



EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN CONNECTICUT
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ECCT CELEBRATES
50 YEARS
of Women's Ordination
to the Priesthood

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH ~ 4PM
@ CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
955 MAIN STREET
HARTFORD, CT 06103

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Welcome by Bishop Ahrens

Prelude ~ Adoration


Florence Price

Processional Hymn ~ People of God, gather together


Earth and All Stars



1 Peo - ple of God, ga - ther to - ge - ther, 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 Wo - men and men, har - mo - ny blend - ing, come, swell the




sing on this glo - rious day. Shout - ing a - broad
joy 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 - com - ing all.
heal - ing di - vi - sions, come and from sor - rows and hurts be re - leased.
thanks ne - ver 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 ce - le - bra - tion.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

VERSES



1. My— soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2. Though I am small, my— God, my all, you—
 3. From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



1. God of my heart is great, And my spir - it— sings of the
 2. work great things in me, And your mer - cy will last from the
 3. stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 4. mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy— must de -



1. won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You
 2. depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your
 3. jus - tice— tears ev - 'ry ty - rant— from his throne. The
 4. liv - er— us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This



1. fixed your sight on your serv - ant's plight, and my
 2. ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 3. hun - gry poor shall— weep no more, for the
 4. sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



1. weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my
 2. those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the
 3. food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 4. prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be



1. name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 2. strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 3. mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 4. crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

REFRAIN



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

The Collect

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God of Persistent Grace, you called the Philadelphia Eleven to the priesthood and granted them courage and boldness to respond, thereby opening the eyes of your church to the giftedness and equality of all: grant us so to hear, trust, and follow your Holy Spirit wherever she may lead, that the gifts of all your people may flourish throughout the earth, through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading of Holy Scripture.

First Reading ~ Exodus 1:15-21

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

People: Thanks be to God.

Response ~ Sirach 1:4-15

The people read antiphonally: the bold verses are read by the lectern side and the italic verses by the pulpit side.

**Wisdom was created before all other things,
and prudent understanding from eternity.**

*The root of wisdom—to whom has it been revealed?
Her subtleties—who knows them?*

**There is but one who is wise, greatly to be feared,
seated upon his throne—the Lord.**

*It is he who created her;
he saw her and took her measure;
he poured her out upon all his works,*

**upon all the living according to his gift;
he lavished her upon those who love him.**

*The fear of the Lord is glory and exultation,
and gladness and a crown of rejoicing.*

**The fear of the Lord delights the heart,
and gives gladness and joy and long life.**

*Those who fear the Lord will have a happy end;
on the day of their death they will be blessed.*

**To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
she is created with the faithful in the womb.**

*She made among human beings an eternal foundation,
and among their descendants she will abide faithfully.*

Second Reading ~ Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

People: Thanks be to God.

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it seems
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
 4 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

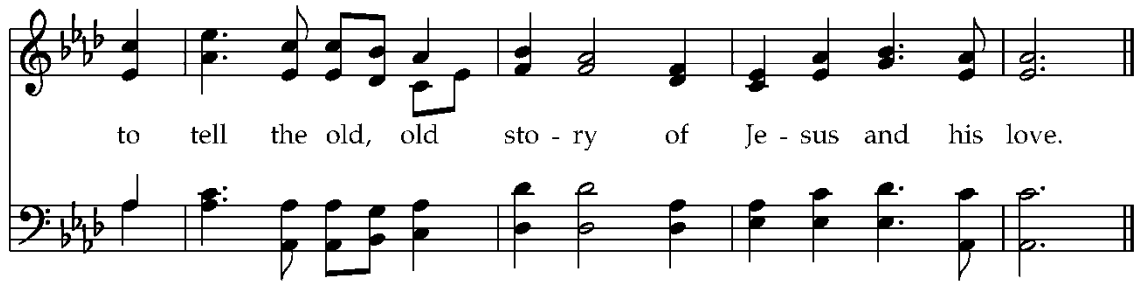
of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 than all the gold - en fan - cies of all our gold - en dreams.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet.
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, it did so much for me;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
 and that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry,



