

# CLERGY **2024** CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 21 - 23

CAMP  
ALLEN

COMPASSION  
AND FAITHFULNESS  
IN AN ELECTION YEAR



★ The Episcopal Diocese of Texas

Founded in 1838 by the Episcopal Church as a mission to the people of Texas, the Diocese of Texas has been guided continuously by the Holy Spirit to plant ministries and congregations to partner with and serve the wider community. Today, the Diocese of Texas spans nearly 70,000 square miles and encompasses 81 counties. Headquartered in historic downtown Houston with offices in Austin, Tyler, and Fort Worth, we are led by the Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, ninth Bishop of Texas. We are nearly 450 clergy, 174 congregations, 70 missional communities, 27 campus missions, chaplaincies, foundations, institutions, and over 77,000 parishioners serving our neighbors. We embrace all people with mutual love and respect. We are one Church reconciled by Jesus Christ, joining God's mission to reconcile others and build up the kingdom of God.

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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

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4:00	Deacon Clericus	G1A
5:00	Iona Priest Clericus	G4
6:00	<b>Dinner</b>	Dining Hall
8:00	Bishop's Hospitality	Patio

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

Time	Event	
7:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Chapel
8:00	Check-In Opens	Lobby
	<b>Breakfast</b>	Dining Hall
8:10	Curate Breakfast	G5
9:00	Deacon Clericus	G1A
	Iona Priest Clericus	G4
	New Clergy Orientation	G3
10:30 - 12:30	Examining Chaplains	AS 2-5
12:00 - 1:15	<b>Lunch</b>	Dining Hall
1:30	<b>CONFERENCE OPENS</b>	AS 1A&B
	Announcements	
2:15 - 3:15	<b>Plenary #1</b>	AS 1A&B
	<i>Let Your Speech Always be Gracious</i> Katherine Grieb	
3:45 - 4:45	<b>SEMINARS</b>	
	<b>Seminar A:</b>	G1A
	<i>The Compassionate Way</i> Kobe Campbell	
	<b>Seminar B:</b>	AS 1A&B
	<i>Regicide and the Rule of Law: Macbeth and November 5</i> Katherine Grieb	
	<b>Seminar C:</b>	Chapel
	<i>'Our unemployed love': back to the Christian heart</i> <i>with George Herbert and Mother Julian</i> Mark Oakley	
5:00	Book Signing Opportunities	G1B

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## MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

Time	Event	
5:30 p.m.	Dinner	Dining Hall
7:30	Introduction of New Clergy	AS 1A&B
7:45	Bishop's Fireside Chat with Clergy	AS 1A&B
9:00	Social	Patio

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22**

Time	Event	
6:30 a.m.	Immunization Clinic	G1B
7:00	Open Recovery Meeting	G3
7:30	Morning Prayer, Spanish	Chapel
8:00 - 9:15	<b>Breakfast</b>	Dining Hall
8:10	<i>Considering Interim Work?</i> Christine Faulstich	G1A
8:10	Deans' Meeting	G5
8:10	Seminary of the Southwest Alumni Breakfast	Tellepsen
9:00	<b>CONFERENCE RECONVENES</b> Announcements and Information	AS 1A&B
9:15 - 10:15	<b>Plenary #2</b> <i>Poet, Prophet, Protestor – Daring to Preach in Our Times</i> Mark Oakley	AS 1A&B
10:30 - 11:30	<b>Workshop Session 1</b>  <i>Faithfully sharing. Being With: The method is the message</i> <b>Speaker:</b> James Fawcett  <i>2025: The Year when East and West Meet</i> <b>Speaker:</b> Katherine Grieb  <i>Multicultural Music for a Global Church: Singing Brings us Together</i> <b>Speakers:</b> Andrew K. Barnett & Imani-Grace Cooper  <i>Two Decades of Discovery: RightCare Ministry Programming for Seniors and Their Adult Children</i> <b>Speakers:</b> Kurt Merkelz & Randy Bartosh	AS 2  G1A  Chapel  AS 3

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## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Time	Event	
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	<b>Workshop Session 1 Continued</b>	
	<i>Putting hope into action: How should the church engage politics?</i>	G4
	<b>Speaker:</b> Scott Bader-Saye	
	<i>Compassion in Action: A Toolkit for Faithful Citizenship</i>	G6
	<b>Speakers:</b> Willie Bennett, Eric Moen, & Melodee Toles	
11:30 - 1:00	<b>Lunch</b>	Dining Hall
12:00 - 1:00	<b>Lunch and Learn</b>	
	<i>Understanding your Retirement Options</i>	G5
	<b>Speaker:</b> Zee Turnbull	
12:00 - 1:00	<b>Lunch and Learn</b>	
	<i>Diaconal Ministries in Spanish-speaking Communities</i>	G1A
	<b>Speakers:</b> Bishop Ryan & Bishop Monterroso	
1:00 - 5:00	<b>Free Time, Activities</b>	
	<i>See Activity Table for all available activities &amp; to sign-up</i>	
	Pickleball Tournament	Tennis Courts
	Game Time – Board games	Dining Hall
	Fly Fishing	Lake Goddard
5:00	<b>Eucharist</b>	Chapel
	<b>Homilist:</b> The Rev. Harvey Clemons Jr.	
	<b>Music:</b> Theodicy Jazz Collective	
6:30	<b>Dinner</b>	Dining Hall
7:45	<b>Bishop's Conversation with Donald Romanik</b>	AS 1A&B
9:00	<b>Social</b>	Patio

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## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Time	Event	
7:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer, English	Chapel
8:00 - 9:00	<b>Breakfast</b>	Dining Hall
8:10	<i>Considering a Curate?</i> Christine Faulstich	G1A
9:00 - 10:00	<b>Workshop Session 2</b>	
	<i>Holding difference in Evangelism.</i> <i>Being With: Paying attention to the Spirit.</i> <b>Speaker:</b> James Fawcett	AS 2
	<i>'God is in the world as poetry is in the poem': some poetry to take us upstream</i> <b>Speaker:</b> Mark Oakley	AS 1A&B
	<i>Migration with Dignity</i> <b>Speakers:</b> Alyssa Stebbing, Joshua Kulak, Hannah Atkins Romero, Luz Cabrera Montes, & George Porter	AS 4
	<i>Rector &amp; Head of School: A Working Relationship That Takes Work</i> <b>Speakers:</b> David Dearman & Jimmy Abbott	AS 5
	<i>Listening with Compassion - Pastoral Care to Trauma Survivors</i> <b>Speaker:</b> Tracie Middleton	AS 3
	<i>Cultivating leaders with a calling to the diaconate within the Hispanic community of the diocese</i> <b>Speakers:</b> Bishop Monterroso & Simón Bautista Betances	G4
10:15 - 11:15	<b>Workshop Session 3</b>	
	<i>Compassion: Being With because God was first</i> <b>Speaker:</b> James Fawcett	AS 2
	<i>Mixed Metaphors – Navigating Conflict through Effective Lay/Clergy Partnerships</i> <b>Speaker:</b> Donald Romanik	AS 1A&B
	<i>Building Bridges</i> <b>Speakers:</b> Carissa Baldwin-McGinnis, William Llana, & Benjamin Sanchez	AS 3
	<i>Financial Resources 101: Stewardship and Capital Campaigns</i> <b>Speaker:</b> Patrick J. Miller	AS 4

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## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

### Time

10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

### Event

**Workshop Session 3 Continued**

*Interim Rector – What you don't know*

AS 5

**Speakers:** Jim Liberatore, Malcolm Ellis, & Sharon Turner

*Gimme a Break!: Taking a Sabbatical*

G4

**Speakers:** Bishop Fisher & Kathy Dunn

11:30

**Bishop Doyle's Address**

AS 1A&B

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle  
IX Bishop of Texas

12:30

**Lunch**

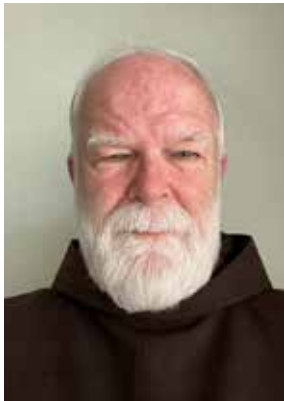
Dining Hall

**Adjournment**



**CHAPLAINS**

# CHAPLAINS



## **The Rev. Robert Flick, MS, MDiv, MBA, LPC**

Bob is currently a retired priest of the Diocese of Texas where he has served for almost 20 years. He is married to Sarah, a retired psychiatrist, active spiritual director, and author. In retirement Bob continues in the Spiritual Direction ministry and serves as a faculty member for the Iona School for Ministry where he supervises field education. He retired from Lord of the Streets and has since served in interim rector positions as well as done mental health related work for the Episcopal Health Foundation's outreach into congregations. Bob is certified in spiritual direction through Loyola University, Chicago, and is also a licensed professional counselor. A long-time Franciscan in his spiritual practice, he is a member of the Community of Francis and Clare.



## **The Rev. Dr. Parker Jameson**

Currently, Parker and his wife Paula are the 'land stewards' of one-and-a-third acres on the eastern edge of the Texas Hill Country. He attends to the health of the soil in order to support the microbes, insects, plants, invertebrates, and vertebrates who also live there. Paula attends to cacti, succulents, and miscellaneous other plants. Although a rank beginner at being a land steward, through trial and error, listening to those more learned than himself, and study, Parker is learning. He and Paula have two grown children, two daughters-in-law, two grandchildren, and three grand dogs living in Atlanta, Georgia and Stockholm, Sweden.

Beginning in 1981, Parker served small, medium, and large congregations in three dioceses. In 1998, he was called to St. Luke's on the Lake, Austin, where over the course of eighteen years he was the associate rector, then the locum tenens, and then the associate rector until retiring from congregational ministry in 2016. Beginning in 2006 and overlapping with his time at St. Luke's, he was also adjunct faculty in theological field education at the Seminary of the Southwest, retiring in 2022. He's glad to be at EDOT Clergy Conference 2024 as one of the chaplains.



## **The Rev. Sr. Miriam Elizabeth Bledsoe, OSH**

Sr. Miriam Elizabeth is a religious sister in the Order of Saint Helena, an Episcopal monastic order for women in North Augusta, SC, where she serves as the Community Leader. She also serves as a supply priest in the Diocese of South Carolina and as a mentor for Backstory Preaching, an online ministry that helps preachers grow in the spirituality and craft of preaching. She has an active spiritual direction practice. She received her M.Div. in 2002 from the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, TX and served churches in south Texas for nine years before joining the order. Prior to ordination, she worked as a hospital chaplain and rehabilitation speech pathologist. She enjoys kayaking on cool mornings, as well as all things creative including preaching, cooking, quilting and making art.

# **SPECIAL GUESTS**

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## Donald V. Romanik

President of the Episcopal Church Foundation

Donald V. Romanik has been President of the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) since 2005.

Since taking the helm at ECF, Donald has led the organization in the ongoing and iterative process of developing programs and initiatives that address the changing needs of Episcopal faith communities, including short-term pilots, comprehensive online resources, and a robust endowment management program.

Donald is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Trinity College in Hartford, CT and earned his J.D. from Boston University School of Law. Donald worked as an attorney in both government and private practice and has been active in a variety of civic, charitable, and religious organizations, including serving as former member and President of the Hartford, Connecticut Board of Education.

Donald is married to Margaret Felton Romanik. They have two grown children – one of whom serves as a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas – and four grandchildren.

### Conversation with Bishop Doyle

**Tuesday, October 22**

7:45pm

#### Room

All Saints' 1A&B

# SPECIAL GUEST



## The Rev. Harvey Clemons, Jr.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Houston

At the helm of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church of Houston since 1983, Pastor Clemons is instrumental in the comprehensive neighborhood revitalization movement of the Fifth Ward community and founded the Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation in 1989 and later the Pleasant Hill Community Development Corporation (1998). Under his leadership, the Fifth Ward and the City of Houston has improved by the construction of over 200+ single-family homes, construction and acquisition of over 2,300 multi-family housing units, and thousands of square feet of commercial space.

Reverend Clemons is a recipient of countless awards and honors including the NAACP Mickey Leland Humanitarian Award and the College of Biblical Studies Neighborhood Builders Award. A continuing student and expositor of God's Word, Reverend Clemons studied in England at Oxford University, Regents Park College. He is a contributing author of *The African American Devotional Bible* and contributing author of the publication, *Oxford Sermons 2007*. He serves on various other Boards and Advisory Councils including Buffalo Bayou Partnership, Chairman of the Board for the Center for Urban Transformation, BioLogos Advisory Council, Faith Leaders for Ending Gun Violence, Rice University's Religion and Public Life Program and the Racial, Justice and Religion Collective for the Aspen Institute.

He is married to Dianne Clemons and the father of three sons (Keitrick, Harvey III and Jonathan) and two daughters (Kristy and Harvetta) and grandfather to nine.

### Eucharist

**Tuesday, October 22**

5:00pm

### Room

All Saints' Chapel

# SPECIAL GUEST



## Theodicy Jazz Collective

The Theodicy Jazz Collective was formed at Oberlin Conservatory in 2006 and grew during residency at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music from 2008 to 2012.

The band creates and leads services for a multitude of churches and cathedrals from Los Angeles to London and Minnesota to Mississippi, offering lectures and workshops at high schools and colleges. Incorporating sounds from the traditions of jazz and gospel music and rhythms from Latin America and Africa, the music is a constant prayer, sometimes a shout of joy, sometimes a call to action, and even sometimes a cry for hope.

Theodicy has provided music for conferences and in communities such as the National Council of Churches, the Washington National Cathedral, The House of Bishops and General Convention of the Episcopal Church, and Canterbury Cathedral.

