



St.  
Luke's  
Atlanta

## **Good Friday**

The Three Hours

March 29, 2024 | Noon



Visitor Card

## Welcome to St. Luke's

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. You are invited to participate in today's service as fully as is comfortable for you.

Please fill out our online visitor card using the QR code (left).

### Good Friday, March 29

6:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

### Saturday, March 30

10 a.m. Holy Saturday Service

8 p.m. The Great Vigil

### Easter Day, March 31

Services at 8 a.m., 9\* a.m., 11:15\* a.m.

10:15 a.m. Children, Youth, and Families (CYF)  
Easter Egg Hunt.

Details: [stlukesatlanta.org](http://stlukesatlanta.org).

### Clergy & Preachers

The Rev. Matt Babcock

The Rev. Emilee Walker-Cornetta

The Rev. Dr. Kimberleigh Jordan

Dr. Ellen Ott Marshall

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The Rev. Tony Johns

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*Our Good Friday offering supports the Anglican Church in Jerusalem.  
Offering plates are located inside the door at the rear of the church, or you can contribute online using the QR code below.*



*All stand, as you are able, as the bell tolls. Remain standing as the clergy enter.*

Officiant      Blessed be our God.  
**People      For ever and ever. Amen.**  
Officiant      Let us pray.

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Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death and become heirs with him of everlasting life.

## **“Father Forgive”**

### **The First Reading**

Luke 23:32-34

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

*Silence*

*All are seated.*

### **Homily**

The Rev. Emilee Walker-Cornetta

*Silence*

## Music for Meditation | Deda (*World Premiere*)

Jovana Damnjanovic (b. 1990)

Gospodi pomiluj (Lord, have mercy)  
Zvona (Bells)  
Krave (Cows)

*Flûture*

## When Death Comes

Mary Oliver

When death comes  
like the hungry bear in autumn;  
when death comes and takes all the bright coins from his purse

to buy me, and snaps the purse shut;  
when death comes  
like the measles-pox

when death comes  
like an iceberg between the shoulder blades,

I want to step through the door full of curiosity, wondering:  
what is it going to be like, that cottage of darkness?

And therefore I look upon everything  
as a brotherhood and a sisterhood,  
and I look upon time as no more than an idea,  
and I consider eternity as another possibility,

and I think of each life as a flower, as common  
as a field daisy, and as singular,

and each name a comfortable music in the mouth,  
tending, as all music does, toward silence,

and each body a lion of courage, and something  
precious to the earth.

When it's over, I want to say all my life  
I was a bride married to amazement.  
I was the bridegroom, taking the world into my arms.

When it's over, I don't want to wonder  
if I have made of my life something particular, and real.

I don't want to find myself sighing and frightened,  
or full of argument.

I don't want to end up simply having visited this world

## Prayers for the Universal Church

*Officiant leads the prayers.*

Let us pray for the holy catholic Church of Christ  
throughout the world;

For its unity in witness and service

For all bishops and other ministers

and the people whom they serve

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, for  
Rob, our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese

For all Christians in this community

For all people in places the church is persecuted

For those about to be baptized, Charles, Ayesha, and Todd

That God will confirm the Church in faith, increase it in love,  
and preserve it in peace.

*Silence*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole  
body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified:  
Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before  
you for all members of your holy Church, that in their  
vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Silence*

**“Today you will be with me in Paradise”**

## The Second Reading

Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

*Silence*

*Silence*

## Music and Dance for Meditation | Intermezzo, Op. 118, No. 2     Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

“Lament” choregraphed and danced by Lee Harper Vason  
Matthew Michael Brown, *pianist*

### Jesus at the Gay Bar

Jay Hulme

He's here in the midst of it --  
right at the centre of the dance floor,  
robes hitched up to His knees  
to make it easy to spin,  
At some point in the evening  
a boy will touch the hem of His robe  
and beg to be healed, beg to be  
anything other than this;  
and He will reach His arms out,  
sweat-damp, and weary from dance,  
he'll cup this boy's face in His hand  
and say,

*My beautiful child  
there is nothing in this heart of yours  
that ever needs to be healed.*

## Prayers for the Nation and All in Authority

*Officiant leads the prayers.*

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;

For Joseph, the President of the United States  
For the Congress and the Supreme Court  
For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations  
For all who serve the common good

That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

*Silence*

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your dominion may

increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Silence*

## “Behold your mother”

### The Third Reading

John 19:25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

*Silence*

*All are seated.*

### Homily

Dr. Ellen Ott Marshall

*Silence*

## Music for Meditation | Sometimes I feel like a motherless child

Florence Price  
(1887-1953)

