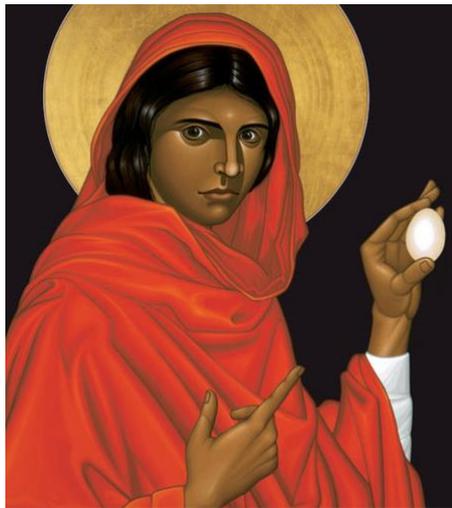


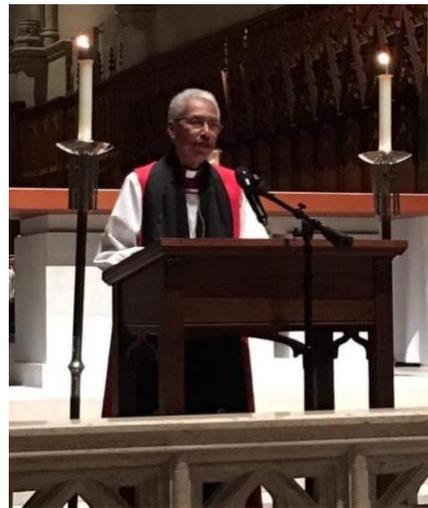


EVENSONG
Saturday, March 13, 2021, 2pm PT

IN COMMEMORATION
OF THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF
THE RIGHT REVEREND BARBARA CLEMENTINE HARRIS



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in honor of Bishop Harris' election*



*Bishop Barbara Harris at Grace Cathedral at
Diocesan Convention Eucharist on Oct 28, 2017*

**A joint effort of the Diocesan General Convention Deputation,
the African Anglican Commission, and the
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A year ago, on March 13th, the Episcopal Church lost one of our greatest treasures, The Rt. Rev. Barbara Clementine Harris (1930-2020), who was the first woman bishop ever ordained in the Episcopal Church and in the Anglican Communion. She was a prophetic voice in advocating for civil rights, voting rights, calling out racism, and supporting women's and LGBTQ ministries. She persisted and flourished and was much beloved in her ministry as Suffragan Bishop of Massachusetts (1989-2003), despite opposition, protests from churches wanting to leave the Episcopal Church, and even death threats from many, on account of her being a woman, an African American, a divorcée, and her lack of formal seminary education. She said, "It was the Spirit who guided and sustained me through a time when there was a calculated effort to neutralize my influence and to mute my voice in the diocese. But I always knew the power behind me was greater than the task ahead of me." She was--and continues to be--an inspiring role model to many in our Church. The Diocese of California is among several key Dioceses that are planning to propose a resolution at next year's General Convention to add Bishop Harris to the liturgical calendar of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*.



(left to right) Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Bishop Harris, and Vice President of House of Deputies Byron Rushing

Order of Worship for the Evening

Prelude

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Virtual Choir, June 8, 2020, https://youtu.be/Qmo4qG26_iU

Opening Hymn

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

There_ is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed

The first system of musical notation for the hymn, featuring a treble and bass clef in 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "There_ is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed".

whole; There_ is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. **Fine**

The second system of musical notation, continuing the melody and bass line. It ends with a double bar line and the word "Fine". The lyrics are: "whole; There_ is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul."

1. Some - times I feel dis-cour-aged, And_ think my work's in vain, — But —
2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul, — You can
3. Don't_ ev - er be dis-cour-aged For_ Je - sus is your friend, — And_

The third system of musical notation, featuring three verses of lyrics. The melody and bass line continue. The lyrics are: "1. Some - times I feel dis-cour-aged, And_ think my work's in vain, — But —", "2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul, — You can", and "3. Don't_ ev - er be dis-cour-aged For_ Je - sus is your friend, — And_".

1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain. _____
2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all. _____
3. if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend. _____ **D.C.**

The fourth system of musical notation, featuring three verses of lyrics. The melody and bass line continue. It ends with a double bar line and the word "D.C.". The lyrics are: "1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain. _____", "2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all. _____", and "3. if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend. _____".

Opening Sentence

Officiant Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God. For God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done in our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Officiant alone says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, be not far from us.