Andrew K. Barnett, piano  
William Z. Cleary, alto saxophone  
Imani-Grace Cooper, voice  
Reginald Cyntje, trombone  
Mike Wade, trumpet  
Jonathan Parker, tenor saxophone  
Michael Bowie, bass  
Fabio Rojas, drums

### Eucharist

**Tuesday, October 22**

5:00pm

**Room:**

All Saints' Chapel

# PLENARY SPEAKER



## **The Rev. A. Katherine Grieb, J.D., Ph.D., L.L.M.**

Director, Center for Anglican Studies  
Virginia Theological Seminary,  
and Adjunct Faculty in New Testament

The Rev. A. Katherine Grieb, Ph.D. became the Director of the Center for Anglican Communion Studies (CACS) on July 1, 2021. She has served the Anglican Communion for some twenty years in many roles, including on the Inter-Anglican Theological and Doctrinal Commission (IATDC) and the Inter-Anglican Standing Committee on Unity, Faith, and Order (IASCUFO), among others.

Dr. Grieb received a B.A. in Philosophy and Religion at Hollins University, a J.D. from Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America, an M.Div. at Virginia Theological Seminary, a Ph.D. with Distinction in Theology at Yale University, and an L.L.M. with distinction in Canon Law at the Cardiff University in Wales.

She has taught at Virginia Theological Seminary as Professor of Biblical Interpretation and New Testament since 1994 and now combines her duties at CACS with teaching Biblical Greek and New Testament Interpretation.

Her book, *The Story of Romans: A Narrative Defense of God's Righteousness* (Westminster John Knox, 2002) is widely used in seminaries. Dr. Grieb is one of the Six Preachers, chosen by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Dean of Canterbury Cathedral. She has written extensively about preaching and has preached at Canterbury Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, and many Episcopal parishes in the United States.

**“Let Your Speech Always be Gracious.”**

### **Plenary**

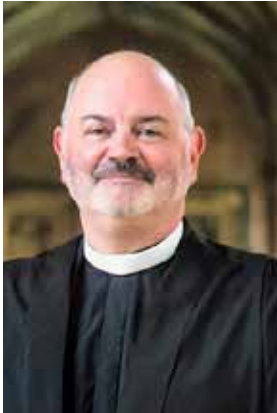
**Monday, October 21**

2:15pm

### **Room**

All Saints' 1A&B

# PLENARY SPEAKER



## The Very Rev. Dr. Mark Oakley

Dean of Southwark

The Very Rev. Dr. Mark Oakley is Dean of Southwark Cathedral, on the south bank of the Thames in London. Over thirty years as a priest he has been Chaplain to the Bishop of London, the Rector of the Actors' Church, the Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral, and the Dean of St John's College in Cambridge University. He was also Deputy Priest in Ordinary to the late Queen Elizabeth II. He is the author of several books on poetry and literature's relationship to faith, including *The Splash of Words: Believing in Poetry*, which won the international Michael Ramsey Prize for theological writing. Last year the Archbishop of Canterbury awarded him the Lanfranc Award for Scholarship and Education. Mark has a PhD in English Literature and has recently been awarded an Honorary doctorate in Education by the University of Chester. Mark is also a respected public speaker and communicator, as well as a strong advocate for human rights. He was awarded the first national 'upstander against Hate Crime' award in the UK for his work with victims of hate crime.

**Poet, Prophet, Protestor — Daring to Preach in Our Times**

**Plenary**

**Tuesday, October 22**

9:15am

**Room**

All Saints' 1A&B



# SEMINAR A



## Kobe Campbell, LCMHC-QS

The Healing Circle Therapy and Wellness Center

Kobe Campbell is an award-winning licensed trauma therapist, bestselling author, media expert, entertainment consultant, and keynote speaker. She recently released her first book with W Publishing of HarperCollins titled, *Why Am I Like This?: How to Break Cycles, Heal From Trauma, and Restore Your Faith*.

Kobe is the founder of The Healing Circle Therapy and Wellness Center in Charlotte, North Carolina & hosts “The Healing Circle Podcast” with her husband Kyle. She’s the mother of two incredible boys and looks forward to sharing her expertise with anyone willing to learn, listen, and grow.

### **The Compassionate Way**

The art of compassion and dwelling during hard times.

**Monday, October 21**

3:45pm

### **Room:**

Gregg 1A

# SEMINAR B



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### **Regicide and the Rule of Law: Macbeth and November 5**

November 5, 2024 will be Election Day in the United States and in England it is Guy Fawkes Day, a reminder of the treasonous Gunpowder Plot of 1605. This coincidence provides an opportunity to reflect on the importance of "the rule of law" in history and in literature, especially concerning the orderly transition of power in the highest office of the land. Most literary critics of Shakespeare believe that "Macbeth," written shortly after this treason was discovered and prevented, deals with these questions, as well as "equivocation" and the seal of the confessional, predestination and freedom, and gender fluidity, among other matters, making it especially timely for religious leaders this fall.

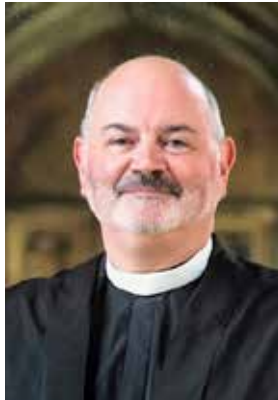
### **Monday, October 21**

3:45pm

### **Room:**

All Saints' 1A&B

# SEMINAR C



## The Very Rev. Dr. Mark Oakley

Dean of Southwark

Mark Oakley is Dean of Southwark in London, England. Formerly Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral, Dean of St John's College, Cambridge, and a Deputy Priest in Ordinary to Queen Elizabeth II, Mark is admired for his preaching, public speaking and his writings on poetry, literature and spirituality. The Archbishop of Canterbury recently presented him with the Lanfranc Award for education and scholarship, and he was also awarded the Michael Ramsey Prize for theological writing, for his book *'The Splash of Words: Believing in Poetry'*. The University of Chester honored Mark last year with an honorary doctorate for his contribution to the arts and human rights.

### **'Our unemployed love': back to the Christian heart with George Herbert and Mother Julian**

Mark Oakley will explore the poetry of English poet George Herbert, and the writings of Mother Julian of Norwich, to reorient us back to the heart of Christian life at a time when so much rhetoric is pushing us into places we shouldn't be in. We will look at some poems together, with their moments of mysterious intrusion, and explore how poetry might be the native language of faith.

**Monday, October 21**

3:45pm

**Room:**

All Saints' Chapel

# WORKSHOPS

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## SESSION 1

Tuesday, October 22

10:30am

### Room:

All Saints' 2

## Faithfully Sharing. Being With: The Method is the Message.

### Description:

Quote from a Priest in 2024: "A high sacramental theology fundamentally comes down to meeting Christ in ordinary things, and in each other, as the corporate body of Christ. That is also what Being With sets out to do."

Being With is an innovative Christian Enquirer's Course, designed to help individuals articulate and value their own spiritual journey. The course helps people consider faith in new and refreshing ways, without needing to study or memorize theological texts or to seek correction or judgement. The course is immersive, offering time and space for participants to discover and trust that the Holy Spirit has been at work in their life since the beginning.

The course introduces (or reintroduces) people to formal church communities.

Each course runs over ten weeks, online or in person, and is free to participants. Participation is open to everyone from all walks of life and range in age from 18-80 years old. This session particularly focuses on one of the key principles of Being With: the Method is the Message. You will also be hearing from a member of the clergy of the Diocese about their experience of running Being With just down the road from you.

### James Fawcett

Director, Being With



James has 25 years of experience in various ministry context and has established several projects and charitable organizations. He is Founder and Director of CONCRETE, a platform connecting, thinking and amplifying Christians working with young people. He is also the Founder and Director of WITH a new religious community in an old convent. He is well-known throughout the UK and beyond for his innovative thinking in enabling discipleship and outreach among young people.

As well as the projects he has founded and developed, James has also served on the faculty of centers to train others in youth ministry and taken on governance roles for various charities. He has been connecting with St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London and its Being With theological vision for several years and has spent the past three exploring what this theology could mean within a welcoming Christian community.

James has two daughters and enjoys swimming, cooking, making things out of wood, and a good whisky.

# WORKSHOPS

## SESSION 1

**Tuesday, October 22**  
10:30am

**Room:**  
Gregg 1A

## 2025: The Year When East and West Meet

### Description:

Rudyard Kipling famously said “Oh, East is East and West is West and never the Twain shall meet, Till Earth and Sky stand presently at God’s great Judgement Seat.” He wasn’t talking about the Eastern and Western parts of the Body of Christ, which have been divided for many centuries, but his words are an apt description of the difficulties of confessing our faith in “One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.”

2025 is a rare opportunity for us: It is the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea in 325 and it is one of the few years when both Eastern Orthodox and the Catholic West celebrate Easter on the same date.

This workshop will review the overall history, summarize the key achievements of the Anglican-Orthodox dialogue which produced “The Church of the Triune God” of 2006, and suggest ways to teach church members about this and to partner with Orthodox clergy in 2025.



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**Tuesday, October 22**  
10:30am

**Room:**  
All Saints' Chapel

## Multicultural Music for a Global Church: Singing Brings Us Together

### Description:

How can we live together across lines of difference? How can people with different languages, cultures, racial identities, and liturgical/musical preferences live in faithful community with each other? In this workshop, we'll explore the rationale and the practice for multicultural music in Christian community. Music is one of the great bridge builders in our time, and singing brings us together!



### The Rev. Dr. Andrew K. Barnett

Founding Director, Theodicy Jazz Collective

The Rev. Dr. Andrew K. Barnett is the Senior Associate Rector for Program. Hailing from Minnesota, he attended Oberlin College and Conservatory, Yale University's Environment and Divinity Schools, and Luther Seminary, where he earned a D. Min. in congregational mission and leadership. Andy led Washington National Cathedral's strategic priority to broaden their liturgical music, expanding the beauty of Anglican tradition while honoring the power of what has come before. He is a trustee of the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

As founding director of the Theodicy Jazz Collective, he has performed broadly across the United States and England, including a commissioned jazz mass (with William Cleary) for Canterbury Cathedral, and a choral suite of freedom songs, funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Doris Duke Foundation, and the Mellon Foundation.

In his environmental work, he researched and wrote for the Presidential Climate Action Project – a menu of policy options that was presented to President Obama and informed that administration's climate action. He also built an Environmental Justice curriculum for the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles and served on the presiding bishop's delegation to the UN climate summits in France, Morocco, and Germany.

As a teacher, Andy is passionate about local and global partnerships, aiming to love God, love our neighbors, and change the world. Beyond work, he loves running, dogs, tennis, cooking, and rooting for the Minnesota Twins.

# WORKSHOPS

## Multicultural Music for a Global Church: Singing Brings Us Together Continued...



### **Imani-Grace Cooper**

Vocalist, Theodicy Jazz Collective

Imani-Grace Cooper is a jazz vocalist with idiom versatility and knowledge from experiences including collegiate studies under the main instruction of Connaitre Miller, 2013 DownBEAT Magazine's Jazz Education achievement Award recipient. Her enthusiasm for jazz fueled the cultivation of a jazz series at Sankofa Cafe in Washington, D.C. titled Sounds at Sankofa, which features a variety of the District's jazz legends like Allyn Johnson and Fred Foss.

Imani-Grace debuted as a solo artist as the Apollo Theater's guest artist during the Annual Harl Jazz Week. Imani-Grace Cooper, as a solo artist and ensemble singer, has shared band stands with Dianne Reeves, Esperanza Spalding, Terri Lyne Carrington, the late George Duke, Al Jarreau, and many more! Imani-Grace services fellow enthusiasts of singing in private voice lessons and can be found singing regularly in Washington, D.C. and surrounding cities.



# WORKSHOPS

## SESSION 1

**Tuesday, October 22**  
10:30am

**Room:**  
All Saints' 3

## Two Decades of Discovery: RightCare Ministry Programming for Seniors and Their Adult Children

### Description:

This workshop will delve into two decades of groundbreaking research on senior care ministry programming. Join us to discover the tools, resources, and ministry programming now available to support the most vulnerable and suffering members of our church community.



### Dr. Kurt Merkelz

Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of Compassus

Dr. Kurt Merkels is triple-board certified in hospice and palliative care medicine, family practice, and geriatrics. He is senior vice president and chief medical officer of Compassus and has been in this role since 2017.

Throughout his career, Merkelz has focused on caring for older adults. His perseverance in raising industry benchmarks for quality hospice care earned him the Compassus R. Sean Morrison, M.D. Award for Outstanding Achievement in Hospice Physician Leadership.

He is currently serving a third term as co-chair for the National Quality Forum's (NQF) Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) post-acute workgroup. Dr. Merkelz pioneering work in standardized care delivery garnered Compassus national recognition by NQF in 2020.

Merkelz serves on several national organization committees including AAHPM, AMDA, and NHPCO.



### Randy Bartosh

President of PBHS and Project Leader for the RightCare Foundation

Randy is the head of research for PBHS. Over the course of the last 22 years, Randy has led applied research collaboratives with 300+ care organizations involving over 75,000 senior lives. The research has been focused on categorizing, quantifying, and achieving the outcomes seniors require to be successful. His direct work has led to standardized care and care delivery models used in over 39 states in the U.S. as well as Canada and Australia.

You will find him either leading integration projects, performing care visits for his local churches, or with his wonderful family playing along the Texas Gulf Coast where they live.

# WORKSHOPS

## SESSION 1

**Tuesday, October 22**  
10:30am

**Room:**  
Gregg 4

## Putting Hope Into Action: How Should the Church Engage Politics?

### Description:

This workshop invites us to reflect on the church's political calling. This calling begins with our recognition that the church is always already a political body with the opportunity to bear witness to the ways of God in its common life and practices. In addition, the church is called to engage the world and its powers for the sake of creation's fulfillment. This session will explore how hope and fear shape our political vision, how we can attend to our ultimate end of life with God while also attending to our penultimate end of flourishing in this life, and how we can determine when the usual political disagreements have tipped into the kind of political extremism that demands a stronger statement from the church.