The Gospel ~ Luke 24:1-11

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

Pero el primer día de la semana regresaron al sepulcro muy temprano, llevando los perfumes que habían preparado. Al llegar, se encontraron con que la piedra que tapaba el sepulcro no estaba en su lugar; y entraron, pero no encontraron el cuerpo del Señor Jesús. No sabían qué pensar de esto, cuando de pronto vieron a dos hombres de pie junto a ellas, vestidos con ropas brillantes. Llenas de miedo, se inclinaron hasta el suelo; pero aquellos hombres les dijeron:

—¿Por qué buscan ustedes entre los muertos al que está vivo? No está aquí, sino que ha resucitado. Acuérdense de lo que les dijo cuando todavía estaba en Galilea: que el Hijo del hombre tenía que ser entregado en manos de pecadores, que lo crucificarían y que al tercer día resucitaría.

Entonces ellas se acordaron de las palabras de Jesús, y al regresar del sepulcro contaron todo esto a los once apóstoles y a todos los demás. Las que llevaron la noticia a los apóstoles fueron María Magdalena, Juana, María madre de Santiago, y las otras mujeres. Pero a los apóstoles les pareció una locura lo que ellas decían, y no querían creerles.

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Ellen Tillotson

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The Bishop concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Translation:

*Divine Love overflows into everything raised high - highest -
from the very depths to surpass constellations,
and tender - most tender toward all creation,
such that it bestows the kiss of peace on the highest king.*

While the choir chants, Bishop Ahrens, followed by Dean Howell, asperges the congregation.

The Prayers of the People

As we gather in prayer, let us remember the words in the book of Genesis: "So God created humankind in God's image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them".

We give thanks for the fullness of God's creation, for the dignity and worth of every person, and for the unique gifts that both men and women bring to the life of the Church and the world. In the spirit of this truth, let us lift our voices in prayer for all people, especially for women whose lives and ministries reflect the image of God in every time and place.

For all bishops and other ministers, especially the women in our Church who serve as priests, deacons, bishops, and lay leaders. We pray especially for women clergy serving in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut and the wider Episcopal Church.

God of inclusion and equity,

Hear our prayers.

For women who have shaped history and our world, for those who have led with courage and wisdom in every generation; We pray especially for women in leadership, in ministry, and in the work of justice and peace and all who supported, fifty years ago, the historic ordination of women in the Episcopal Church.

God of inclusion and equity,

Hear our prayers.

We pray for all who have died, especially the women who have gone before us, shaping the faith and the Church through their dedication and witness, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

God of inclusion and equity,

Hear our prayers.

We thank you, Lord, for the blessings of this life, especially for the contributions of women in our communities, and for their gifts of leadership, faith, and compassion. We thank you especially for the ordination of the Rev. Ann Struthers Coburn to the priesthood in 1997 and the ordination of Bishop Laura Ahrens to the episcopate in 2007, the first female priest and Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, on whose shoulders we stand.

God of inclusion and equity,

Hear our prayers.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

God of inclusion and equity,
Hear our prayers.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers with the following collect

God of inclusion and equity, hear the prayers of your people as we give you thanks for the many blessings you have poured out upon your Church, especially as we celebrate 50 years of the ordination of women in the Episcopal Church. We thank you for the faithful women who answered your call to serve as deacons, priests, and bishops, and for their leadership, courage, and witness to the Gospel. Strengthen us, O Lord, to continue the work they have begun, so that your Church may reflect the fullness of your love and grace. Empower all your people to serve you in unity and peace, that together we may proclaim your glory to the ends of the earth. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements ~ The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Cathedral Dean

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem ~ All the Beauty of the Lord

Gwyneth Walker

*There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness in the sea.
There's a kindness and a justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where our sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where our failings have such kindly judgment giv'n.
There's a wideness in God's mercy. There's a kindness in Gods love.
For the love of God is broader than the vision of our mind.
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If we could but love more simply, ever living by The Word,
then our lives would be enlightened with the beauty of the Lord.
If we could but love more simply ever living by The Word,
then our lives would be enlightened
with the mercy and the kindness,
with the healing and forgiveness,
with the sweetness and compassion,
all the beauty of the Lord!*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving ~ Enriching Our Worship - Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus ~ LEVAS II # 256

Betty Carr Pulkingham

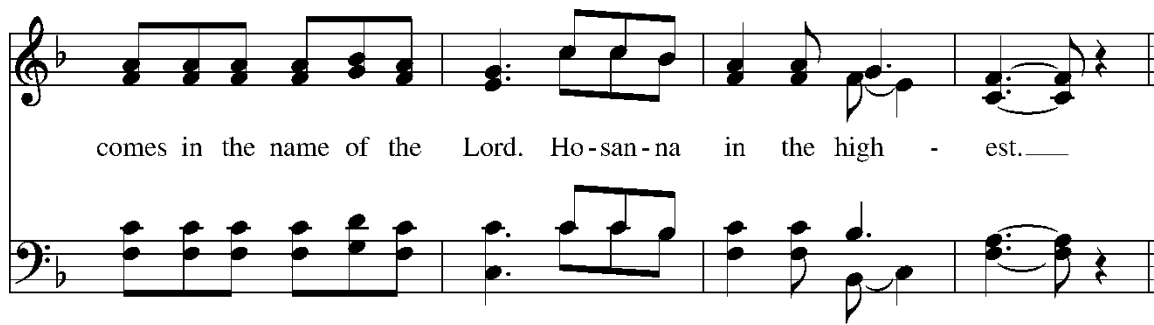
Leader
(piano) Ho - ly,

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

pow'r_ and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features a Leader part and a People part. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r_ and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who". The score includes treble and bass clefs, a key signature of one flat, and a 6/8 time signature. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady bass line and a melodic line for the voice.



Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

The people are invited to prayer the Lord's Prayer in the language of their heart.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem ~ Lamb of God

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

Celebrant 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.

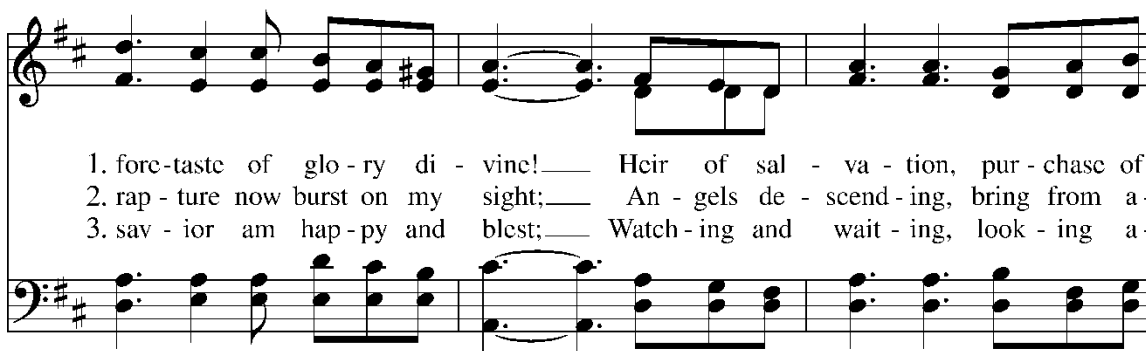
Communion Anthem ~ God beyond all names

Bernadette Farrell

Communion Hymn ~ LEVAS II # 184 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!



1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! — O what a
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, — Vi - sions of
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, — I in my



1. fore-taste of glo - ry di - vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
2. rap - ture now burst on my sight; — An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest; — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -



1. God, — Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood. —
2. bove — Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. —
3. bove, — Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love. —

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. —

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

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

The Blessing

1. