

The Thirty Second Annual Gay Pride Eucharist

Sponsored by
Integrity Atlanta and
The Commission on LGBTQ+ Ministry
of the Diocese of Atlanta



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!



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William Tyndale and Miles Coverdale



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Welcome!

Welcome to the thirty second annual Gay Pride Eucharist. We are glad to have you in our midst.

Integrity/Atlanta is the local chapter of Integrity USA/Integrity Americas: an international lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered (LGBT) justice ministry in the Episcopal Church with affiliated chapters in Canada, Africa, and Australia. Members include all ages, races, and sexual orientations, gender expressions and gender identities. Members share the desire to spread the good news of the Gospel – the good news of God’s love for all of God’s children – both within the Church and throughout the LGBTQ+ community.

As a part of our ministry to Atlanta’s LGBTQ+ community, Integrity/Atlanta has – for thirty-two years – offered a Gay Pride Eucharist for Human Rights on the eve of Atlanta’s Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Pride Weekend. Integrity/Atlanta and the Episcopal Church ask your prayers for justice and welcome your hearty participation in this celebration of God’s love for all whom God has created.

Integrity/Atlanta has met regularly at All Saints’, St. Bartholomew’s, and Epiphany parishes through the kind permission of those churches’ various rectors and vestries. This support and encouragement from our clergy has always been available, even in earlier years, when our programs were unpopular or suspect. We continue to be grateful for that support. We are grateful, too, for the many friendly parishes in this Diocese where all visitors and inquirers are always welcome. ✝

The flowers at the High Altar are given by Integrity/Atlanta to the Glory of God and in memory of those whose lives have been lost as a result of their sexual orientation, gender expression, or gender identity. And in Thanksgiving for the many years of support given to Integrity/Atlanta by All Saints’ Episcopal Church. ✝

We welcome the Diocese of Atlanta’s Commission on LGBTQ+ Ministry as co-sponsor of this service. Please see their pages on the diocesan website at episcopalatlanta.org.

A Note about Hymnody, Theology, Experience, and History

Many in the LGBTQ+ community have had negative experiences with various faith communities. Some have endured attempts to change their sexual orientation, gender/identity expression. Some women have had similar experiences that did not foster a positive relationship with organized religions.

Sadly, even the hymns of the church have been misused in some places to further oppress the children of God based on their gender, gender expression/identity and sexual orientation. When we hear some very familiar hymns and anthems, they trigger a response in us that creates a barrier to the full experience of worship and maybe even to making room for the work of the Holy Spirit.

We invite you to take a chance on re-examining some of the hymns that may have been the source of pain and angst for us. Often, simply paying attention to the words evokes a different reaction. The words of some very beautiful hymns, when viewed outside the context of prior painful experiences, have the potential to offer us hope and comfort after all. Hymns often teach about the relationship between us and God. Transferring relationships to each other may be the source of our pain rather than music or words.

An excellent example of a hymn that has often been used in less than appropriate ways is “Just as I am.” Some of us grew to despise that hymn because of the way it was misused in the name of “evangelism.” Yet the words themselves, when viewed apart from previous painful circumstances, are very beautiful. More importantly, they speak to us as a queer people of faith. They reinforce the fact that each of us comes to God *just as we are*, just as we have been created. Even though we will not be singing that hymn this evening, we can apply the same principles to hymns we will be singing. Singing has been described as praying twice. May we find ways to obtain comfort from what may have caused us discomfort. ✝





Our Celebrant at the Eucharist this Evening:

The Rev. Canon Dr. Angela F. Shepherd

The Rev. Canon Dr. Angela F. Shepherd (she/her) is the seventh rector of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, a congregation deeply committed to worship, social justice, formation, and hospitality. Her tenure began in March of 2018, and she is the first African American woman to be called as rector in the Diocese of Atlanta. Ordained deacon and priest in 1996 she has served congregations in the dioceses of Ohio, Maryland, and as canon for mission in

the Diocese of Maryland. The span of her ministry includes three-time General Convention Deputy, Commission on Ministry, Standing Committee, Disciplinary Board for Bishops, non-profit boards, and other engagements. A lifelong learner, she earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from McCormick Theological Seminary, Master of Divinity from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary (now Bexley-Seabury) and an Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising from Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. She currently serves as Chaplain to the Atlanta Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians, is a member of the Order of the Daughters of the King, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Angela is a contemplative Gospel based strategist who loves exploring the intersection between contemporary Christianity and culture, cradle to glory ministry, and working with others to make a difference in our lifetime. She enjoys smooth jazz, fine arts, travel, is an avid Dallas Cowboys fan, and the proud parent of one adult daughter. ✚





Our Preacher this Evening:

Dr. E. Bruce Garner

Our preacher this evening is Dr. E. Bruce Garner. Bruce has been engaged in the struggle for LGBTQ+ inclusion and equality in both the Episcopal Church and society for the last four decades. His activism began with Integrity Atlanta during a time when it was not necessarily safe to be an out queer person in The Episcopal Church.