### Dr. Scott Bader-Saye

Dean and President, Seminary of the Southwest

Dr. Bader-Saye is the ninth dean and president of Seminary of the Southwest (SSW). He was appointed in 2024 after serving on the faculty as the Helen and Everett H. Jones Professor of Christian Ethics and Moral Theology for 15 years and as academic dean for 11 years. He continues to teach ethics classes and form SSW students in practices of moral reasoning, critical thinking, and healthy disagreement.

His research explores politics and culture, gender and sexuality, ecology, and economics. A revised and expanded edition of his book *Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear* was published in October 2020. He is also the author of *Formed by Love*, a brief introduction to ethics in the Episcopal Church, and *Church and Israel After Christendom*, an exploration of the idea of divine election and its political implications. He is an active member of St. Julian's Episcopal Church in Austin.

# WORKSHOPS

## SESSION 1

**Tuesday, October 22**  
10:30 am

**Room:**  
Gregg 6

## Compassion in Action: A Toolkit for Faithful Citizenship

### Description:

In this workshop, we will emphasize practical applications of faith and civic life by defining actionable steps your congregation can take in the community year-round. In addition to the sharable tool kit, you'll hear congregational stories and learn about current opportunities for your church to engage in the civic life of your community.

### Willie Bennett

Senior Congregational Engagement Officer, Episcopal Health Foundation



Willie Bennett has served in community and congregational ministry for 32 years. He began his career in organizing by leading a community in Fort Worth in the closing of a crack house in the neighborhood. He continued as an organizer for 25 years with the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF). Mr. Bennett now serves as a Congregational Engagement Officer with the Episcopal Health Foundation for the congregations in the Diocese of Texas.

### Eric Moen

Senior Congregational Engagement Officer, Episcopal Health Foundation



Eric Moen has served in community and congregational ministry for more than 30 years. He is a Senior Congregational Engagement Officer with the Episcopal Health Foundation and is responsible for developing and implementing EHF's collaborative work with the congregations of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. Prior to his seven years at EHF, Eric worked in three diocesan congregations as a professional lay minister directing youth and young adult ministries as well as leading world missions and congregational outreach. He is a founding member and board chair of Houston reVision, a Houston based non-profit working alongside system-involved youth in Harris County and serves as executive chair on the board of Camp Allen Episcopal Camp and Conference Center.

# WORKSHOPS

## Compassion in Action: A Toolkit for Faithful Citizenship Continued...



### **Melodee Toles**

Congregational Engagement Officer, Episcopal Health Foundation

Melodee Toles is a Congregational Engagement Officer at the Episcopal Health Foundation. In her role, she partners with community-based organizations and Episcopal congregations in our 80-county service area to help build their capacity to engage communities and build sustainable initiatives to create healthier places to live, work, and play. Melodee is most integral in the management and coordination of Mental Health and Poverty initiatives. A native of Saint Louis, Missouri, Melodee earned a B.A. from Vanderbilt University and Master of Public Health in Epidemiology from the University of Louisville. She is passionate about her faith, health equity, and building healthy communities.

# WORKSHOPS

## SESSION 2

Wednesday, October 23  
9:00am

Room:  
All Saints' 2

## Holding Difference in Evangelism. Being With: Paying Attention to the Spirit.

### Description:

Quote from Priest 2024: "The people who take part in Being With experience something really special. In feedback, they will say things like, I experienced such a profound level of respect and hospitality, I feel like I experienced the heart of God'."

Being With is an innovative Christian Enquirer's Course, designed to help individuals articulate and value their own spiritual journey. The course helps people consider faith in new and refreshing ways, without needing to study or memorize theological texts or to seek correction or judgement. The course is immersive, offering time and space for participants to discover and trust that the Holy Spirit has been at work in their life since the beginning.

The course introduces (or reintroduces) people to formal church communities.

Each course runs over ten weeks, online or in person, and is free to participants. Participation is open to everyone from all walks of life and range in age from 18-80 years old.

This session particularly focuses on one of the key principles of Being With: the Holy Spirit has been at work since day one.

You will also be hearing from a member of clergy from the Diocese about their experience of running Being With just down the road from you.

### James Fawcett

Director, Being With

See page 21 for bio.



# WORKSHOPS

## SESSION 2

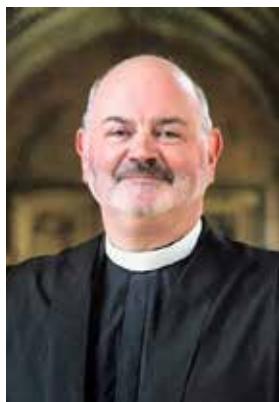
Wednesday, October 23  
9:00am

**Room:**  
All Saints' 1A&B

## 'God is in the World as Poetry is in the Poem': Some Poetry to Take Us Upstream

### Description:

Mark Oakley will read some of the poems, past and contemporary, which have inspired his faith over the years. In an election year, he will focus on some that have reminded him that honest complexity, rather than dishonest simplicity, is the path of human integrity.



**The Very Rev. Dr. Mark Oakley**  
Dean of Southwark

Mark Oakley is Dean of Southwark in London, England. Formerly, Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral, Dean of St John's College, Cambridge, and a Deputy Priest in Ordinary to Queen Elizabeth II, Mark is admired for his preaching, public speaking and his writings on poetry, literature, and spirituality. The Archbishop of Canterbury recently presented him with the Lanfranc Award for education and scholarship, and he was also awarded the Michael Ramsey Prize for theological writing, for his book *'The Splash of Words: Believing in Poetry'*. The University of Chester honored Mark last year with an honorary doctorate for his contribution to the arts and human rights.

# WORKSHOPS

## SESSION 2

Wednesday, October 23

9:00am

### Room:

All Saints' 4

## Migration with Dignity

### Description:

Migration and immigration are hot-button topics especially in our current political moment. This workshop introduces the "Migration with Dignity" framework adopted by the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church and connects it to the current local work of the Diocese's Migration Ministries, inviting your cooperation to welcome our newest neighbors.

### The Rev. Alyssa Stebbing

Rector, St. Christopher's, Austin



The Reverend Alyssa Stebbing received her M.Div. from Seminary of the Southwest and was ordained in the Episcopal Church. She has spent 30 years serving in ministry around the world, working primarily with marginalized and disenfranchised people. She is currently the Episcopal Migration Ministries liaison for the Diocese of Texas and previously served as an Anglican delegate to the UN Commission on the Status of Women. She loves music, painting, iconography, the smell of piñon burning, tacos, hiking, traveling, learning, teaching, and prayer. She and her husband, Colin, share seven children and their families who are spread across the globe.

### The Rev. Dr. Joshua Kulak

Associate Rector, St. Michael's, Austin



Josh serves as Associate Rector at St. Michael's in Austin where he focuses on parish outreach and formation. He completed Anglican studies at Seminary of the Southwest (SSW) and earned his PhD in Theology at Liverpool Hope University in the UK. He is interested in world Christianity, interfaith work, and holistic Christian witness. He enjoys spending time with his three loves: his wife, Kari; their kids, Killion and Margaret; and Liverpool Football Club. In his free time, you can often find Josh at Half Price Books, eating Indian food, or endlessly watching soccer.



# WORKSHOPS

## Migration with Dignity Continued...



**The Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero**

Rector, Trinity, Houston

The Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero became Trinity's fifteenth rector in September of 2007. To prepare herself as a third-generation Episcopal priest, the Rev. Atkins Romero earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history at Douglass College, Rutgers University and a master's degree in divinity at the General Theological Seminary in New York in May 1996, with additional studies in theology at Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas in El Salvador. The Reverend Atkins Romero previously served as Senior Assistant Rector at St. John's Church, Lafayette Square, Washington, D.C. Before joining St. John's Church, she served as Director of Theological and Christian Education in the Diocese of the Episcopal/Anglican Church of El Salvador, Associate Priest at St. John the Evangelist San Salvador, Priest-in-Charge at Holy Trinity Church Santa Teresa in San Martín, and as Interim Priest-in-Charge at St. Andrew's Church in Amatepec, Soyapango. The Reverend Atkins Romero is married to husband Elmer, and they have four children (and Paco, the dog).



**The Rev. Luz Cabrera Montes**

Canon for Welcome & Discipleship, Christ Church Cathedral, Houston

The Rev. Luz Montes, born in Houston, Texas, to Salvadoran immigrants, discovered the Episcopal Church through Iglesia Episcopal San Mateo during her teenage years. After attending her first Episcopal Youth Event in 2005, she became involved in ministry across the Diocese of Texas and the broader Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Montes earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Houston and worked as a bilingual education teacher and lay minister before attending seminary. She received her Master of Divinity from the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in Austin and became the curate at Trinity Episcopal Church, Houston, in 2020. Ordained priest on February 20, 2021, as the first Latina priest from a Spanish-speaking parish in the Diocese of Texas, she continued at Trinity as Associate Rector.

Rev. Montes has served as a deputy to the General Convention and secretary of the Commission on Hispanic Ministry. She began her ministry at Christ Church Cathedral in March 2024. The Rev. Montes is married to Thanh and has one daughter and two dogs.



# WORKSHOPS

## Migration with Dignity Continued...



**The Rev. George Porter**

Associate Rector, St. James', Austin

The Rev. George D. Porter is now the Associate Rector at St. James' Episcopal Church in Austin. He was born and grew up in Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, and was a child of Jamaican-Honduran parents. Porter served as Dean of St. Mark's Cathedral Church in the Diocese of Nicaragua and Vicar to Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church in Puerto Sandino. Before this, the Rev. Porter officiated as a Lay Minister at "La Transfiguración" Episcopal Church in Nicaragua, where Bishop Sturdie Downs confirmed him. Besides his parish ministry experience, the Rev. Porter served as General Coordinator of the Commission of Theological Education for Latin America and the Caribbean, as a member of the Executive Committee representing the Diocese of Nicaragua, as Secretary General of the Anglican Church in Central America, and Treasurer of the Episcopal Diocese of Nicaragua. He is the father of two young adults, Stacy Porter and Wilhelm Porter.

# WORKSHOPS

## SESSION 2

**Wednesday, October 23**  
9:00am

**Room:**  
All Saints' 5

## Rector and Head of School: A Working Relationship That Takes Work

### Description:

When the rector and head of school work well together, their collegiality can be an inspiration for the entire system. Leaders are encouraged never to take even the best relationships for granted. The presenters recommend collegiality be nurtured with intentionality around some key broad-stroke ideas. The group will consider a series of brief completely fictional vignettes with prompts. While the presenters have honed their “off-the-cuff” acting skills with these stories, the fun must be shared! This workshop offers opportunities for participants to dive into a bit of improv, if they wish. Observations will be shared centered around best practices for the various scenarios. Come prepared for experiential learning and thoughtful discussion. Laugh (or grimace) as needed. The session is intended for the rectors of parishes with schools, for those who have previously held this role, and for those who might have this ministry in the future.



### The Rev. David Dearman

Chair, Episcopal Diocese of Texas Commission on Schools

David served as head of school at Trinity, Galveston, from 2002 until 2017 when he retired after 30 years working in Episcopal schools. His professional career in education began after college when he landed a job teaching high school biology. David is quick to point out that students learn best in different ways. This understanding goes back to his own high school years and to a summer job as a reading tutor for elementary-aged students with dyslexia. David and his wife, Layne, have three adult children and two young grandsons, upon whom they dote as much as possible.



### The Rev. Jimmy Abbott

Rector, Trinity, Galveston

Jimmy serves as the twelfth rector of historic Trinity Episcopal Church, Galveston. In his role as the rector, Jimmy also serves as the Chair of the Board for Trinity Episcopal School, the largest private school on Galveston Island. Jimmy finds great joy in building bridges across the church and school communities, both of which are important parts of his family's life.

# WORKSHOPS

## SESSION 2

Wednesday, October 23  
9:00am

### Room:

All Saints' 3

## Listening with Compassion - Pastoral Care to Trauma Survivors

### Description:

Have there been times in your ministry when you've felt ill-equipped to respond pastorally? You just didn't know how to respond to the person in front of you?

Clergy hear some very painful stories: disclosures of abuse, experiences of wrenching grief or unendurable pain, or admissions of deep remorse. Responding well in those moments is a key part of good pastoral care. This workshop seeks to equip you with some practical tools for listening well, and resources for further learning. We will cover some specific techniques, with opportunity to practice them in the session. It should be useful whether your EQ is on par with Oprah, or if you feel as perplexed by emotion as Sheldon and Spock.

We'll also consider resources for referring parishioners in various crises to additional support, and resources for supporting your own mental and emotional health when you regularly intersect with others' pain.

### The Rev. Tracie Middleton

Deacon, St. Mark's, Beaumont



The Rev. Tracie Middleton has been a deacon for 15 years and served congregations in Silsbee, Hurst, and Fort Worth before coming back "home" to St. Mark's, Beaumont. She's also chaplain to All Saints' Episcopal School in Beaumont and works part-time for the Rape & Suicide Crisis Center of Southeast Texas. Her previous work experiences include various communications roles, disaster relief, port and fire chaplaincy, and teaching. Something she's currently interested in exploring more are ways the Church can better respond to people who have experienced harm - liturgically, pastorally, and through improvements to systems and structures.

# WORKSHOPS

## SESSION 2

Wednesday, October 23  
9:00am

Room:  
Gregg 4

## Cultivating Leaders With a Calling to the Diaconate Within the Hispanic Community of the Diocese

## Cultivando Líderes Con un Llamado al Diaconado Dentro de la Comunidad Hispana de la Diócesis

### Description:

Let's expand the conversation and hear from lots of voices. Join us to discuss and create ways to grow our Hispanic leadership in the Diocese, especially focused on candidates for the diaconal ministry. Let's see what strategies we can all use in our ministries.

### Descripción:

Vamos a ampliar la conversación y queremos escuchar de muchas voces diferentes. Únase a nosotros para discutir y crear formas de crecer nuestro liderazgo hispano en la diócesis, especialmente enfocado en los candidatos para el ministerio diaconal. Veamos cuales estrategias todos nosotros podemos usar en nuestros ministerios.