Jessica Stinson, *violinist*; Matthew Michael Brown, *pianist*

## For a Coming Extinction

W.S. Merwin

Gray whale  
Now that we are sending you to The End  
That great god  
Tell him  
That we who follow you invented forgiveness  
And forgive nothing

I write as though you could understand  
And I could say it  
One must always pretend something  
Among the dying  
When you have left the seas nodding on their stalks  
Empty of you  
Tell him that we were made  
On another day

The bewilderment will diminish like an echo  
Winding along your inner mountains  
Unheard by us  
And find its way out  
Leaving behind it the future  
Dead  
And ours

When you will not see again  
The whale calves trying the light  
Consider what you will find in the black garden  
And its court  
The sea cows the Great Auks the gorillas  
The irreplaceable hosts ranged countless  
And fore-ordaining as stars  
Our sacrifices  
Join your work to theirs  
Tell him  
That it is we who are important



## Prayers for the Creation

*Officiant leads the prayers.*

Let us pray for this fragile earth our island home, the whole of the created order, and for all who work for its conservation, preservation, and sustainability:

O, God, keep close to our hearts the wonder of your creation, galaxies, suns, moons, and planets, earth, winds, and waters, birds, fish, and animals, trees, plants, flowers, fruits, and soil; the Creation of which we are a small part but over which we have extraordinary influence.

For scientists, scholars, activists, and advocates, that we may follow the science and foster the gift of imagination to develop sustainable and humane ways to stand lightly upon this earth and make its abundance available to all.

We give thanks for the beauty of this season in this place, for budding trees and life springing forth from decay. Give us rain where we are parched; Sun where we are cold; and your life-giving wind, where we should be disturbed.

*Silence*

Creating God, we pray for the well-being of the earth that is yours, give us we pray hearts to tend it for the good of all creatures. **Amen.**

*Silence*

## “My God, why have you forsaken me”

### The Fourth Reading

Matthew 27:45-49

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”

*Silence*

*All are seated.*

### Homily

The Rev. Dr. Danielle Tumminio-Hansen

*Silence*

Matthew Michael Brown, *pianist*

## **I Come from There**

Mohammed Darwish

I come from there and I have memories  
Born as mortals are, I have a mother  
And a house with many windows,  
I have brothers, friends,  
And a prison cell with a cold window.  
Mine is the wave, snatched by sea-gulls,  
I have my own view,  
And an extra blade of grass.  
Mine is the moon at the far edge of the words,  
And the bounty of birds,  
And the immortal olive tree.  
I walked this land before the swords  
Turned its living body into a laden table.  
I come from there. I render the sky unto her mother  
When the sky weeps for her mother.  
And I weep to make myself known  
To a returning cloud.  
I learnt all the words worthy of the court of blood  
So that I could break the rule.  
I learnt all the words and broke them up  
To make a single word: Homeland.....

## **Prayers for Peace**

*Officiant leads the prayers.*

For a world at war

For the conflicts in our own communities

We pray for the people victimized by the war in Gaza, Israel, Yemen, Afghanistan, Syria, Ukraine, Iraq, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Mali, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, the Central Republic of Africa, Myanmar, Chad, Haiti, Libya, Algeria,

For an end to drug wars, insurgencies, coup d'état, civil wars, war induced famine, genocide, the arms trade,

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Silence*

## **“I thirst”**

### **The Fifth Reading**

John 19:28-29

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), “I am thirsty.” A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

*Silence*

*All are seated.*

### **Homily**

The Rev. Tony Johns

*Silence*

### **Music for Meditation** | Reflections for Cymbal, Wind Gong, Metal Bowls, and Crotales

Jeremy Muller, *percussionist*

## The Coming

R. S. Thomas

And God held in his hand  
A small globe. Look he said.  
The son looked. Far off,  
As through water, he saw  
A scorched land of fierce  
Colour. The light burned  
There; crusted buildings  
Cast their shadows: a bright  
Serpent, a river  
Uncoiled itself, radiant  
With slime.

On a bare  
Hill a bare tree saddened  
The sky. Many people  
Held out their thin arms  
To it, as though waiting  
For a vanished April  
To return to its crossed  
Boughs. The son watched  
Them. Let me go there, he said.

## Prayers for Those Who Suffer

*Officiant leads the prayers.*

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;

For the hungry and the unhoused, the destitute  
and the oppressed  
For the sick, the wounded, and the disabled  
For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish  
For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair  
For the sorrowful and bereaved  
For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger

That God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and  
grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the  
will and patience to minister to their needs.