He subsequently became involved with Integrity USA as its National AIDS Liaison. That position sprang out of Bruce's work with local and national non-profit HIV/AIDS service organizations. He served on the Board of Directors of AID Atlanta for a total of 12 years over two terms. He chaired the board during his first term, after

serving as Treasurer and Secretary. He also served in leadership roles on the boards of Jerusalem House, AIDS Treatment Initiatives, the Names Project Atlanta Chapter and the Advisory Board for the Community Foundation/United Way AIDS fund.

He chaired the board of the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition on two different occasions over the years and also served on the National AIDS Commission of The Episcopal Church.

Bruce currently serves as the Chair of the Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services (Ryan White) Planning Council. That council sets priorities for the spending of over \$30 million in federal funds to provide services to those living with HIV in the 20-county metro area. This is his second time serving in this position.

Bruce became the first openly LGBTQ+ person appointed to any of the commissions, committees, agencies and boards of The Episcopal Church when, in 1991, he was appointed to the Standing Commission on Human Affairs. The 1991 appointment was the result of his serving as the National President of Integrity USA. He served in the role of president again over twenty years later.

He was elected to and served three terms on the Board of Trustees of The General Theological Seminary in New York. He recently completed his term as chair of the Commission on LGBTQ+ Ministry of The Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta and previously chaired the Commission on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) and the Commission on HIV/AIDS of the Diocese. He has served on the Executive Board of the Diocese of Atlanta and on the Executive Council (Board of Directors) of The Episcopal Church. He has served his diocese on a regular basis as an elected representative (Deputy) to the church's triennial convention since 1994. He was the only openly LGBTQ+ Deputy or Alternate Deputy in all the 20 dioceses that make up Province IV of The Episcopal Church for two decades before more were elected. He also served on and chaired the Board of Directors of Lost n Found Youth, Inc.

Bruce is known for his willingness to ask the "difficult" questions that often need to be asked during the governance and day to day life of non-profit and governmental organizations. He has self-identified as a gay man in all the leadership roles and governance roles he has held with the non-profit agencies he has served. He has also self-identified as a person living with HIV for over 40 years as of this past May. He is an advocate for equity and inclusion for all minorities, especially the LGBTQ+ and HIV/AIDS communities, usually quietly, sometimes less quietly.

He has been a member of All Saints' parish since 1981, serving in many positions, including 23 years as Head Verger.

Bruce was honored for his work in the LGBTQ+ and HIV/AIDS arenas in October 2016 when he was awarded an honorary doctorate from Berkley Divinity School of Yale University. ♦





Our Guest Organist, Choir Director, and Choir:

Mr. Trey Clegg

The Guest Organist and Choir Director for this service is Mr. Trey Clegg, Director of Music and Principal Organist of the historic First Congregational Church UCC of Atlanta, the oldest African American Congregational Church in the United States where Rev. Ambassador Andrew Young serves as a Staff Minister. Trey is also the Founder and

Artistic Director of Atlanta's Premiere Multicultural Chorus, The Trey Clegg Singers. Additionally, he sings in the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chamber Chorus; and he is a frequent Organ Recitalist in the United States, Europe, and the Caribbean.

The Choir for this service is comprised of members of Atlanta's Premiere Multicultural Chorus, The Trey Clegg Singers. This is a remarkable group of auditioned, semi-professional singers who join their voices in joyful praise to the Creator of us all. The Trey Clegg Singers have performed at the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC and the Highlands Chamber Music Festival in Highlands, NC annually since their founding seven years ago. IN 2022, they made their Carnegie Hall Debut, and they performed for the Inaugural Festivities for The Honorable Andre Dickens, Mayor of Atlanta; as well as for the 90th Birthday Celebration Prayer Service for Ambassador Andrew Young, the Mayor's State of the City Breakfast, and a Reception for the Democratic National Committee at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights.