### The Rt. Rev. Hectór F. Monterroso

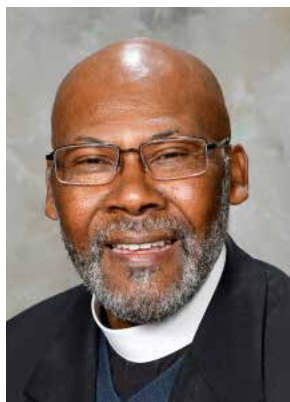
Bishop Assistant, Diocese of Texas

Originally from Guatemala, he was ordained as a deacon in 1986 and as a priest in 1987. He was consecrated as the Bishop of Costa Rica on June 7, 2003, where he served as a Bishop Diocesan for 14 years. He and his wife, Sandra Cardona, have two grown children: María Beatriz, a geriatrician, and Héctor Ramón, a civil engineer. In July 2017, he moved to Houston to be part of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. His current ministry includes the strengthening and growth of Hispanic congregations, new missional communities, and churches in the Diocese of Texas. He oversees the Southern Region of the Diocese, which includes 52 churches and several development programs. He coordinates interfaith and ecumenical efforts, supports the process and development of a multicultural presence in the congregations of the Diocese, and promotes the call to ordained ministry, identifying vocational leaders within the local Hispanic ministry. During his free time, he practices soccer, basketball, and ping pong.

# WORKSHOPS

## **Cultivating Leaders With a Calling to the Diaconate Within the Hispanic Community of the Diocese Continued...**

## **Cultivando Líderes Con un Llamado al Diaconado Dentro de la Comunidad Hispana de la Diócesis Continuado...**



### **The Rev. Canon Simón Bautista Betances**

Canon for Latino Ministries & Outreach,  
Christ Church Cathedral, Houston

Simón Bautista Betances was born and raised in the Dominican Republic. He was ordained as a Roman Catholic priest in 1987 after obtaining his bachelor's degree at the Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra and completing his theological studies at Seminary of Saint Thomas Aquinas, both in Santo Domingo. He later returned to teach philosophy at his alma mater. He served the Haitian immigrant community in the Dominican Republic for 12 years. During his ministry in the Dominican Republic, he served as pastor of two parishes and as the director of the National Center for Haitian Immigrants, a nonprofit supported by the Roman Catholic Church. Simón has lived in the United States since 1993. In 2004, he was received into the Episcopal Church, serving as the Episcopal Diocese of Washington's Canon for Latino Ministries before coming to the Cathedral in 2014. In addition, he serves as chaplain to the House of Bishops, a position he has held for five years. Simón is married to Amarilis Vargas and they have four children: María Teresa, Simón Antonio, María Leaquina, and Amarilis de los Ángeles, "Lili."

# WORKSHOPS

## SESSION 3

Wednesday, October 23

10:15am

### Room:

All Saints' 2

## Compassion: Being With Because God Was First

### Description:

Quote from Priest 2024: "I just love that it revolves around the premise that God's ultimate purpose is to be with us in the most present, tactile, involved way imaginable, and that we are called to join in, both in terms of being with God and being with ourselves and others. It's good theology and non-theological language so it's something that people can understand."

Being With is an innovative Christian Enquirer's Course, designed to help individuals articulate and value their own spiritual journey. The course helps people consider faith in new and refreshing ways, without needing to study or memorize theological texts or to seek correction or judgement. The course is immersive, offering time and space for participants to discover and trust that the Holy Spirit has been at work in their life since the beginning.

The course introduces (or reintroduces) people to formal church communities.

Each course runs over ten weeks, online or in person, and is free to participants. Participation is open to everyone, from all walks of life and range in age from 18-80 years old.

This session particularly focuses on one of the key principles of Being With: God's greatest desire is to be with us.

We will also be hearing from a member clergy from the Diocese about their experience of running Being With just down the road from you.

### James Fawcett

Director, Being With

See page 21 for bio.



# WORKSHOPS

## SESSION 3

Wednesday, October 23

10:15am

### Room:

All Saints' 1A&B

## Mixed Metaphors - Navigating Conflict Through Effective Lay/Clergy Partnerships

### Description:

Every local faith community, of whatever size and shape, is facing significant transition and change which often leads to conflict among members and, more typically, between the clergy and the congregation. Political polarization and the fallout from the November election will only exacerbate this tension. While conflict is not inherently bad, it needs to be managed and focused. Clergy often feel overwhelmed and isolated in these circumstances and have the misconception that they alone are responsible for bringing the congregation together. But it's not just about you. You need to acknowledge and appreciate that we're all in this together and consider church leaders and members as partners and not just congregants.

Using the Baptismal Covenant and Ordination Vows as a theological framework, Donald V. Romanik will offer some ideas and facilitate a lively and provocative discussion on how clergy can forge, nurture, and sustain effective lay-clergy partnerships to navigate transitions and change, manage conflict, and redirect the congregation from internal personal clashes to outwardly focused mission.



### Donald V. Romanik

President, Episcopal Church Foundation

Donald V. Romanik has been President of the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) since 2005.

Since taking the helm at ECF, Donald has led the organization in the ongoing and iterative process of developing programs and initiatives that address the changing needs of Episcopal faith communities, including short-term pilots, comprehensive online resources, and a robust endowment management program.

Donald is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Trinity College in Hartford, CT and earned his J.D. from Boston University School of Law. Donald worked as an attorney in both government and private practice and has been active in a variety of civic, charitable and religious organizations, including serving as former member and President of the Hartford, Connecticut Board of Education.

Donald is married to Margaret Felton Romanik. They have two grown children—one of whom serves as a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas—and four grandchildren.



# WORKSHOPS

## SESSION 3

Wednesday, October 23

10:15am

### Room:

All Saints' 3

## Building Bridges

### Description:

This workshop aims to equip participants with the knowledge and tools to support and advocate for Hispanic communities during election years effectively. By exploring the unique challenges these communities face, participants will gain a deeper understanding of their needs and learn how to engage in faithful advocacy.

The workshop will also highlight successful examples of collaboration between clergy and lay leaders and provide opportunities for interactive discussion and strategy development.

### The Rev. Carissa Baldwin-McGinnis

Vicar, Northside, Houston

The Rev. Carissa Baldwin-McGinnis is Vicar of Northside Episcopal Church in Houston, TX, a church plant of the Diocese of Texas. Carissa has served Episcopal congregations in Houston and Los Angeles after several years working in human rights, workforce development, and faith-based community organizing.



### William Llana

Lay Pastoral Leader, San Estebán, Cleveland

William Llana is from Perú and serves our Diocese as a church planter in the city of Cleveland Texas, he is currently a student at Iona in the priest program, he is married and has two children. William is a Graduate of the South American Biblical Seminary-Peru and the Houston Graduate School of Theology-Houston, Texas. He has experience in missions and developing new ministries.



### The Rev. Benjamin Sánchez

Vicar, Espíritu Santo Church Plant, Bryan

Padre Ben, originally from Colombia, is the vicar of the Bryan Church Plant of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. He holds a Philosophy degree from México (2004) and a Theology degree from Rome, Italy (2008). Ordained deacon in Rome (2010) and priest in Colombia (2011), he has served in various roles including teacher, spiritual director, and associate rector in Colombia and Mexico. He also directed a home for the elderly. In 2020, he earned a Diploma in Anglican Studies from the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest in Austin. On June 5, 2021, he was received as an Episcopal priest for the Diocese of Louisiana, serving as a Missioner for the Latino Ministry and Associate Rector at St. Augustine's in Metairie. Padre Ben is married to Paula, with two children, Thomas and Nicholas. He is dedicated to working with both Latino and Anglo congregations. Padre Ben's strengths and abilities in ministry include spiritual leadership, teaching and mentorship, community service, cultural competence, pastoral care, and being family-oriented.





# WORKSHOPS

## SESSION 3

**Wednesday, October 23**  
10:15am

**Room:**  
All Saints' 4

## Financial Resources 101: Stewardship and Capital Campaigns

### Description:

This workshop will be an opportunity to learn, or affirm, common strategies for raising those financial resources necessary for the proclamation of the Gospel. New rectors and long serving parish or mission leaders will be encouraged to think first about their mission and then about the resources needed to fulfill their objectives. The models discussed will be useful for the annual stewardship campaign as well as a capital campaign.

### The Rev. Patrick J. Miller

Rector, St. Mark's, Houston



Patrick received his BA in Communication and Philosophy from Austin College in 1990. He received his MDiv from Seminary of the Southwest (SSW) in 2000. In February 2008, Patrick became the rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and School (in Houston). He serves as Executive Chair of St. Mark's Episcopal School, and as a member of the St. Mark's Episcopal Church Endowment Board.

He currently serves on the Diocese of Texas Insurance Task Force, Justice Forward (Development Committee), Champion Institute (Development chair), and Jazz Houston (Board President). Additionally, he has a robust history of leadership within the Diocese and on committees within The Episcopal Church and extensive past involvement with General Convention over a period of several years. He serves on numerous boards and committees in organizations within and outside of the Church.

Patrick has served the parishes of St. Richard's, Round Rock; St. Alban's, Austin; Christ Church Cathedral, Houston; Christ Church, Greenwich, Connecticut; and the Episcopal Youth Community in Waco.

Patrick is husband to Allison Standish Miller, and they have two children. He likes to play the cello, laugh, ski, play tennis, golf, go mountain biking, and box—but not at the same time.

# WORKSHOPS

## SESSION 3

Wednesday, October 23  
10:15am

**Room:**  
All Saints' 5

## Interim Rector - What You Don't Know

### Description:

An Interim Rector is more than a supply priest until the next rector is called. Interim work in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas endeavors to match a congregation's needs for its next season of life with a priest who has the skills to assist the church in being in the best place to issue a call. This ministry is critical and extremely fulfilling.

The congregation might find itself moving forward

- After the retirement of the rector;
- After a long tenured rector leaves;
- After a challenging time;
- After several shorter-term cures;
- In financial distress;
- With deferred maintenance; and/or
- After an exit of several key leaders.

Hear the varied experiences of several of your colleagues in a panel discussion with questions and answers. Could this ministry be for you?



### The Rev. Jim Liberatore

Interim Rector, St. Stephen's, Beaumont

The Rev. Jim Liberatore retired as the rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Pearland where he served for 27 years. Currently, Jim has served as Interim Rector of St. Stephen's in Beaumont since May of 2022. Jim has served churches in Austin, Baytown and Houston as well as working as a hospital chaplain. Jim came to the Diocese of Texas from the Diocese of Colorado in 1985. He graduated with a Master of Divinity from Seminary of the Southwest (SSW). Prior to seminary, Jim worked in oil, chemical, and mining exploration and construction. His undergraduate degree is in Chemical Engineering, and he is a registered Professional Engineer in Texas.

Jim has been married to Christine for 52 years and has two daughters, four grandchildren, and one great grandson. His passion is for turning the church "inside out," sending followers of Jesus Christ into the community by creating avenues for people to serve in the community and in creating spaces for building relationships.

Jim has served as Chair of the Division of Evangelism and Renewal, offered numerous workshops on parish growth and revitalization, and entrepreneurial leadership. He led the startup of Baytown Habitat for Humanity and Clear Creek Family Promise (homeless ministry). Father Liberatore currently serves as founding president of Mosaic in Action, a 501(c)(3) dedicated to serving the disaster rebuilding needs of northern Brazoria County and vicinity.

# WORKSHOPS

## Interim Rector - What You Don't Know Continued...



**The Rev. Malcolm Ellis**

Interim Rector, St. Cuthbert's, Houston

Malcolm Ellis was born in South Africa and ordained in the Anglican Church (CPSA). He pursued graduate work at Chicago Theological Seminary. His family immigrated to the United States in 1987. Malcolm was an associate in Lake Forest, IL and has been rector in the Dioceses of Southwest Florida, Minnesota, West Texas, and Maryland. He retired to Cypress, Texas with his wife, Tess, to be with family in Houston. Currently he is part-time interim rector at St. Cuthbert's, Houston.



**The Rev. Dr. Sharon Turner**

Interim Rector, St. James', La Grange

The Rev. Dr. Sharon Turner graduated from Seminary of the Southwest (SSW) in 1986. She then served on the clergy staff of Good Shepherd, Tomball; Holy Spirit, Houston; St. Michael and All Angels, Dallas; and Church of the Transfiguration, Dallas. After retirement, she supplied in the Diocese of Dallas and, after moving to La Grange, Texas, in the Diocese of Texas and Diocese of West Texas (Eastern Partnership). She then served as priest-in-charge of St. John's, Columbus. She also began her own art business. In the summer of 2023 she began to regularly supply at St. James, La Grange. That has evolved into a call as interim rector there in April of this year.

# WORKSHOPS

## SESSION 3

Wednesday, October 23

10:15am

### Room:

Gregg 4



## Gimme a Break! Taking a Sabbatical

### Description:

Join Bishop Fisher and Kathy Dunn, as we explore sabbaticals, and learn about the

- Nuts and bolts for sabbatical leave-taking, as detailed in Letters of Agreement and the Clergy Manual;
- Benefits of taking a sabbatical, from a theological, vocational, and personal perspective;
- Preparing yourself and your congregation for your sabbatical;
- Quin Sabbatical Grants offered by the Diocese of Texas; and
- Lilly Sabbatical Grants, discussed by Jimmy Abbott, who received one.

### The Rt. Rev. Jeff W. Fisher

Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Texas

Bishop Fisher has been Bishop Suffragan in the Diocese of Texas for ten years. In addition to being the bishop for the East Region, he serves as Executive for the Episcopal Diocese of Texas Global Partnerships in Mission, the Small Church Network, and all Pastoral Ministries, including the diocesan sabbatical grant program.

### Kathy Dunn

Executive Assistant to the Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher

Kathy joined the Diocese of Texas in 2017 at the Executive Assistant to the Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher working in the Tyler office. She supports the work of Bishop Fisher and works closely with the churches of the East region and assists those interested in sabbaticals and with other pastoral needs. Kathy is the current President of B+E+S+T, an organization for Bishop Assistants for the Episcopal Church. Kathy loves her work within the Diocese of Texas and the greater church.