People **Come quickly to help us, O God.**

Officiant and People

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Invitatory Psalm: *Officiant and People*

Light of the World *Phos hilaron*

**Light of the world, in grace and beauty, mirror of God's eternal face,
transparent flame of love's free duty, you bring salvation to our race.
Now, as we see the lights of evening, we raise our voice in hymns of praise;
worthy are you of endless blessing, Sun of our night, lamp of our days.**

Psalm 40 *Expectans, expectavi* (*BCP page 640, Psalter for the Christian People*)

- 1 I waited patiently upon you, O Lord; *
You stooped to me and heard my cry.
2. You lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay. *
You set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; *
Many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! *
They do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
There is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, “Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
‘I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.’”
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O Lord, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness
from the great congregation.

Officiant and People

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Lessons

Reader A reading from Isaiah (42:1-9)

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon her; she will bring forth justice to the nations. ² She will not cry or lift up her voice, or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed she will not break, and a dimly burning wick she will not quench; she will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ She will not grow faint or be crushed until she has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for her teaching. ⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader Here what the Spirit is saying to God’s people or
People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle A

A Song of Wisdom *Sapientia liberavit, Wisdom 10:15-19,20b-21*

Wisdom freed from a nation of oppressors *
a holy people and a blameless race.
She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord, *
withstood dread rulers with wonders and signs.
To the saints she gave the reward of their labors, *
and led them by a marvelous way;
She was their shelter by day *
and a blaze of stars by night.
She brought them across the Red Sea, *
she led them through mighty waters;
But their enemies she swallowed in the waves *
and spewed them out from the depths of the abyss.
And then, Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your Name, *
and praised with one voice your protecting hand;
For Wisdom opened the mouths of the mute, *
and gave speech to the tongues of a new-born people.

Officiant and People

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Second Lesson

Reader A reading from the **Gospel of John (4:7-15)**

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Reader Here what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 15

The Song of Mary Magnificat, Luke 1:46-55 (BCP page 50, Gilbertson Arrangement)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; *
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Reminiscences of Barbara C. Harris by The Most Rev. Dr. Michael B. Curry

The Apostles' Creed *Officiant and People together,*

**I believe in God almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you. Let us pray.**

Officiant and People

The Lord's Prayer (from *The New Zealand Prayer Book*, page 181)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father, Mother, and parent of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power
that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

Suffrages (from *Enriching Our Worship*, page 42)

Deacon or Prayer Leader says

Leader Help us, O God our Savior;
People **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

Leader Look upon your congregation;
People **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

Leader Declare your glory among the nations;
People **And your wonders among all peoples.**

Leader Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
People **Never forget the lives of your poor.**

Leader Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
People **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Leader Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
People **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

The Collects

The Officiant then says the following Collects

A Collect for Barbara Clementine Harris (*proposed by the Diocese of Massachusetts*)

Everliving God, in every generation you cause fresh winds to renew, refresh, and refine your people and, in your Word, summon us to live courageously as Easter people in an often Good Friday world. Defend us in our own day to make no peace with oppression; that boldly following the example of your servant Barbara Clementine Harris, chosen bishop in your church, we may strive not for ease or fame, but gladly toil and walk with you all along our pilgrim journey; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mary Magdalene (July 22)

Almighty God, whose blessed son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and of mind, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection: Mercifully grant that by your grace we may be healed from all our infirmities and know you in the power of his unending life; Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect for James Theodore Holly (March 13)

Most gracious God, whose servant James Theodore Holly labored to build a church in which all might be free: Grant that we might overcome our prejudice, and honor those whom you call from every family, language, people, and nation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows— drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws—

1. stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 2. near, When my life is al - most gone;
 3. near, And the day is past and gone;

1. — Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 2. — Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I
 3. — At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
 2. fall, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
 3. hand, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.

Remarks from The Rt. Rev. Dr Marc Handley Andrus

Intercessions and Thanksgivings (*adapted from the Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic (LARC) Dialogue of Long Island's Vespers Celebration of Baptismal Unity, June 25, 2006*)

Deacon or Prayer Leader says

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the illnesses and hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord. Especially we pray for...

Those who govern the nations of the world...
The people in countries ravaged by pandemic, strife, or warfare...
All who work for peace and international harmony...
All who strive to save the earth from destruction...
All who work for the unity of your Church...
The church of Jesus Christ in every land...

Officiant

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us together, of all races and ethnicities and genders, in faith and hope. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose, that we may all be one in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

Officiant

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant concludes with the following

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
Amen. (Ephesians 3:20, 21)

Postlude

“Rise Up”

Sung by the African Gospel Choir Dublin, May 29, 2020

<https://youtu.be/zj7cEVtkWfk>

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