The Trey Clegg Singers 7th Annual *Festival Sounds of the Season* Christmas Concert with Members of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra will be on Saturday, December 17 at 6:00 p.m. at Ebenezer Baptist Church (the historic church of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.), 101 Jackson Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30312. For tickets and more information, visit www.thetreycleggsingers.org 🌿



At this service we commemorate the lives of:

William Tyndale

William Tyndale was born about 1495 near the Welsh border. He received bachelors and master's degrees from Oxford and studied at Cambridge. Ordained about 1521, he spent his early ministry as a domestic chaplain and tutor in Gloucestershire and London. Tyndale was a man with a single passion – to translate the Holy Scriptures into English. Lacking official sanction, he went to Germany in 1524. Strongly opposed to his work, King Henry VIII, Cardinal Wolsey, and others, sought to destroy his work and put him to death. He was betrayed by a friend and was strangled and burned at the stake on October 6, 1536, in Brussels. By the time of Tyndale's death, he had completed his translation of the New Testament and major parts of the Old Testament, particularly the Pentateuch. It is estimated that about eighty percent of Tyndale's work found its way into later translations, notably the Authorized Version of 1611 (King James). ✚

Miles Coverdale

Miles Coverdale was born in Yorkshire around 1488. He studied at Cambridge and was ordained in 1514 and soon thereafter joined the Augustinian Friars. Passionate about scriptural translation, he left the monastery in 1526 and eventually went to the Continent where the work of translation enjoyed strong support. He completed the first translation into English of the whole Bible in 1535, which was issued as "The Great Bible" in 1539. Archbishop Cranmer adopted Coverdale's translation of the Psalter for the Book of Common Prayer. Between times of unrest and relative calm, Coverdale shuttled between England and the Continent. He served as a Lutheran pastor while in exile from 1543-1547. He became Bishop of Exeter in 1551 but was deprived of that office at the accession of Queen Mary due to his Protestant convictions. He again escaped to the Continent where he lived until the accession to the throne of Elizabeth I in 1559. He is remembered as an outstanding preacher, an uncommonly gifted linguist and translator, and a leader of the Puritan wing of the Church of England. ✚



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Prelude | Gavotte

Jean-Baptist Lully (1632-1687)

Darryl-Christopher Payne, *alto recorder*

Sonata No. 1

Florence Price (1887-1953)

II. Andantino

III. Toccata

Trey Clegg, organist

The Liturgy of the Word

The bell is tolled three times and the people stand as they are able while the Celebrant says:

Opening Acclamation |

Celebrant Blessed be one, holy and living God.

People Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity |

Celebrant Praying together,

Celebrant and People

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.



"Lift high the cross"

Crucifer

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

1. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
2. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain
the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

"The fact that we are here and that I speak these words is an attempt to break the silence and bridge some of the differences between us, for it is not difference which immobilizes us, but silence. And there are so many silences to be broken."

- Audre Lorde, *The Transformation of Silence into Language and Action*

Collect of the Day |

Celebrant God be with you
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you planted in the heart of your servants, William Tyndale and Miles Coverdale, a consuming passion to bring the Scriptures to people in their native tongue, and endowed them with the gift of powerful and graceful expression and with strength to persevere against all obstacles: Reveal to us your saving Word, as we read and study the Scriptures, and hear them calling us to repentance and life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.



The First Lesson | Proverbs 8:10-17

Read in English and Spanish.

Reader A reading from Proverbs.

Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold; for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her. I, wisdom, live with prudence, and I attain knowledge and discretion. The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate. I have good advice and sound wisdom; I have insight, I have strength. By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; by me rulers rule, and nobles, all who govern rightly. I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

Reader Lectura del Libro de Proverbios

¿No clama la sabiduría, Y levanta su voz la prudencia? En la cima de las alturas, junto al camino, Donde cruzan las sendas, se coloca; Junto a las puertas, a la salida de la ciudad, En el umbral de las puertas, da voces: "Oh hombres, a ustedes clamo, Para los hijos de los hombres es mi voz. Oh simples, aprendan prudencia; Y ustedes, necios, aprendan sabiduría. Escuchen, porque hablaré cosas excelentes, Y con el abrir de mis labios rectitud. Porque mi boca proferirá la verdad, Abominación a mis labios es la impiedad. Conforme a la justicia son todas las palabras de mi boca, No hay en ellas nada torcido ni perverso. Todas son sinceras para el que entiende, Y rectas para los que han hallado conocimiento. Reciban mi instrucción y no la plata, Y conocimiento antes que el oro escogido, Porque mejor es la sabiduría que las joyas, Y todas las cosas deseables no pueden compararse con ella. Yo, la sabiduría, habito con la prudencia, Y he hallado conocimiento y discreción. El temor del SEÑOR es aborrecer el mal. El orgullo, la arrogancia, el mal camino Y la boca perversa, yo aborrezco. Mío es el consejo y la prudencia, Yo soy la inteligencia, el poder es mío. Por mí reinan los reyes, y los gobernantes decretan justicia. Por mí gobiernan los príncipes y los nobles, Todos los que juzgan con justicia. Amo a los que me aman, Y los que me buscan con diligencia me hallarán.

Reader Aquí lo que el Espíritu le está diciendo a la Iglesia.

People Gracias a Dios.

Gradual Anthem | "I was glad"

C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

I was glad when they say unto me,
We will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is builded as a city, that is at unity in itself.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Words: Psalm 122



The Second Lesson | 1 Corinthians 15:1 – 11

Read in English and Spanish.

Reader A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

Now 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. 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

Reader Lectura de la primera carta de San Pablo a los Corintios

Ahora les hago saber, hermanos, el evangelio que les prediqué (anuncié), el cual también ustedes recibieron, en el cual también están firmes, por el cual también son salvos, si retienen la palabra que les prediqué (anuncié), a no ser que hayan creído en vano. Porque yo les entregué en primer lugar lo mismo que recibí: que Cristo (el Mesías) murió por nuestros pecados, conforme a las Escrituras; que fue sepultado y que resucitó al tercer día, conforme a las Escrituras; que se apareció a Cefas (Pedro) y después a los doce. Luego se apareció a más de 500 hermanos a la vez, la mayoría de los cuales viven aún, pero algunos ya duermen (murieron). Después se apareció a Jacobo (Santiago), luego a todos los apóstoles. Y al último de todos, como a uno nacido fuera de tiempo, se me apareció también a mí. Porque yo soy el más insignificante de los apóstoles, que no soy digno de ser llamado apóstol, pues perseguí a la iglesia de Dios. Pero por la gracia de Dios soy lo que soy, y Su gracia para conmigo no resultó vana. Antes bien he trabajado mucho más que todos ellos, aunque no yo, sino la gracia de Dios en mí. Sin embargo, haya sido yo o ellos, así predicamos y así creyeron ustedes.

Reader Aquí lo que el Espíritu le está diciendo a la Iglesia.

People Gracias a Dios.



Sequence Hymn | LEVAS 184

The people stand and sing.

"Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!"

Blessed Assurance



1. Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest;

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spi-rit, washed in his blood.
 An-gels de-scend-ing, bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 Watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain
 This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long;
 This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

The Gospel | John 12:44 – 50

Read in English and Spanish.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then Jesus cried aloud: "Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness. I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my word has a judge; on the last day the word that I have spoken will serve as judge, for I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment about what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I speak, therefore, I speak just as the Father has told me."

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Diácono El Santo Evangelio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, según San Juan.
Pueblo Gloria a ti Cristo Señor.

Entonces Jesús exclamó: "El que cree en Mí, no cree en Mí, sino en Aquél que Me ha enviado." Y el que Me ve, ve a Aquél que Me ha enviado. "Yo, la Luz, he venido al mundo, para que todo el que cree en Mí no permanezca en tinieblas." Si alguno oye Mis palabras y no las guarda, Yo no lo juzgo; porque no vine a juzgar al mundo, sino a salvar al mundo. "El que Me rechaza y no recibe Mis palabras, tiene quien lo juzgue; la palabra que he hablado, ésa lo juzgará en el día final." Porque Yo no he hablado por Mi propia cuenta, sino que el Padre mismo que Me ha enviado Me ha dado mandamiento sobre lo que he de decir y lo que he de hablar. "Y sé que Su mandamiento es vida eterna; por eso lo que Yo hablo, lo hablo tal como el Padre Me lo ha dicho.

Diácono El Evangelio del Señor.
Pueblo Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.



The people are seated at the preacher's invitation.

A period of silent prayer follows the sermon.

Prayers of the People |

Intercessor Dear friends in Christ, as we gather for worship this evening, we bring with us the day's cares and concerns. I now invite you to offer to God those things which give joy to, or burden, your heart.

The Prayer Leader will offer biddings to be followed by petitions below.

Intercessor For the gifts of creation, the sun at day and the moon and stars at night: May our eyes be open to sky and earth and water which give life and home and food to your creatures. Help us to protect, and nurture what you have made.

People O God, Great Creator, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the Church in every place: May we be ever mindful of the richness of the family of faith, and give thanks for the web of relationships and trust that you give to those who are called the friends of Christ.

People O God, Loving Parent, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For those in authority: Let us pray for all political leaders, that Christ's love for the world may transform war-makers into advocates of peace, strangers into friends and enemies into partners.

People O God, Loving Savior, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For those in greatest risk among us: Let us pray for all who are lonely, rejected, or oppressed, for those who are sick and those who struggle to regain their strength, and for victims of natural disaster, war and terror.

People O God, Strengthening Spirit, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For this community in its joys and sorrows: Let us remember those who have gone before us who are still alive in our memories. As we reach out to others, may we rejoice in those whom you call as your own.

People O God, Sacred Wisdom, hear our prayer.

Concluding Collect |

Celebrant

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

Peace |

The people stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people exchange a sign of God's peace and are seated.



Announcements and Introductions |

The Diocese of Atlanta of The Episcopal Church welcomes you this evening and invites you to join them for worship. The parishes and worshiping communities listed below have identified themselves as welcoming and affirming to members of the LGBTQ+ community. For complete addresses, telephone numbers and further information, please go to www.episcopalatlanta.org

<i>Name of Church/Worshiping Community</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Website</i>
St. Teresa's Episcopal Church	Acworth	http://saintteresa.episcopalatlanta.org/
Emmanuel Episcopal Church	Athens	www.emmanuelathens.org
St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Ch.	Athens	www.stgregoryathens.org
UGA Episcopal Center	Athens	www.episcopalcenter.org
Absalom Jones Chapel	Atlanta	www.absalomjones.org
All Saints' Episcopal Church	Atlanta	www.allsaintsatlanta.org
Cathedral of St. Philip	Atlanta	www.stphilipscathedral.org
Church of Our Saviour	Atlanta	www.oursaviouratlanta.org
Church of the Common Ground	Atlanta	www.commonground.episcopalatlanta.org
Church of the Epiphany	Atlanta	www.epiphany.org
Church of the Incarnation	Atlanta	www.incarnation.episcopalatlanta.org
Emmaus House Chapel	Atlanta	www.emmaushousechapel.episcopalatlanta.org
Emory Campus Ministry	Atlanta	www.emory.episcopalatlanta.org
GA Tech/State Campus Ministry	Atlanta	www.state.episcopalatlanta.org
Holy Comforter Episcopal Church	Atlanta	www.holycomforter.episcopalatlanta.org
Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church	Atlanta	www.holyinnocents.org
St. Anne's' Episcopal Church	Atlanta	www.saintannes.episcopalatlanta.org
St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church	Atlanta	www.stbartsatlanta.org
St. Bede's Episcopal Church	Atlanta	www.stbedes.org
St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church	Atlanta	www.stdunstan.net
St. Luke's Episcopal Church	Atlanta	www.stlukesatlanta.org
St. Martin in the Fields	Atlanta	www.stmartins.org
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church	Atlanta	www.stpat.net
St. Clare's Episcopal Church	Blairsville	www.stclareepiscopalchurch.org
St. Clement's Episcopal Church	Canton	www.saintclements.episcopalatlanta.org
St. Margaret's Episcopal Church	Carrolton	http://stmargaretsga.org/
Church of the Ascension	Cartersville	www.ascensioncartersville.org
St. James' Episcopal Church	Cedartown	www.stjamescedartown.episcopalatlanta.org
Grace-Calvary Church	Clarkesville	www.grace-calvary.org
St. James' Episcopal Church	Clayton	www.stjamesclayton.episcopalatlanta.org
St. John's Episcopal Church	College Park	www.stjohnscollegepark.com
St. Thomas Episcopal Church	Columbus	http://www.stthomascolumbus.org/
Trinity Episcopal Church	Columbus	www.trinityepiscopalchurch.com
Church of the Good Shepherd	Covington	www.church-gs.org
Church of the Holy Spirit	Cumming	www.ecohs.net
St. Mark's Episcopal Church	Dalton	www.stmarksdalton.org
St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church	Dahlonega	www.stelizabethepiscopal.com
Church of The Holy Cross	Decatur	www.holy-cross.org
Holy Trinity Parish	Decatur	www.holytrinitydecatur.org