# RESOURCE PRESENTATIONS

**Tuesday, October 22**

8:10am

**Room**

Gregg 1A

## **Considering Interim Work?**

Priests who would like to share experiences from or explore the possibility of training to do interim work are invited to join the Rev. Cn. Christine Faulstich and the Rev. Cn. Kellaure Johnson. Bring breakfast with you.

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**Tuesday, October 22**

12:00pm

**Room**

Gregg 1A

## **Diaconal Ministries in Spanish-speaking Communities**

Bishop Ryan and Bishop Monterroso will lead a gathering for priests in Spanish-speaking and multilingual churches to explore how the Diaconate can provide members with opportunities for servant ministries. The conversation will include ways that clergy leaders can encourage and educate individuals around vocation to the diaconate. Time will also be devoted to uncovering impediments to raising up leaders to the diaconal ministry.

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**Tuesday, October 22**

12:00pm

**Room**

Gregg 5

## **Understanding your Retirement Benefits**

For many people, retirement will last 20-30 years. The resources available to you from Church Pension Group during your retirement extends beyond your pension and retirement savings. Learn about the resources and tools to help you manage your finances during your retirement. Zee Turnbull will help you navigate this process.

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**Tuesday, October 22**

1:30pm

**Room**

Dining Hall

## **Game Time**

Come hang out in the dining room where we will have board games, puzzles, and Lego sets to challenge and enjoy. Form teams and work together to see what you can create.

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**Wednesday, October 23**

8:10pm

**Room**

Gregg 1A

## **Considering a Curate?**

Rectors who would like to explore the benefits and requirements of having a curate on the church staff are invited to visit with the Rev. Cn. Christine Faulstich at an informational meeting. All rectors interested in receiving a curate are expected to attend. Bring breakfast with you.

**NEW CLERGY**

# WELCOME NEW CLERGY



## The Rev. Kelly Barnhill

Transitional Deacon, St. James', Taylor

Kelly landed in Austin for undergraduate work at The University of Texas after several relocations as a child. Between undergraduate and graduate school, she lived in Washington, DC. Since her return, she considers Austin home.

Her love for our church's liturgy, God's people, and the Anglican tradition led to time spent at St. David's, then All Saints', and finally the recognition and acknowledgement of a call to ordained ministry. Prior to her current role, she completed fieldwork at both St. Cecilia's, Round Top, and St. James, Taylor.

Kelly is married to John, and they have three children – Cecilia, Fletcher, and James.

**Closer Look:** Kelly and John also enjoy a farm with too many animals to name.



## The Rev. Zachary Bartkus

Curate, All Saints', Fort Worth

Zachary is newly ordained to the priesthood after serving the last few years at St. John's Episcopal Church in Odessa, Texas. A lifelong Episcopalian from the Dallas/Fort Worth area, he graduated with a Master of Divinity in 2020 from Wycliffe College in Toronto, Ontario. Zachary has found that faith in God brings a peace and joy to life unlike any other, and his passion is empowering and supporting others as they discover the same.

Since he and wife Traci couldn't decide between being a home to a cat or dog, they have a mix of both.

**Closer Look:** Zachary enjoys nerdy discussions about both books and movies, playing board games, and spending time hiking and camping out in God's wonderful creation.



# WELCOME NEW CLERGY



## **The Rev. María Teresa Bautista-Berrios** Curate, Trinity, Houston

The Rev. María Teresa Bautista-Berrios received a BS in Psychology from the University of Houston-Downtown, and a Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary earlier this year.

Before pursuing her call to ordained ministry, she worked as a community organizer for The Metropolitan Organization (TMO); a campus mission associate for Houston Canterbury; and a church planter for the Diocese of Texas. Following her ordination in June 2024, María Teresa was called to serve as the curate under the leadership of the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero.

As a proud priest-kid (“PK”), María Teresa is the daughter of the Reverend Simón Bautista Betances and Amarilis Vargas-Bautista. She is married to Fabian Berrios, and they have a daughter, Camila.

**Closer Look:** The family enjoys spoiling sweet pup, Noelani.



## **The Rev. Zoe Cordes-Selbin** Curate, St. Mark's, Austin

Zoe grew up in Georgetown, Texas, graduated from Southwestern University, and spent five years working in marketing before discerning a call to ministry. Later, she attended seminary at Duke Divinity School, where she fell in love with praying the Daily Office, as well as the Anglican tradition and the Episcopal Church. While at Duke, Zoe became particularly interested in liturgical studies, liturgy around birth, and theologies of suffering.

**Closer Look:** When Zoe isn't at the parish, you can usually find her cooking and baking, taking walks while listening to podcasts, going to shows, reading, eating queso anywhere it can be found, or needlepointing in a patch of sun.



# WELCOME NEW CLERGY



## The Rev. Gregory Cross

Curate, St. Martin's, Houston

Gregory joined St. Martin's in July as curate. He recently received a Master of Divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary. While there, he served as the student body treasurer and student representative to the Endowment Committee of the Board of Trustees.

A 2020 graduate from Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in history, Gregory participated in student government functions and the Episcopal Student Center, serving as Senior and Junior Warden before entering the discernment process for the priesthood. Originally from East Tennessee, his family moved to the Austin area in 2013.

**Closer Look:** Gregory and wife Faith enjoy reading, watching Texas A&M sports, and traveling.



## The Rev. Michael Farnell

Curate, St. Peter's, Brenham

Growing up in San Antonio, Michael sensed God's call to ministry at age 15. Before joining the clergy of the Episcopal Church, he served Baptist churches as music minister for 20 years. He and wife Karen enjoy antique shopping and traveling together and share a retirement dream of living on forested acreage in the mountains of North Carolina and/or in England.

**Closer Look:** Among his many interests, primary avocation is working wood with antique hand tools.

# WELCOME NEW CLERGY



## The Rev. Paul Flynn

Curate, St. Christopher's, Fort Worth

Paul grew up in Kentucky and lived in New Hampshire for 30 years. He practiced law there and served as a Town Manager during the last 10 years of his practice. Paul perceived a call many years ago and finally pursued his MDiv at Duke in 2020, during the height of COVID.

He completed an Anglican Year at Virginia Theological Seminary and fell in love with those who live in Texas during that time. Since, they have become great friends and colleagues.

**Closer Look:** Paul considers the rest to be history and is grateful to be here.



## The Rev. Tori Gilliland

Curate, Episcopal High School, Houston

Tori Gilliland is a newly-ordained deacon in the Diocese of Texas. She recently finished her Diploma of Anglican Studies at Virginia Theological Seminary.

Tori is from New Mexico and has been in the Houston area for the past eight years. She received her MDiv from Abilene Christian University's Graduate School of Theology and has served as the Minister for Young Adult Engagement at St. John the Divine, and as the Director of Youth Ministry at a nondenominational church in Sugar Land.

# WELCOME NEW CLERGY



## The Rev. Ashley Harper-Oberle Transitional Deacon

God called to Ashley as a very young girl, and she answered. It took a good portion of her life, though, to recognize God was calling her to ordained ministry. (She is thankful that God is both patient and good-humored.)

In 2010, her eyes were opened and though the path has at times been unyielding, she never looked back. As a cradle Episcopalian, Ashley has always loved and supported the sacredness of our liturgy and the loving openness of our faith tradition. She is filled with unbridled joy at the work the Spirit offers to her every day and her greatest happiness is with her three boys: Jack, Paxton, and Alec, she is humbled by the way they engage with the world and others.

**Closer Look:** Ashley also considers her furry friends, those in the house and those out in creation, as her family and is ever-surprised at the richness this has given her life.



## The Rev. Suzanne Hollifield Deacon-In-Charge, All Saints', Crockett

Suzanne, a lifelong Texan and Episcopalian, was baptized by her grandfather, an Episcopal priest. She graduated from Texas State University with a Criminal Justice degree and then joined the Houston Police Department (HPD). After retiring from HPD, she joined the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office. Assigned to the Special Victims Division where she investigates the abuse of children under age ten.

While working full-time, Suzanne attended the Iona School for Ministry and completed her fieldwork at St. Francis' Episcopal Church in College Station and St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Navasota.

Suzanne and wife Dawn Jahnke were married at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Houston. They live in Montgomery and share their home with two pups (Memphis and Sally) and one cat (Spooky).

**Closer Look:** Suzanne loves that "cop" is hidden in "Episcopal."

# WELCOME NEW CLERGY



## The Rev. Emily R. Hylden

Upper School Chaplain,  
St. Francis' School, Houston

Emily was born and raised in the Midwest but is thrilled to be back in Texas. She attended Duke University for undergraduate and divinity school, and served in congregations in Missouri, South Carolina, and Dallas before her most recent post as a school chaplain in Louisiana at Ascension Episcopal School located in Lafayette.

Having come to the Episcopal Church as a college student, she loves the depth of liturgy and how the tradition holds questions. Moreover, it is her joy to share its beauty and mysticism with young people.

She and husband, the Rev. Jordan Hylden, share three young boys, and they love to spend time in nature as a family.

**Closer Look:** Emily is also a certified yoga instructor and has kept her self-made sourdough starter alive for four years (through two moves!).



## The Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

Associate for Christian Education,  
St. Martin's, Houston

Jordan grew up in rural North Dakota and discovered the Episcopal Church in college. After discerning a call to ministry with the Standing Rock Sioux community in North Dakota, he attended Duke Divinity School. There, he met his wife, Emily, another student in the Anglican-Episcopal program. After seminary, he stayed on for the Th.D. and eventually wrote a dissertation on democracy and authority in Catholic social thought while serving parishes in South Carolina and Dallas.

After two years with Emily as co-vicar of a diverse mission in south Dallas, his part-time diocesan role became full-time service as canon theologian, overseeing the vocations process, parish Christian education support, continuing education for clergy, and serving as dean of the Stanton Center for Ministry. Most recently, he was Vice-Rector and school chaplain at Church of the Ascension, located in Lafayette, Louisiana. Jordan and Emily have three lively little boys: Charles, Donnie, and Jacob.

# WELCOME NEW CLERGY



## The Rev. Dana Jean

Curate, Trinity, Marshall

Prior to seminary, Dana's work focused on transforming communities through education and food, with her career beginning in México, developing bilingual curriculum at the Universidad de Guadalajara and Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey. She later became the first Executive Director of Universal Learning Centre, building libraries in Haiti and Jamaica.

Dana served as Director of Social Transformation Ministries at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in McKinney, Texas, launching the BlessMobile food truck ministry and representing Bishop Michael Curry at the United Nations. During the pandemic, she directed Youth and Outreach Ministries at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Dallas, creating an engaging virtual space for youth, developing safe, impactful opportunities for the congregation to serve during COVID, and establishing the Racial Justice Ministry at Transfiguration.

Dana graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary this year and her curacy is with Trinity in Marshall, Texas where she is excited to serve as their first female clergy.



## The Rev. Tony Kroll

Curate, Holy Comforter, Spring

Tony began his spiritual walk in music ministry in 1980, serving churches in Oklahoma, Washington, Milwaukee, Dallas, and Fort Worth. Following a multi-vocational path, his first career was as a hospital administrator in the Veterans Affairs Healthcare System at hospitals in Portland (OR), Milwaukee, and Chicago.

His next career move was as a stay-at-home dad, and then teaching in higher education with an emphasis in communication strategy, group formation and decision-making, and racial/ethnic disparities in healthcare.

Tony's formation for ordained ministry has been in congregational settings in Fort Worth (St.-Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Luke in the Meadow), and at Bexley Seabury Seminary in Chicago.

**Closer Look:** Tony is a proud dad to Katie (a hospital administrator in Tulsa) and Mary Beth (an ICU nurse at the Children's Hospital in New Orleans).

# WELCOME NEW CLERGY



## The Rev. Liz Kronenberg

Canon for Liturgy and Family Ministry,  
Christ Church Cathedral, Houston

Liz was born in Dallas and is the second oldest of five children. She earned a degree in Kinesiology from Texas A&M in 2006 and began her first career as a personal trainer.

In 2008 she moved to California to pursue theological studies, and in 2013 she graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary with an M.Div and was confirmed in The Episcopal Church. Prior to joining the staff at Christ Church Cathedral, Houston, she served three churches in the Diocese of Los Angeles. At St. John's Cathedral in Los Angeles, she served as parish administrator and young adult minister.

After her ordination in 2017, Liz joined the staff at Trinity Episcopal Church in Redlands, CA as Associate Rector. In March 2020 she began as Priest-in-Charge and was later named Vicar at St. John's in La Verne, CA.

**Closer Look:** Liz and wife Danielle celebrated the birth of their daughter, Violet Grace, in September 2023.



## The Rev. Sutton Lowe

Curate, St. John the Divine, Houston

Sutton was born and raised in Lufkin, and attended Baylor University where he met wife Marleigh. They moved to North Carolina so that he could attend Duke Divinity School, and he's glad to be back in the Lone Star state.

At St. John the Divine in Houston, his ministry focus is within the Youth Ministry.



# WELCOME NEW CLERGY



## The Rev. Jonathan Maresca

Curate, St. Stephen's, Huntsville

Not only a curate at St. Stephen's, Jonathan is also chaplain at Sam Houston State's Episcopal Student Center in Huntsville. He moved to Huntsville from New Haven, Connecticut, where he attended Berkeley Divinity School at Yale for seminary.

Jonathan previously worked in strategy consulting and community development research abroad prior to seminary. During seminary, he founded a contemplative spirituality association that invited people of all faiths to experientially encounter the "still small voice" of God through contemplative practices.

**Closer Look:** Jonathan sees contemplation at the heart of the Christian vocation, and retreat and spiritual formation ministries as doorways to be shaped by grace and bound in Christian community.



## The Rev. Addison McMillan

Curate, St. James', Austin

Addison McMillan recently graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary and is currently a candidate for priestly ordination in the Diocese of Texas. Originally from Eastern North Carolina, Addison attended North Carolina A&T, a Historically Black College and University (HBCU), and majored in Cultural Anthropology.

Through the Texas discernment process, Addison has been sponsored by St. James' in Austin, eagerly anticipating the opportunity to join the St. James' community in building new ministries in Austin.

**Closer Look:** Following graduation in 2016, Addison enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and concluded his service in July 2024, having attained the rank of Staff Sergeant.

# WELCOME NEW CLERGY



## The Rev. Misael Pacheco Guevara

Curate, San Pablo/St. Paul's, Houston

Misael Pacheco is from coastal Barranquilla in Colombia. He studied in minor and major seminaries of the Roman Catholic Church. Upon completion, he resided within his parish, completing pastoral works including giving catechisms to young and old, working in clinics and public hospitals in Barranquilla, and a variety of other noble works.

Having relocated to Bogotá, he worked as a Philosophy and Social Studies teacher for more than 30 years, after receiving his undergraduate degree in Philosophy and Theology at Fundación Universidad de San Alfonso, and his master's degree in Latin American Philosophy at Universidad de Santo Tomás in Bogotá.

He studied Anglicanism in the Center of Theological Education, and later became one of the teachers in the same educational program. Misael began pastoral works, including founding a group, God's Love Is Open To All, to support the spiritual lives of LGBTQ members of his church in Colombia.

**Closer Look:** Having met in Bogotá and relocating to Dallas two years ago, Misael and husband Ariel celebrate 14 years together.



# WELCOME NEW CLERGY



## The Rev. Hayden Paul

Curate, Jubilee, Austin

After growing up in the piney woods of East Texas, Hayden, an alumnus of Texas A&M University, embarked on his professional career with a degree in Political Science and a minor in Business Administration in 2011. His early career was marked by impactful roles in the Texas Legislature and as Vice President of Public Affairs and Government Relations at the Research Valley Partnership in Bryan/College Station, Texas. His expertise in legislative and economic development prepared him for subsequent achievements in private lobbying and real estate, where he focused on regional growth initiatives and sustainability.

Hayden graduated with a Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary in May 2024. He is a member of the prestigious 2024 cohort of the Trinity Wall Street Leadership Fellows, and his academic pursuits are deeply influenced by the intersections of theology and systems theory; with which he hopes to enact meaningful change within the Church. Hayden is also passionately committed to reconciliation, and he aims to restore hope and foster inclusive connections, particularly with the LGBTQ+ communities and those feeling estranged by the church.

**Closer Look:** Outside of work, Hayden enjoys the simple pleasures of life, such as reading the latest bestsellers and taking leisurely walks with his labradoodle, Truman.

# WELCOME NEW CLERGY



## The Rev. Karen J. Pettit

Deacon-In-Charge, Christ Church, Mexia

Karen grew up in Santa Barbara, California and Bisbee, Arizona. Her family had a deep faith. Her father studied for the diaconate and served as a lay eucharistic minister, which imbued Karen with a love for the Church and its liturgy and sacraments.

A graduate of the University of California at Santa Barbara, Karen completed her seminary work at Fuller Theological Seminary. After sensing a call to the priesthood, she attended the Iona School for Ministry in Navasota, Texas. She was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate in the Diocese of Texas in June 2024, and she is embracing her current calling.

**Closer Look:** In her free time, Karen enjoys reading, cooking and exploring cookbooks, entertaining friends and family, walking and hiking the gorgeous trails of Central Texas and beyond, and traveling to see family from coast to coast.



## The Rev. George D. Porter

Associate Rector, St. James', Austin

George was born and grew up in Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, and was a child of Jamaican-Honduran parents. He served as dean of St. Mark's Cathedral Church in the Diocese of Nicaragua and vicar to Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church in Puerto Sandino.

He previously officiated as a Lay Minister at "La Transfiguración" Episcopal Church in Nicaragua, where Bishop Sturdie Downs confirmed him. Besides his parish ministry experience, George served as General Coordinator of the Commission of Theological Education for Latin America and the Caribbean, as a member of the Executive Committee representing the Diocese of Nicaragua, as Secretary General of the Anglican Church in Central America, and Treasurer of the Episcopal Diocese of Nicaragua.

**Closer Look:** George is the father of two young adults, Stacy and Wilhelm.

# WELCOME NEW CLERGY



## The Rev. Anthony Suggs-Perea

Curate, St. Luke's on the Lake, Austin

Born and raised in a Free Will Baptist church in Durham, North Carolina, Anthony found (or was found by) the Episcopal Church while in college in New York City. After falling in love with the Anglican tradition, he became involved with youth ministry in the Diocese of Long Island and was on staff at Camp DeWolfe for several seasons of summer camp ministry.

After college, Anthony discerned a call to join the Episcopal Service Corps in Colorado and moved to Denver where he served for three years on the bishop's staff in the areas of advocacy and social justice, bringing the Church's witness to the public sphere. It was then Anthony discerned both a vocation to the priesthood and a vocation of marriage with spouse, Tatiana, and they moved to Austin in 2020. He began formation at Seminary of the Southwest (SSW) and graduated this year.

Anthony and Tatiana anticipate, with thanksgiving, the birth of their first child after a long and difficult journey to parenthood.

**Closer Look:** The couple has a big, fluffy Maine Coon cat named Murray and in his free time, you can find Anthony either fixing bicycles at the Yellow Bike Project in Austin or riding bicycles (even when unbearably hot outside).

# WELCOME NEW CLERGY



## The Rev. Christina van Liew

Assistant Priest, All Saints', Fort Worth

Raised as a cradle Episcopalian in the suburbs of New York City, Christina left religion for a decade of spiritual seeking. She studied in Connecticut, Baltimore, and Boston, where she completed her BSN, and she and her husband later moved to Oregon, where she worked as a Nurse Case Manager for high-risk childbearing families.

The call to ordination came mid-life and led to a return to the East Coast to finish her M.Div at The General Theological Seminary. In the Diocese of Long Island, Christina served in multiple capacities including Safe Church trainer. She served congregations as priest-in-charge, rector, interim priest, transition consultant, and spiritual director. Christina loves finally living near her Texan family and serving part-time in her growing congregation.

**Closer Look:** Christina and her husband raised two daughters – one lives in Fort Worth, the other in Melbourne, Australia.

# **WORSHIP SERVICE**

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## Feast of St. James of Jerusalem

### Prelude

*God's Eye is on the Sparrow.*

Civilla D. Martin

### The Word of God

### Processional Hymn

*See Page 82*

*People of God, Gather Together.*

Earth and All Stars

*The People standing, the Bishop says:*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Bishop then says:*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Song of Praise

*See Page 83*

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit In This Place*

### The Collect of the Day

*The Bishop says to the people:*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Bishop* Let us pray.

Grant, O God, that, following the example of your servant James the Just, brother of our Lord, your Church may give itself continually to prayer and to the reconciliation of all who are at variance and enmity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# SERVICIO DE ADORACIÓN

## Fiesta de Santiago de Jerusalén

### Preludio

*Sus Ojos están en el Gorrión.*

Civilla D. Martin.

### Palabra de Dios

#### Himno de Procesión

*Ver Página 82*

*Pueblo de Dios, Juntémonos.*

Tierra y Todas las Estrellas

*El Pueblo de pie, el Obispo dice:*

Bendito sea Dios: Padre, Hijo, y Espíritu Santo.

**Pueblo Y bendito sea su reino, ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

*El Obispo dice:*

Dios omnipotente, para quien todos los corazones están manifiestos, todos los deseos son conocidos y ningún secreto se halla encubierto: Purifica los pensamientos de nuestros corazones por la inspiración de tu Santo Espíritu, para que perfectamente te amemos y dignamente proclamemos la grandeza de tu santo Nombre; por Cristo nuestro Señor. **Amén.**

#### Canto de Alabanza:

*Ver Página 83*

*Hay un Dulce Espíritu Aquí (Bilingüe).*

### Colecta del Día

*El Obispo dice al pueblo:*

El Señor sea con ustedes.

**Pueblo Y con tu espíritu.**

**Obispo** Oremos.

Concede, oh Dios, que la Iglesia, siguiendo el ejemplo de tu siervo Santiago, el Justo, hermano de nuestro Señor, se dedique continuamente a la oración y a la reconciliación de todos los que están en desacuerdo y enemistad; por Jesucristo nuestro Señor, que vive y reina contigo y el Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. **Amén.**

# WORSHIP SERVICE

## The Lessons

*The people sit.*

### The First Lesson

*Acts 15:12-22a*

A reading from Acts:

All the apostles and elders kept silence, and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles. After they finished speaking, James replied, "My brothers, listen to me. Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the Gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written,

'After this I will return,  
and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen;  
from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will set it up,  
so that all other peoples may seek the Lord—  
even all the Gentiles over whom my name has been called.

Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things known from long ago.'  
Therefore I have reached the decision that we should not trouble those Gentiles who are turning to God, but we should write to them to abstain only from things polluted by idols and from fornication and from whatever has been strangled and from blood. For in every city, for generations past, Moses has had those who proclaim him, for he has been read aloud every sabbath in the synagogues."

Then the apostles and the elders, with the consent of the whole church, decided to choose men from among their members and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas.

*People*      The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision*

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### The Second Lesson

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

A reading from the First letter to the Corinthians:

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.



# SERVICIO DE ADORACIÓN

## Lecciones

*El pueblo se sienta.*

### Primera Lectura

*Hechos 15:12-22a*

Lectura de los Hechos:

Todos se callaron y escucharon mientras Bernabé y Pablo hablaban de las señales y milagros que Dios había hecho por medio de ellos entre los no judíos. Cuando terminaron de hablar, Santiago dijo, “Hermanos, oíganme: Simón nos ha contado cómo Dios favoreció por primera vez a los no judíos, escogiendo también de entre ellos un pueblo para sí mismo. Esto está de acuerdo con lo que escribieron los profetas, como dice en la Escritura,

‘Después de esto volveré  
y reconstruiré la caída choza de David;  
reconstruiré sus ruinas y la volveré a levantar,  
para que los demás busquen al Señor—  
junto con todas las naciones que han sido consagradas a mi nombre.

El Señor, que dio a conocer estas cosas desde tiempos antiguos, ha dado su palabra.’ Considero, por lo tanto, que no se les debe imponer cargas innecesarias a aquellos que, no siendo judíos, dejan sus antiguas creencias para seguir a Dios. Basta con escribirles que se aparten de todo lo que haya sido contaminado por los ídolos, que eviten los matrimonios prohibidos y que no coman carne de animales estrangulados o ahogados, ni tampoco sangre. Porque desde los tiempos antiguos hay en cada pueblo quienes predicán la ley de Moisés, la cual se lee en las sinagogas cada sábado.”

Los apóstoles y los ancianos, con toda la iglesia, decidieron escoger algunos de entre ellos y enviarlos a Antioquía junto con Pablo y Bernabé.

Palabra del Señor.

**Pueblo Demos Gracias a Dios.**

### Himno Gradual

*Oh, Dios de Mi Alma (Bilingüe)*

*Ver Página 84*

### Segunda Lectura

*1 Corintios 15:1-11*

Lectura de la Primera Carta a los Corintios:

Ahora, hermanos, quiero que se acuerden del evangelio que les he predicado. Éste es el evangelio que ustedes aceptaron, y en el cual están firmes. También por medio de este evangelio se salvarán, si se mantienen firmes en él, tal como yo se lo anuncié; de lo contrario, habrán creído en vano.

En primer lugar les he enseñado la misma tradición que yo recibí, a saber, que Cristo murió por nuestros pecados, según las Escrituras; que lo sepultaron y que resucitó al tercer día, también según las Escrituras; y que se apareció a Cefas, y luego a los doce. Después se apareció a más de quinientos hermanos a la vez, la mayoría de los cuales vive todavía, aunque algunos ya han muerto.

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

**People**      The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**  
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*Halle Halle Hallelujah*

*All standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

**People**      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**Gospel**

*Matthew 13:54-58*

Jesus came to his hometown and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?" And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor except in their own country and in their own house." And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

**People**      The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Harvey Clemons Jr.

## Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows

*The Bishop stands before the altar and addresses those who are to renew their vows.*

My siblings, as clergy you are called to work with your Bishop to love and serve the people among whom you work, caring alike for all as you make Christ and his redemptive love known. There have been times that we have failed to pattern our thoughts, words, and deeds in accordance with Christ. We have not always been a wholesome example to those entrusted to our care. As your Bishop, I confess my own failure to fully obey our Lord, and I ask that you join me so that, together, we may seek the Lord's mercy, grace, and forgiveness.

# SERVICIO DE ADORACIÓN

Después se apareció a Santiago, y luego a todos los apóstoles. Por último se me apareció también a mí, que soy como un niño nacido anormalmente. Pues yo soy el menos importante de los apóstoles, y ni siquiera merezco llamarme apóstol, porque perseguí a la iglesia de Dios. Pero soy lo que soy porque Dios fue bueno conmigo; y su bondad para conmigo no ha resultado en vano. Al contrario, he trabajado más que todos ellos; aunque no he sido yo, sino Dios, que en su bondad me ha ayudado. Lo que importa es que, tanto yo como ellos, esto es lo que hemos predicado, y esto es lo que ustedes han creído.

Palabra del Señor.

**Pueblo**      **Demos gracias a Dios.**

## Himno de Secuencia

*Ale Ale Alehuya*

*Ver Página 84*

*Todos de pie, un diácono lee el evangelio, diciendo primero*

Santo Evangelio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo según Mateo.

