity, make us compassionate in our actions and courageous in our works, that we may be Christ's Beloved Community in our own day.

Amen.

Circle 2

Ginny Balser
Gail Bindley-Taylor
The Rev. Paul Carling
Maggie Gomez
Bethany Gugliemino
Donna Lewis
The Rev. Daniel Simons
Lamont Thomas
Marge Thomas
Dulce Weigel

Circle 3

Alan Booth
Donna Booth
Sandy Bria
Susan Cole
Diane Drozd
Elaine Ganat
Joyce Generoso
Fran O’Gorman
Ann Russell
Lisa Thomas
Mary Verel
Amy Wade
Cecil Wade

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *seated*

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir at 11:00am*

Child of God

Mark Miller (b. 1958)

No matter what people say
Say or think about me
I am a child of God

No matter what the church says
Decisions, pronouncements on you
You are a child of God

No matter what people say
Say or think about you
You are a child of God

And there is no thing, or no one who can
separate,
they can't separate you from the truth,
that you are someone, you are family,
you are meant to be a child, a child of God.
You are a child of God.

No matter what the world says
Says or thinks about me
I am a child of God

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir at 11:00am*



Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down u - pon the earth; give
For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end, for
Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek; your

free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth. The
love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend. Weave our
har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak. Our

hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights, the
var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun; on your
faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams, our

mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight. Make
loom of time en - roll us till our thread of time is run. O great
love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams. In -

lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r; a -
weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one; dye our
scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way - the path un - tried; your

bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
truth - the heart of strang - er; your life - the Cru - ci - fied.

Words: William Whitla (b. 1934)

Music: Thaxted, Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores our broken world. You are unceasingly at work bringing order from chaos and filling emptiness with life.

Christ raised from the dead lives in us that we may walk in light. Your Spirit is fire within us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,

of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: Grayson Warren Brown (b. 1948)

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Alive in him, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

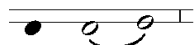
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come in glory.

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts, and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by Christ's life-giving power, they may be the Body and blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us who are baptized in the fire of your Spirit to live and work for your praise and glory; that we may grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul, the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters, living and departed.

All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

People


A-men.

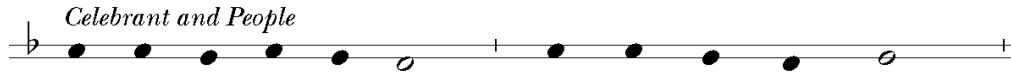
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

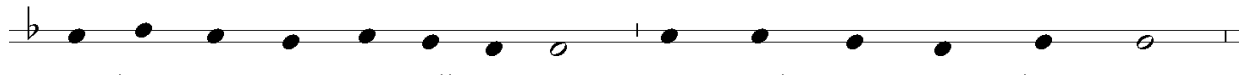


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,


Celebrant and People



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



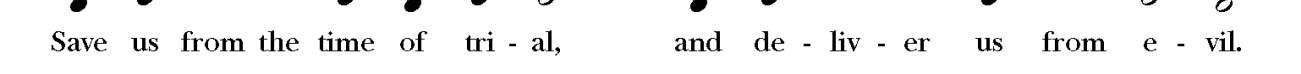
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



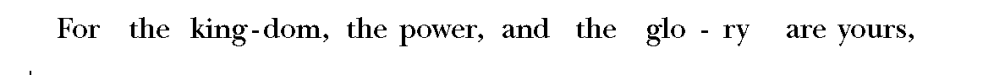
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.




For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

Setting: Ambrosian Chant, adapt. Mason Martens

THE COMMUNION

The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

This is the Bread of Heaven.

Broken for the life of the world.

Everyone, without exception, is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request; grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups. Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.

All sing as the distribution of Communion begins:

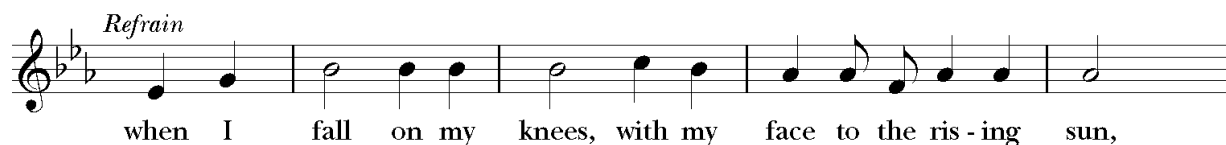


1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

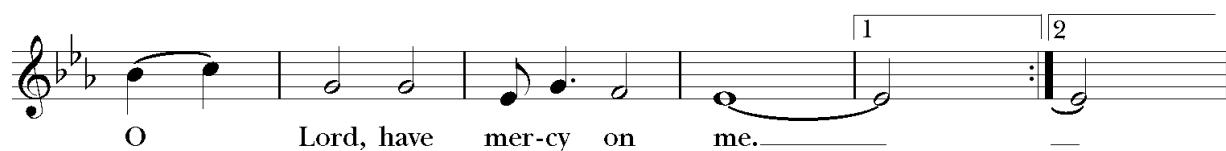


let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

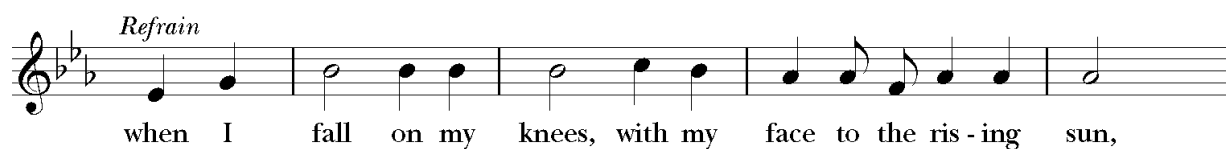


3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____



let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

Words: African-American spiritual
 Music: Let Us Break Bread, Afro-American spiritual; arr. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung at 11:00am*

Led by the Choir, but you are welcome to sing along if you choose.

Draw the Circle Wide

*Mark Miller (b. 1958)
Words: Gordon Light*

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *standing*

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships
so that we may live deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless us with enough foolishness to believe we can make a difference in the world,
so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

And the blessing of God, + who creates, liberates, and illumines,
be upon you and remain with you, now and always. Amen.

A Franciscan Blessing

HYMN IN PROCESSION

1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing till earth and hea - ven ring, ring with the
 2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who hast

har - mon - ies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise
 days when hope un - born had died; yet, with a stead - y beat,
 brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might

high as the lis - tening skies; let it re - sound loud as the
 have not our wea - ry feet come to the place for which our
 led us in - to the light; keep us for ev - er in the

roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
par - ents sighed? We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been
path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we

taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new
slaugh - tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we
get thee; sha-dowed be - neath thy hand may we for

day be - gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Words: James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)
Music: J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954)

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world to proclaim God's liberating freedom for all.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Florence Price (1887-1953)

THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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The Rev. Louise Kalemkerian *Priest Associate*

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Marsha Dunn *Parish Administrator*

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