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church	Decatur	http://sttimsdecatur.episcopalatlanta.org/
St. Julian's Episcopal Church	Douglasville	www.saintjulians.org
All Angels Episcopal Church	Eatonton	http://episcopalchurch-eatonton.org/
St. Alban's Episcopal Church	Elberton	www.stalbans-elberton.org
Church of the Nativity	Fayetteville	www.nativityepiscopal.org
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church	Fort Valley	www.episcopalchurch.org/parish/st-andrews-episcopal
St. Luke's Episcopal Church	Fort Valley	www.stlukes.episcopalatlanta.org
St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church	Hamilton	http://stnicholashamilton.org/
St. Andrews	Hartwell	www.standrewshartwell.org/
Grace Episcopal Church	Gainesville	http://www.gracechurchgainesville.org/
Church of the Redeemer	Greensboro	http://www.lakeoconeepiscopal.org/
Church of the Holy Family	Jasper	https://holyfamily.episcopalatlanta.org
St. Mark's Episcopal Church	Lagrange	http://stmarks.episcopalatlanta.org/
Christ Episcopal Church	Macon	www.christchurchmacon.com
St. Francis Episcopal Church	Macon	www.stfrancismacon.com
St. Paul's Episcopal Church	Macon	http://stpaulsmacon.episcopalatlanta.org/
Episcopal Church of the Advent	Madison	http://advent.episcopalatlanta.org/
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St. Mary's Episcopal Church	Montezuma	www.episcopalchurch.org/parish/st-marys-episcopal-ch
St. Augustine's Episcopal Church	Morrow	http://staugustine.episcopalatlanta.org/
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Christ Episcopal Church	Norcross	http://ccn.episcopalatlanta.org/
St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church	Oakwood	http://www.saintgabriels.org/
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Church of the Atonement	Sandy Springs	http://atonement.episcopalatlanta.org/
Church of the Resurrection	Sautee	http://resurrection.episcopalatlanta.org/
St. Benedict's Episcopal Church	Smyrna	www.mysaintb.org
St. Michael & All Angels	Stone Mountain	http://www.stmichael.cc/
St. Columba's Episcopal Church	Suwanee	www.saintcolumba.net
St. Matthias Episcopal Church	Toccoa	http://stmatthias.episcopalatlanta.org/
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church	Trion	www.cometostbarnabas.org/
Church of the Mediator	Washington	https://mediator.episcopalatlanta.org/
St. Anthony's Episcopal Church	Winder	https://saintanthony.episcopalatlanta.org/



The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem | “Ella’s Song”

Bernice Johnson Reagon (b. 1942)

Refrain: We who believe in freedom cannot rest.

We who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes.

Until the killing of Black men, Black mothers’ sons,
is as important as the killing of White men, White mothers’ sons.

Refrain

The older I get the better I know that the secret of my going on
is when the reins are in the hand of the young who dare to run against the storm.
To me young people come first, they have the courage where we fail.
And if I can shed some light as they carry us through the gale

Refrain

Struggling myself don’t mean a whole lot I come to realize
That teaching others to stand up and fight is the only way my struggle survive.
I’m a woman who speaks in a voice and I must be heard
At time I can be quite difficult, I’ll bow to no man’s word

Refrain

Not needing to clutch for power, not needing the light just to shine on me
I need to be just one in the number as we stand against tyranny.

Refrain

*The evening’s offering will be used to further the ministries of Integrity/Atlanta. Please make checks payable to
Integrity/Atlanta.*

*The offering of the people is brought forward as the Presentation Hymn begins. During the hymn, the celebrant
censes the altar. The Thurifer then censes the people.*



Presentation Hymn | LEVAS 60

The people stand.

"How great thou art"

O Store Gud

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I won - der and hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion and take me
all the works thy hands have made, I see the stars I hear the roll - ing
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, when I look down from lof - ty moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -
thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
gran - deur, and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
bear - ing, he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion, and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.

Refrain
Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to Thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to Thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

Eucharistic Prayer |

Celebrant God be with you.
People And with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to God our Creator.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant
God of wind and flame,
We praise your wild beauty flying free in sky and water.
Your Spirit nurtured life in outrageous diversity;
she raised up judges to protect the weak, made kings dance in ecstasy,
and prophets burn in holy anger.
Through the Spirit the Word became flesh
and the world was called to hear his voice; she drove him to the desert,
his first sure step to victory over death and division.



When he left his followers, she was poured out on all flesh and blurred
the line between genders, enslaved and free, Jew and gentile.
She is with us now, bringing Christ near, filling our worship, guiding us in hope.
Therefore, with all God's creation, and all who have tasted the
Spirit of life, with the thirsty and the cold, and all who long to dream again,
we worship your glory as heaven touches earth and we sing:

Sanctus |

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828)
arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues.

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these holy gifts, that these fragile, earthly things
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night he was
betrayed, gathered with faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given
for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do
this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold. Great
is the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.



The Celebrant continues

Therefore, we come to Christ in whom all is created in heaven and on earth, whose cross and resurrection make all things new. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. **AMEN.**

As Jesus taught, we now pray:

The Lord's Prayer |

Celebrant and People

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 |

Celebrant Christ is here!

People Therefore let us keep the feast!

Celebrant

Listen – love whispers an invitation:

Welcome to the table where all are invited: old and young, new and not so new, old friends and new friends, children, adults, strangers and natives. Come, feast at the table of equals: Sing, pray, laugh, weep, and meditate. Let the fever of gladness fill your lungs and hearts and souls.

Welcome to the table. LOVE calls us – friend or stranger, saint or sinner. God's table is the meeting place of generosity and abundance. Let LOVE call to you. Hear God call your name. For Jesus knows you and loves you.

The Spirit wants you to share and live and dream the dream of bread and wine. Come, the table is ready. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at this table.

The people are seated.

If you feel that God is calling you to the table to take communion, know that you are welcome to participate. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms over your chest as you approach a priest and she/he/they will pronounce a blessing.

If you wish to receive communion, come to the altar or a standing communion station, stretch out your hands, crossed with palms up, to receive the wafer of bread. When the chalice of wine comes to you, either drink from it or dip (intinct) the wafer into the cup.

Gluten free wafers are available at all communion stations. Please advise the priest. Grape juice is available at the pulpit station.



Communion Anthem | "There is a balm in Gilead"

African American Spiritual

arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged,
And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit
Revives my soul again.

If you cannot sing like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
And say, "He died for all."

Paulette Smith-Epps, *soprano*

Communion Hymn | LEVAS 189

"Great is thy faithfulness"

Faithfulness



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no sha - dow of turn - ing with thee;
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
thy own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

thou change - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

as thou hast been thou for - e - ver will be.
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain
Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;
all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.



Post Communion Prayer |

The people stand.

Celebrant Let us pray,

Celebrant and People

May we who have fed at Wisdom's table take her welcome out to where tables are reserved and doors are closed; may this same Spirit drive us to break our bread on the altar of the world.

Blessing |

Celebrant

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation, so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace. **Amen.**

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out our hand to comfort and to turn pain into joy. **Amen.**

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we may do what others claim cannot be done. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God; the Almighty, who made and knows you; the Savior, who redeems and befriends you; and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains you, be with us this day and always. **Amen.**



Closing Hymn | LEVAS 1

"Lift ev'ry voice"

Lift Every Voice and Sing

organ



1. Lift ev'-ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en ring, Ring with the har - mo -
2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chaste - ning rod, Felt in the days when
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, Thou who hast brought us



nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - 'ning
hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y
thus far on the way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in - to the



skies, Let it re - sound loud as the rol - ling sea. Sing a
feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed? We have
light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray. Lest our



song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; Sing a song full of the
come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered; We have come, tread - ing our
feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thee; Lest our hearts, drunk with the



hope that the pre - sent has brought us; Fa - cing the ris - ing sun Of our new
path through the blood of the slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
wine of the world, we for - get thee, Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for -



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

Dismissal |

Gospeler Alleluia! Take the Water of the Spirit to the thirsty and the Bread of Life to the hungry.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

The people turn to face and follow the processional cross as we prepare to go in peace. Please remain in your pews until the procession has exited the church.

Postlude | Sonata in F Minor, op. 65, no. 1

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

IV. Allegro assai vivace

Brendan Conner, *organist*



Assisting in Worship

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The Rev. Canon Dr. Angela F. Shepherd, *Celebrant*
Rector, St. Bartholomew's, Atlanta, GA
Dr. E. Bruce Garner, *Preacher*
The Rev. Iñaki Guevara-Cuence, *Deacon*
Deacon, Christ Church, Norcross, GA
The Rev. Arthur Wells Villarreal, *Deacon*
Deacon, Macon GA Campus Ministry
Chaplain for Common Ground at Mercer University,
Macon, GA
Kaitlyn V. Presley, *Setting the Table,*
All Saints' Episcopal Church, Atlanta, GA

Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Horace Griffin, *Associate Rector*
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Atlanta, GA
The Rev. Dr. Andrew K. Barnett, *Associate Rector*
All Saints' Episcopal Church, Atlanta, GA
The Very Rev. Clayton Herrington
Dean of Diocesan Campus Ministries and
The Wright House Chapel
The Rev. Rhett Solomon, *Associate Rector*
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Deatur, GA
The Rev. Gary Mull, *Priest Associate*
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Diocese of Atlanta