**Pueblo**      **Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor.**

## El Evangelio

**Mateo 13:54-58**

Jesús llegó a su propia tierra, donde comenzó a enseñar en la sinagoga del lugar. La gente, admirada, decía, “¿Dónde aprendió éste todo lo que sabe? ¿Cómo puede hacer esos milagros? ¿No es éste el hijo del carpintero, y no es María su madre? ¿No es el hermano de Santiago, José, Simón y Judas, y no viven sus hermanas también aquí entre nosotros? ¿De dónde le viene todo esto?” Y se resistían a creer en él. Pero Jesús les dijo, “En todas partes se honra a un profeta, menos en su propia tierra y en su propia casa. Y no hizo allí muchos milagros porque aquella gente no tenía fe en él.

*Después del Evangelio, el Lector dice*

El Evangelio del Señor.

**Pueblo**      **Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.**

Sermón

El Rvdo. Harvey Clemons Jr.

## Reafirmación de Votos de Ordenación

***El Obispo se para delante del altar y se dirige a los que van a renovar sus votos.***

Mis hermanos y hermanas, como clero, están llamados a trabajar con su Obispo para amar y servir a las personas entre las que trabajan, cuidando por igual a todos mientras dan a conocer a Cristo y su amor redentor. Ha habido momentos en los que no hemos logrado modelar nuestros pensamientos, palabras y obras de acuerdo con Cristo. No siempre hemos sido un ejemplo saludable para aquellos que han sido confiados a nuestro cuidado. Como su Obispo, confieso mi propio fracaso en obedecer plenamente a nuestro Señor, y les pido que se unan a mí para que, juntos, busquemos la misericordia, la gracia y el perdón del Señor.

# WORSHIP SERVICE

*The Bishop and all pray together:*

**Most gracious God, we confess the many ways that we have failed to steward the ministry entrusted to us with grace, patience, and care. We apologize for the way we have chosen comfort over courage, blame over accountability, and what is easy over what is right. For the many ways that we have failed to make room for the voices of others, failed to empathize with peoples' experiences and listen to their stories, we repent. We acknowledge that far too often we have relied on advice, judgment, gossip, and favoritism as a substitute for faithful engagement. Above all, we have remained stubborn and stuck in our self-sufficiency and we have not let you heal our shame. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins and give us the grace we need to forgive ourselves so that we may once again partner with you in healing our world. Amen.**

*The Bishop says:*

My fellow clergy, we have a high priest who is able to empathize with our weakness, one who in every respect has been tempted as we are yet without sin. God has taken away your sin and renewed you for God's service. I therefore invite you to stand with confidence before the Lord and to renew with me the covenant we made at our ordination.

*All standing renews their ordination vows*

Do you here, in the presence of Christ and his Church, renew your commitment to your ministry, under the pastoral direction of your bishop?

**Answer I do.**

**Bishop** Do you reaffirm your promise to give yourself to prayer and study?

**Answer I do.**

**Bishop** Do you reaffirm your promise so to minister the Word of God and the Sacraments of the New Covenant that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received?

**Answer I do.**

**Bishop** Do you reaffirm your promise to be a faithful servant of all those committed to your care, patterning your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people?

**Answer I do.**

*The Bishop then makes this affirmation:*

And now, as your bishop, I, too, before God and you, rededicate myself and reaffirm the promises that I made when I was ordained. I ask your prayers.

*Bishop and Clergy*

**May the Lord who has given us the will to do these things, give us also the grace and power to perform them.**

# SERVICIO DE ADORACIÓN

*El Obispo y todos oran juntos:*

**Dios misericordioso, confesamos las muchas maneras en que hemos fallado en administrar el ministerio que se nos ha encomendado con gracia, paciencia y cuidado. Te pedimos perdón por la forma en que hemos preferido la comodidad en lugar de la valentía, el culpar en lugar de la responsabilidad y lo fácil en lugar de lo correcto. Nos arrepentimos de no haber dado cabida a las voces de los demás, de no haber empatizado con las experiencias de la gente ni escuchado sus historias. Reconocemos que con demasiada frecuencia hemos confiado en el consejo, el juicio, el chisme y el favoritismo como sustitutos de un compromiso fiel. Sobre todo, hemos permanecido tercos y estancados en nuestra autosuficiencia y no te hemos dejado sanar nuestra vergüenza. Por tu hijo Jesucristo, perdona nuestros pecados y danos la gracia que necesitamos para perdonarnos a nosotros mismos, de modo que podamos volver a colaborar contigo en sanar nuestro mundo. Amén.**

*El Obispo dice:*

Compañeros y compañeras del clero, tenemos un sumo sacerdote que puede empatizar con nuestra debilidad, uno que en todos los aspectos ha sido tentado como lo somos nosotros, pero sin pecado. Dios ha quitado tu pecado y te ha renovado para su servicio. Por lo tanto, los invito a permanecer con confianza ante el Señor y a renovar conmigo el pacto que hicimos en nuestra ordenación.

*Todos de pie renuevan sus votos de ordenación*

Ustedes aquí, en la presencia de Cristo y de su Iglesia, ¿renuevan el compromiso de su ministerio bajo la dirección pastoral de su obispo?

**Respuesta**    **Lo renuevo.**

*El Obispo*    ¿Reafirman su promesa de perseverar tanto en la oración como en el estudio?

**Respuesta**    **La reafirmo.**

*El Obispo*    ¿Reafirman su promesa de ministrar la Palabra de Dios y los Sacramentos del Nuevo Pacto, a fin de que el amor reconciliador de Cristo sea reconocido y recibido?

**Respuesta**    **La reafirmo**

*El Obispo*    ¿Reafirman su promesa de ser un siervo fiel para todos aquellos confiados a su cuidado, forjando su vida de acuerdo con las enseñanzas de Cristo, de tal manera que sean un ejemplo saludable para su pueblo?

**Respuesta**    **La reafirmo**

*Entonces el obispo hace la siguiente declaración:*

Ahora yo, como su obispo, también delante de Dios y de ustedes, vuelvo a consagrarme y reafirmo las promesas que hice cuando fui ordenado. Pido sus oraciones.

*Obispo y Clero*

**Que el Señor quien nos ha dado la voluntad para hacer estas cosas, nos dé también la gracia y el poder para hacerlas.**

# WORSHIP SERVICE

## *The Bishop says the concluding Collect.*

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders in your Church: Give your grace, we humbly pray, to all who are called to any office and ministry for your people; and so fill them with the truth of your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve before you, to the glory of your great Name and for the benefit of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

### Latin American Bread Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Andrew K. Barnett (b. 1984)

*The cantor introduces the refrain, and the people repeat.*

#### Refrain



*The prayer petitions are offered in Spanish first, then in English.*

**Intercessor** I invite your prayers of gratitude.  
For whom and for what do we give God thanks?  
*The people add their own petitions.*  
*When the time is right, all repeat the refrain.*

**Intercessor** I invite your prayers of joy.  
For whom and for what do we give God thanks?  
*The people add their own petitions.*  
*When the time is right, all repeat the refrain.*

**Intercessor** I invite your prayers for those in need of healing.  
For whom and for what do we seek God's healing?  
*The people add their own petitions.*  
*When the time is right, all repeat the refrain.*

# SERVICIO DE ADORACIÓN

## *El Obispo añade una Colecta final.*

Dios omnipotente, dador de toda buena dádiva, por tu divina providencia has establecido diversas órdenes en tu Iglesia: Otorga tu gracia, humildemente te suplicamos, a todos los que son llamados a cualquier oficio y ministerio para tu pueblo; llénalos con la verdad de tu doctrina, y revístelos de santidad de vida, de tal modo que te sirvan fielmente, para gloria de tu excelsa Nombre y para beneficio de tu santa Iglesia; por Jesucristo nuestro Señor, que vive y reina contigo, en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, ahora y por siempre. **Amén.**

## Oración de los Fieles

### Oración Latinoamericana del Pan

El Rvdo. Dr. Andrew K. Barnett (n. 1984)

*El cantor introduce el estribillo y el pueblo repite.*

#### Estribillo



*Las peticiones de oración se ofrecen primero en español y luego en inglés.*

**Intercesor** Invito sus oraciones de agradecimiento.  
¿Por quién y por qué le damos gracias a Dios?  
*El pueblo puede añadir sus peticiones.*  
*Cuando llega el momento, todos repiten el estribillo.*

**Intercesor** Invito sus oraciones de gozo.  
¿Por quién y por qué damos gracias a Dios?  
*El pueblo puede añadir sus peticiones.*  
*Cuando llega el momento, todos repiten el estribillo.*

**Intercesor** Invito sus oraciones por aquellos en necesidad de sanación.  
¿Quién o qué necesita la sanación de Dios?  
*El pueblo puede añadir sus peticiones.*  
*Cuando llega el momento, todos repiten el estribillo.*

# WORSHIP SERVICE

*Intercessor* I invite your prayers of concern.  
For whom and for what do we seek God's healing?  
*The people add their own petitions.*  
*When the time is right, all repeat the refrain.*

*Intercessor* I invite your prayers of discernment.  
For whom and for what do we ask God's help?  
*The people add their own petitions.*  
*When the time is right, all repeat the refrain.*

*Intercessor* I invite your prayers of guidance.  
For whom and for what do we ask God's help?  
*The people add their own petitions.*  
*When the time is right, all repeat the refrain.*

## Collect

### *Bishop*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace

### *The Bishop says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## OFFERTORY

*Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.*

Ephesians 5:2

## Offertory Anthem

"There is a Balm in Gilead"  
from Love is the Way: A Freedom Suite

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The offering from this evening will go to Episcopal Relief and Development  
to assist with Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton recovery efforts.  
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# SERVICIO DE ADORACIÓN

*Intercesor* Invito sus oraciones de preocupación.  
¿Para quién y para qué buscamos la sanación de Dios?  
*El pueblo puede añadir sus peticiones.*  
*Cuando llega el momento, todos repiten el estribillo.*

*Intercesor* Invito sus oraciones de discernimiento.  
¿Por quién y por qué le pedimos ayuda a Dios?  
*El pueblo puede añadir sus peticiones.*  
*Cuando llega el momento, todos repiten el estribillo.*

*Intercesor* Invito sus oraciones por dirección.  
¿Por quién y por qué le pedimos ayuda a Dios?  
*El pueblo puede añadir sus peticiones.*  
*Cuando llega el momento, todos repiten el estribillo.*

## Colecta

### Obispo

Omnipotente y eterno Dios, que gobiernas todas las cosas en el cielo y en la tierra: Acepta misericordiosamente las oraciones de tu pueblo y fortalécenos para hacer tu voluntad; mediante Jesucristo nuestro Señor. **Amén.**

## La Paz

### El Obispo dice

La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.

**Pueblo Y con tu espíritu.**

*Los Ministros y el Pueblo pueden saludarse mutuamente en el nombre del Señor.*

## OFERTORIO

*Anden en amor, como también Cristo nos amó, y se entregó a sí mismo por nosotros, ofrenda y sacrificio a Dios.*

Efesios 5:2

## Himno del Ofertorio

“Bálsamo de Amor Hay en Galaad”  
de Love is the Way: A Freedom Suite

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La ofrenda de esta noche se destinará a Episcopal Relief and Development para ayudar en los esfuerzos de recuperación del huracán Helene y el huracán Milton.  
Consulte las instrucciones de donación al final del folleto.

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# WORSHIP SERVICE

**Doxology**

*O God, Beyond All Praising*

Thaxted

## **Eucharistic Prayer B**

*The People remain standing. The Bishop faces them and says:*

The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also, with you.**

**Bishop** Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Bishop proceeds.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

### **Proper preface for A Saint**

Because you are greatly glorified in the assembly of your saints. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of your only Son.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **Sanctus and Benedictus**

Setting from Mass for Soulful People.

*See Page 85*

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Bishop continues.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

***At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.***

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

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

# SERVICIO DE ADORACIÓN

Doxología (Bilingüe)

*O God, Beyond All Praising*

Thaxted

## Plegaria Eucarística B

*El pueblo sigue de pie. el Obispo, de cara al pueblo, dice:*

El Señor sea con ustedes.

**Pueblo Y con tu espíritu.**

**Obispo** Elevemos los corazones.

**Pueblo Los elevamos al Señor.**

**Obispo** Demos gracias a Dios nuestro Señor.

**Pueblo Es justo darle gracias y alabanza.**

*El Obispo continúa.*

En verdad es digno, justo y saludable, darte gracias, en todo tiempo y lugar, Padre omnipotente, Creador de cielo y tierra.

### *Prefacio propio de Un Santo*

Porque en tu grandeza eres glorificado en la asamblea de tus santos. Todas tus criaturas te alaban, y tus fieles siervos te bendicen, proclamando ante los gobernantes de este mundo el grandioso Nombre de tu Hijo unigénito.

Por tanto te alabamos, uniendo nuestras voces con los Ángeles y Arcángeles, y con todos los coros celestiales que, proclamando la gloria de tu Nombre, por siempre cantan este himno:

### **Sanctus y Benedictus**

de la Misa para Gente con Alma. (Bilingüe)

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*El Pueblo permanece de pie o se arrodilla. El Obispo continúa.*

Te damos gracias, oh Dios, por la bondad y el amor que tú nos has manifestado en la creación; en el llamado a Israel para ser tu pueblo; en tu Verbo revelado a través de los profetas; y, sobre todo, en el Verbo hecho carne, Jesús, tu Hijo. Pues en la plenitud de los tiempos le has enviado para que se encarnara de María la Virgen a fin de ser el Salvador y Redentor del mundo. En él, nos has librado del mal, y nos has hecho dignos de estar en tu presencia. En él, nos has sacado del error a la verdad, del pecado a la rectitud, y de la muerte a la vida.

***Al decir las palabras relativas al pan, el Celebrante lo toma en sus manos o impone una mano sobre él; y al decir las palabras relativas al cáliz, lo toma en sus manos o impone una mano sobre él y sobre cualquier otro recipiente con vino que hubiere de consagrarse.***

En la víspera de su muerte por nosotros, nuestro Señor Jesucristo tomó pan; y dándote gracias, lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, y dijo: "Tomen y coman. Este es mi Cuerpo, entregado por ustedes. Hagan esto como memorial mío."

Después de la cena tomó el cáliz; y dándote gracias, se lo entregó, y dijo: "Beban todos de él. Esta es mi Sangre del nuevo Pacto, sangre derramada por ustedes y por muchos para el perdón de los pecados. Siempre que lo beban, háganlo como memorial mío."

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. James and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray in the language of our hearts,

**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, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction**  
*See Page 85*

*Lamb of God*

LEVAS 269, McLin

# SERVICIO DE ADORACIÓN

Por tanto, oh Padre, según su mandato,

*Celebrante y Pueblo*

**Recordamos su muerte,  
Proclamamos su resurrección,  
Esperamos su venida en gloria;**

*El Obispo continúa*

Y te ofrecemos nuestro sacrificio de alabanza y acción de gracias, Señor de todos; ofreciéndote, de tu creación, este pan y este vino.

Te suplicamos, Dios bondadoso, que envíes tu Espíritu Santo sobre estos dones, para que sean el Sacramento del Cuerpo de Cristo y su Sangre del nuevo Pacto. únenos a tu Hijo en su sacrificio, a fin de que, por medio de él, seamos aceptables, siendo santificados por el Espíritu Santo. En la plenitud de los tiempos, sujeta todas las cosas a tu Cristo y llévanos a la patria celestial donde, con Santiago y todos tus santos, entremos en la herencia eterna de tus hijos; por Jesucristo nuestro Señor, el primogénito de toda la creación, la cabeza de la Iglesia, y el autor de nuestra salvación.

Por él, y con él y en él, en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, tuyos son el honor y la gloria, Padre omnipotente, ahora y por siempre. **Amén.**

Oremos como nuestro Salvador Cristo nos enseñó, en el idioma de nuestros corazones,

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu Nombre,  
venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad,  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación  
y líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder,  
y tuya es la gloria,  
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

## La Fracción del Pan

*El Obispo parte el pan consagrado.*

*Se guarda silencio.*

**Fracción**  
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*Cordero de Dios*

LEVAS 269, McLin

# WORSHIP SERVICE

*Facing the people, the Bishop says the following invitation:*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymns

*Let us Break Bread Together On Our Knees.*

*Nada es Imposible Para Ti*

*Taste and See*

*See Pages 86 - 88*

African American Spiritual

Flor y canto 673

LEVAS 154

*After Communion, the people stand or kneel, and the Bishop says:*

Let us pray.

*Bishop and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

*See Page 89*

*They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love.*

Peter Scholtes

*Deacon*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*Esa Montaña*

# SERVICIO DE ADORACIÓN

*De cara al pueblo, el Obispo hace la siguiente invitación:*

Los Dones de Dios para el Pueblo de Dios. Tómenlos en memoria de que Cristo murió por ustedes, y aliméntense de él en sus corazones, por fe y con agradecimiento.

Himnos de Comunión

*Let us Break Bread Together On Our Knees.*

*Nada es Imposible Para Ti*

*Taste and See*

*Ver Paginas 86 - 88*

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Flor y canto 673

LEVAS 154

*Después de la Comunión, el pueblo se pone de pie o se arrodilla, y el Obispo dice:*

Oremos.

*Obispo y Pueblo*

**Omnipotente y sempiterno Dios, te damos gracias porque nos has nutrido con el alimento espiritual del preciosísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de tu Hijo, nuestro Salvador Jesucristo; y porque nos aseguras, en estos santos misterios, que somos miembros vivos del Cuerpo de tu Hijo y herederos de tu reino eterno. Y ahora, Padre, envíanos al mundo para cumplir la misión que tú nos has encomendado, para amarte y servirte como fieles testigos de Cristo nuestro Señor. A él, a ti y al Espíritu Santo, sea todo honor y gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

**La Bendición**

**Himno de Clausura**

*Ver Paginas 89*

*Sabrán Que somos Cristianos por Nuestro Amor.*

Peter Scholtes

*Diácono* Salgamos con gozo al mundo en, el poder del Espíritu.

*Pueblo* **Demos gracias a Dios.**

**Postludio**

*Esa Montaña*

# SERVING THIS EVENING

## **Celebrant/Celebrante**

The Rt. Rev. Jeff W. Fisher

## **Bishops/Obispos**

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle

The Rt. Rev. Jeff W. Fisher

The Rt. Rev. Kathryn McCrossen Ryan

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## **Musicians/Músicos**

Thanh Montes, guitar & vocalist

The Rev. Maria Teresa Bautista-Berrios, vocalist

The Rev. Dr. Andrew K. Barnett, piano

William Z. Cleary, alto saxophone

Imani-Grace Cooper, vocalist

Reginald Cyntje, trombone

Mike Wade, trumpet

Jonathan Parker, tenor saxophone

Michael Bowie, bass

Fabio Rojas, drums

## **Clergy Choir/Coro del Clero**

### **Precentors/Chantres**

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The Rev. Gavin Tomlin

The Rev. Maria Teresa Bautista-Berrios

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1. Peo - ple of God, ga - ther to - geth - er come, let us  
 2. Hear - ing God's word, heed - ing the mes - sage, come and re -  
 3. Bear - ing your gifts, en - ter God's pre - sence; come, let us  
 4. Peo - ple of God, har - mo - ny blend - ing, come, swell the

sing on this glo - rious day. Shout - ing a - broad  
 joice as we an - swer the call. With one ac - cord,  
 share in the hea - ven - ly feast. Mend - ing all rifts,  
 cho - rus in lov - ing ac - cord. Rais - ing a - gain

praise to the Mak - er, come and with bo - dy and soul let us pray.  
 made in God's im - age, come in com - mu - ni - ty, wel - co - ming all  
 heal - ing di - vi - sions, come and from sor - rows and hurts be re - leased.  
 thanks nev - er end - ing, come to the God who is Wis - dom and Word.

*Refrain*  
 Come, let us join in the hea - ven - ly dance, prais - ing in joy - ous cel - e - bra - tion.

1. { There's a sweet, sweet Spi - rit in this place, \_\_\_\_\_ And I  
 Hay un dul - ce Es - pi - ri - tu a - quí, \_\_\_\_\_ y yo

know that it's the Spi - rit of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ There are  
 sé que es el Es - pí - ri - tu del Se - ñor. \_\_\_\_\_ Ca - da

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, \_\_\_\_\_ And I  
 ros - tro ex - pre - sa el go - zo sí, \_\_\_\_\_ pues sen -

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
 ti - mos la pre - sen - cia del Sal - va - dor. \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*

Sweet Ho - ly Spi - rit, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,  
 San - to Es - pí - ri - tu, fiel, ce - les - tial,

Stay right here with us, \_\_\_\_\_ fill - ing us with your love.  
 que da - te a - quí \_\_\_\_\_ y llé - na - nos de tu a - mor.

And for these bless - ings we lift our hearts in praise; With - out a  
 Y por tus o - bras te da - mos hoy lo - or; y sin du -

doubt we'll know that we have been re - vived when we shall leave this place.  
 dar yo sé que nue - va vi - da en ti ten - dre - mos siem - pre a - quí.

## Gradual Hymn

## Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3. High King of hea - ven, when vic - to ry is won,  
all else be nought to me, save that thou art  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,  
wak - ing or sleep - ing; thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

## Sequence Hymn

## Halle Halle Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah.  
Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal-le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## Sanctus and Benedictus

Setting from Mass for Soulful People.

*(organ)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, —  
— ho - ly, ho - ly, — ho - ly Lord God — of hosts, — Heav - en and  
earth — are — filled with 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. —

## Fraction

*Lamb of God*

*piano*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. *piano* Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: *piano* have mer - cy on us. *piano* Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## Communion Hymns

*Let us Break Bread Together On Our Knees.*

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Let us praise God 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. \_\_\_\_\_  
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.

## Himnos de Comunion

*De Rodillas Partamos Hoy el Pan.*

De rodillas partamos hoy el pan,  
De rodillas partamos hoy el pan;

(Chorus) De rodillas estoy, con el rostro al naciente sol,  
¡Oh Dios, apiádate de mí!

Compartamos la copa en gratitud,  
Compartamos la copa en gratitud;

De rodillas estoy, con el rostro al naciente sol,  
¡Oh Dios, apiádate de mí!

De rodillas loemos al Señor,  
De rodillas loemos al Señor;

De rodillas estoy, con el rostro al naciente sol,  
¡Oh Dios, apiádate de mí!

Por qué tengo miedo si nada es imposible para ti  
Por qué tengo miedo si nada es imposible para ti  
Por qué tengo miedo si nada es imposible para ti  
Por qué tengo miedo si nada es imposible para ti

Por qué tengo tristeza si nada es imposible para ti  
Por qué tengo tristeza si nada es imposible para ti  
Por qué tengo tristeza si nada es imposible para ti  
Por qué tengo tristeza si nada es imposible para ti

Nada es imposible para ti, nada es imposible para ti

Por qué tengo dudas si nada es imposible para ti  
Por qué tengo dudas si nada es imposible para ti  
Por qué tengo dudas si nada es imposible para ti  
Por qué tengo dudas si nada es imposible para ti

Enséñame a amar, por qué nada es imposible para ti  
Enséñame a amar, por qué nada es imposible para ti  
Enséñame a perdonar, por qué nada es imposible para ti  
Enséñame a perdonar, por qué nada es imposible para ti

Nada es imposible para ti, nada es imposible para ti

Tú te hiciste hombre por qué nada es imposible para ti  
Tú te hiciste hombre por qué nada es imposible para ti  
Tú te hiciste hombre por qué nada es imposible para ti  
Tú te hiciste hombre por qué nada es imposible para ti

Tú venciste la muerte por qué nada es imposible para ti  
Tú venciste la muerte por qué nada es imposible para ti

Tú est:s entre nosotros por qué nada es imposible para ti  
Tú est:s entre nosotros por qué nada es imposible para ti

Nada es imposible para ti, nada es imposible para ti  
Por qué tengo miedo si nada es imposible para ti  
Por qué tengo miedo si nada es imposible para ti  
Nada es imposible para ti, nada es imposible para ti

*Refrain*

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the  
 Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ O Taste and see. Taste and see the  
 good - ness of the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord. *Fine*

*Verses*

1. I will bless the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ at all times. \_\_\_\_\_ His praise \_\_\_\_\_ shall  
 2. Glo-ri - fy the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ me. \_\_\_\_\_ To - geth-er \_\_\_\_\_ let us  
 3. Wor-ship \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ all you peo - ple. \_\_\_\_\_ You'll \_\_\_\_\_ want for

al - ways be on my lips; \_\_\_\_\_ my soul shall glo-ry \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
 all \_\_\_\_\_ praise His name. \_\_\_\_\_ I called the Lord and He an - swered  
 noth-ing \_\_\_\_\_ if you ask. \_\_\_\_\_ Taste and see \_\_\_\_\_ that God is

*To Refrain*

Lord; \_\_\_\_\_ for He \_\_\_\_\_ has been \_\_\_\_\_ so good to me. \_\_\_\_\_  
 me; \_\_\_\_\_ from all \_\_\_\_\_ my trou-bles He set me free. \_\_\_\_\_  
 good; \_\_\_\_\_ in Him \_\_\_\_\_ we need \_\_\_\_\_ put all our trust. \_\_\_\_\_





1. We are one in the Spi - rit; we are one in the Lord;  
 2. We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
 3. We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
 4. All praise to God from whom all things come,

we are one in the Spi - rit; we are one in the Lord;  
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save - each one's pride:  
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

*Refrain*  
 And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our  
 love, yes they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

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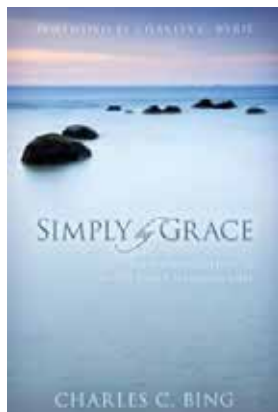
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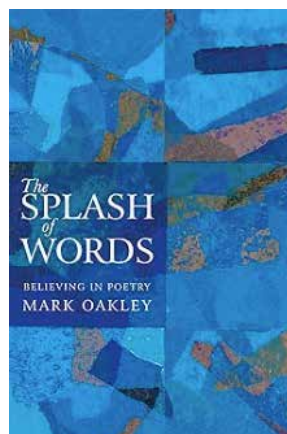
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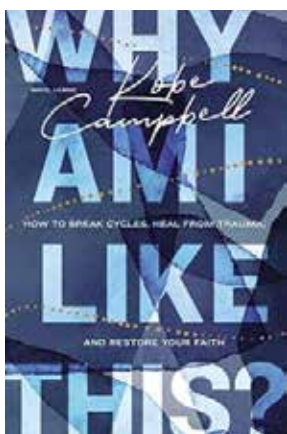
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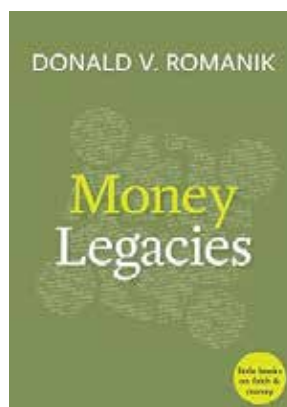
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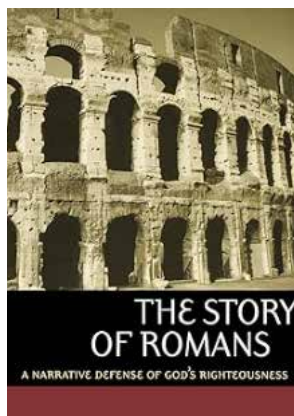
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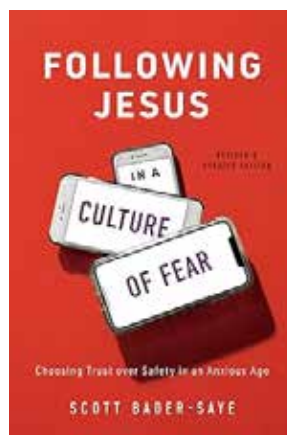
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