*Silence*

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Silence*

**“It is finished”**

## **The Sixth Reading**

John 19:30

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

*Silence*

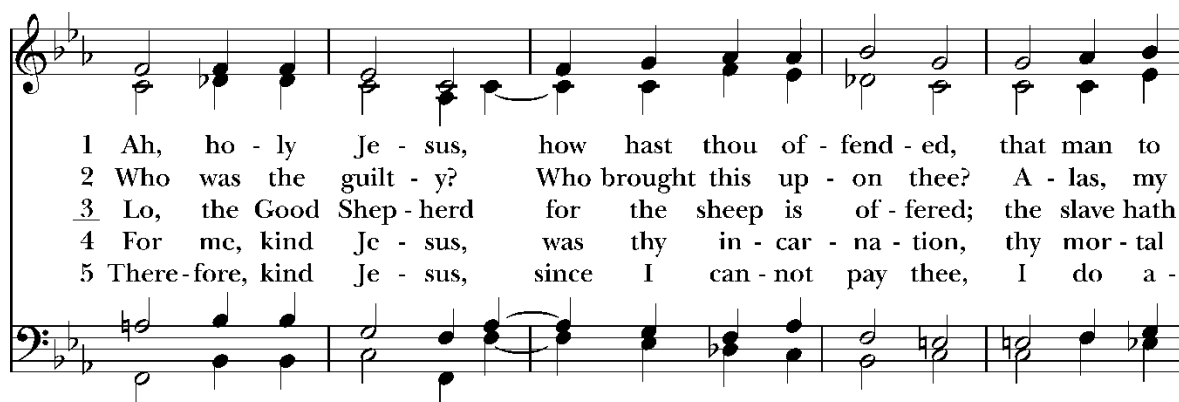
## **Homily**

The Rev. Dr. Gabrielle Thomas

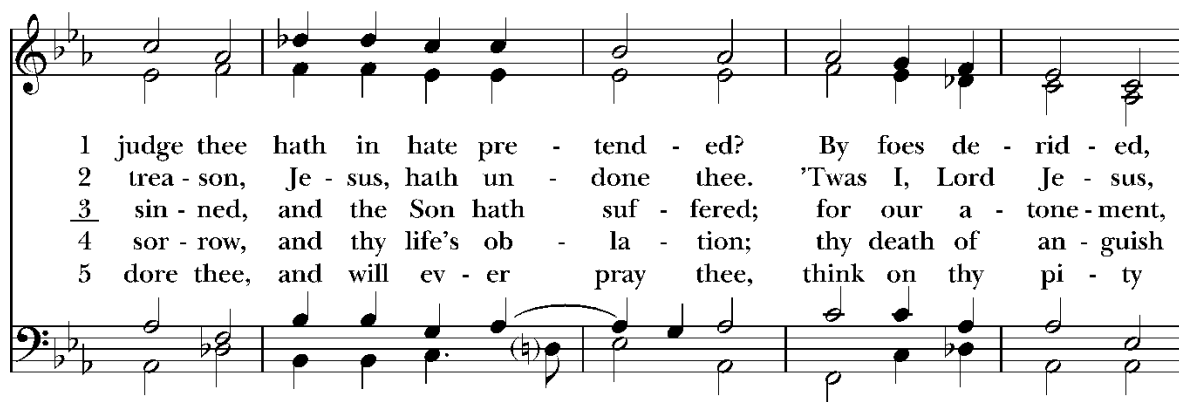
*Silence*

# Hymn 158 | Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended

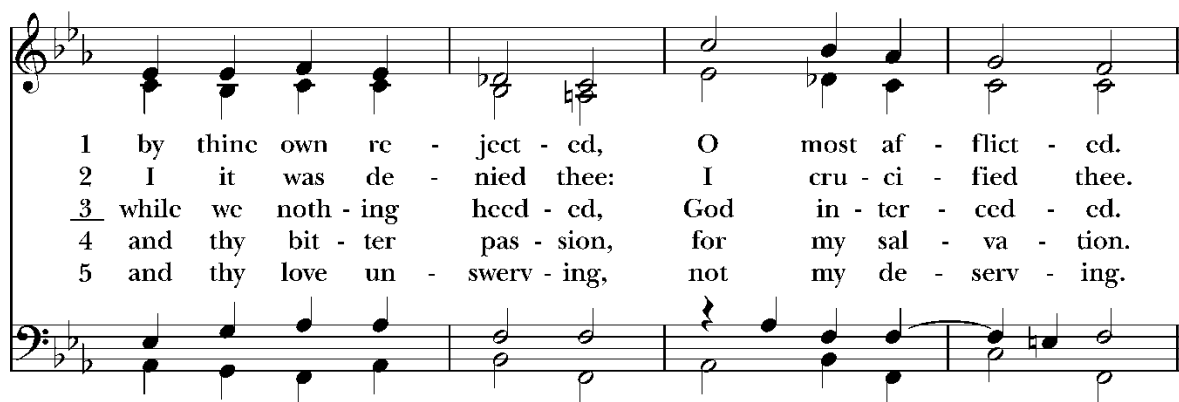
*Herzliebster Jesu*



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to  
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
 2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
 3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,  
 4 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
 5 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty



1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
 2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.  
 4 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
 5 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

# Thanks

W. S. Merwin

Listen

with the night falling we are saying thank you  
we are stopping on the bridges to bow from the railings  
we are running out of the glass rooms  
with our mouths full of food to look at the sky  
and say thank you  
we are standing by the water thanking it  
standing by the windows looking out  
in our directions

back from a series of hospitals back from a mugging  
after funerals we are saying thank you  
after the news of the dead  
whether or not we knew them we are saying thank you

over telephones we are saying thank you  
in doorways and in the backs of cars and in elevators  
remembering wars and the police at the door  
and the beatings on stairs we are saying thank you  
in the banks we are saying thank you  
in the faces of the officials and the rich  
and of all who will never change  
we go on saying thank you thank you

with the animals dying around us  
taking our feelings we are saying thank you  
with the forests falling faster than the minutes  
of our lives we are saying thank you  
with the words going out like cells of a brain  
with the cities growing over us  
we are saying thank you faster and faster  
with nobody listening we are saying thank you  
thank you we are saying and waving  
dark though it is

## Prayers for Justice

*Officiant leads the prayers.*

We pray for all who work for social justice

For activists and community organizers

For those who speak out and those who call in

For those who write letters and send emails

For those who march and call

For those who challenge us

For those who pray for a better world, now.

That the earth will be filled with the knowledge of Christ's love

As the waters cover the seas

Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Silence*

**“Into your hands I commend my spirit”**

## The Seventh Reading

Luke 23: 44-49

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

*Silence*

## Homily

Kate Kennedy

*Silence*



## Music for Meditation | ‘The Crucifixion’ from *Hermit Songs* Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

Tiffany Uzoije, *soprano*; Matthew Michael Brown, *pianist*

At the cry of the first bird  
They began to crucify Thee, O Swan!  
Never shall lament cease because of that.  
It was like the parting of day from night.  
Ah, sore was the suffering borne  
By the body of Mary’s Son,  
But sorer still to Him was the grief  
Which for His sake  
Came upon His Mother.

—Howard Mumford Jones

## Prayers for Those Who Seek God

*Officiant leads the prayers.*

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;

For those who have never heard the word of salvation  
For those who have lost their faith  
For those hardened by sin or indifference  
For the contemptuous and the scornful  
For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and  
persecutors of his disciples  
For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others

That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to  
faith and obedience.

*Silence*

Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace  
of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and  
have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is  
known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter  
into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown  
of life in the day of resurrection.

*Silence*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Silence*

**Music for Meditation** | Were you there when they crucified my Lord? *Traditional Spiritual*

Tiffany Uzoije, *soprano*

*All stand, as able.*

## The Solemn Anthems

BCP 281

### Anthem I

Officiant We glory in your cross, O Lord,  
People **and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;  
for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.**

Officiant May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.  
People **Let your ways be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
People **We glory in your cross, O Lord,  
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;  
for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.**

### Anthem II

Officiant We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
People **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Officiant If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;  
if we endure, we shall also reign with him.  
People **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

### Anthem III

Officiant O Savior of the world,  
who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us:  
People **Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.**

*All kneel, as able, as the bell tolls 33 times, representing the 33 years of Jesus' life.  
Following the tolling of the bell, the clergy and congregation depart in silence.*

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## Clergy

The Rev. Winnie Varghese, *Rector*

The Rev. Matt Babcock, *Vicar*

The Rev. Nicole Lambelet, *Associate Rector for Children, Youth, and Families*

The Rev. Dr. Kimberleigh Jordan, *Minister for Formation, Community Ministries, and Creative Arts*

The Rev. Dr. Gabrielle Thomas, *Theologian in Community*

The Rev. Kim Jackson, *Priest Assisting*

The Rev. Pat Merchant, *Priest Assisting*

The Rev. Gene Paradise, *Priest Assisting*

The Rev. Emilee Walker-Cornetta, *Priest Assisting*

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