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Jacob Clifton Albritton, *Thurifer*
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Lectors
Meghan Birdseye, *Intercessor*
Convenor of Integrity Atlanta
Chair, Commission on LGBTQ+ Ministry,
Diocese of Atlanta
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Members of All Saints' Episcopal Church Altar Guild
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Bruce Garner and Alvin Moore, *vergers*

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A Note from the Organizers of this Service

The service in which we participate this evening began over three decades ago during a time when a gay or lesbian clergy could not be open about who they were. (Bisexual, transgender and the rest of the sexual orientation/gender identity/expression spectrum were not yet even part of the discussion.) A queer priest could not stand behind an altar in the parishes of this diocese and the majority of others in The Episcopal Church.

The first openly lesbian priest in the diocese was The Reverend Stina Pope, who served for a time at the Church of the Holy Comforter in the Ormewood Park neighborhood of Atlanta. She was soon inhibited due to the failure of the straight community to comprehend that marriage, divorce and failed relationships were as much a part of the queer community as they were in the larger community. She would become Integrity Atlanta's Chaplain and would preside at the Eucharist on a regular basis in an atmosphere similar to what we know of the early Christian church, the atmosphere of secrecy and discretion. Few could acknowledge their presence at the bimonthly services that each drew an average of 40 or more participants. Stina would later be married to Sue Thompson by another lesbian priest of our diocese in a ceremony held in secret for the protection of all involved. Stina and Sue (now also an Episcopal Priest) reside in California.

Times began to change. The longtime editor (since 1996) of this service bulletin, Bruce Garner, became the first openly (n.b. openly) gay person ever appointed to a committee or commission of The Episcopal Church, when in 1991 he was appointed to the Standing Commission on Human Affairs. The Reverend Barry Q. Griffin, now retired, but the rector of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Morrow, Georgia at the time, came out on the floor of a meeting of the Annual Council of the Diocese of Atlanta to the surprise of all present, including his vestry. He was the first priest to be open about his sexual orientation. The Reverend William McCord "Mac" Thigpen, who died a couple of weeks ago, was the first partnered gay priest to be called as a rector in this diocese, when St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Atlanta called him to that position. Openly LGBTQ+ clergy are now common in this diocese, numbering as high as twenty-two (22), and now include a prominent cardinal rector among them! While equality is still not found in all worshiping communities of the diocese, sexual orientation is essentially a non-issue at the moment in most situations. That does not mean that we have accomplished all the work we need to do in ensuring that all of God's children will be welcome in The Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Atlanta. The truth is that we are still not welcome in all parishes/worshiping communities, even in this diocese.

As Ecclesiastes tells us: for everything there is a time and season. Everything has its time and place and eventually that time passes. The time for this Pride Eucharist seems to have passed. Queer folk can worship as their authentic selves in many parishes, serving in leadership roles, including that of ordained clergy throughout the diocese. Safe space, welcoming and affirming worship communities are now listed on the website of The Diocese of Atlanta. There is an actual Commission on LGBTQ+ Ministry in this diocese as well.

Yes, for everything there is a season, and this, the 32nd Annual Pride Eucharist is the final one that will be held by Integrity Atlanta. It has been, as they say: "a good run." Thank you to all who have made it possible for these last 32 years. Godspeed!



Opportunities for Further Service and Ministry During Pride Weekend

Diocese of Atlanta Booth at Pride Festival

The Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta will sponsor a booth at the Pride Festival in Piedmont Park on Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9, 2022. The booth number is O26 (O is the Orange section of the festival). Volunteers are needed to staff the booth both days. Shifts start at 10:00 a.m. and run until 6:00 p.m. each day. Sign up electronically by scanning the QR code or email Bruce Garner at bruce.garner@att.net.



Diocese of Atlanta Contingent in Pride Parade

Join the Diocesan contingent in the parade on Sunday, October 9, 2022. The parade steps off from the Civic Center MARTA Station, located two blocks south of All Saints' Church. The parade will step off at 12:00 p.m., which should allow participants to attend worship in the respective parishes and still have time to participate in the Pride Parade. Come join us! We are in Section B. If you would like to help carry the signs for the affirming and welcoming parishes in the diocese, please email Bruce Garner at bruce.garner@att.net.

Ministry of Water and Hospitality

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, located on the Pride Parade route at 435 Peachtree St. NE, sponsors a watering station to provide refreshment and hospitality to parade participants. They welcome volunteers.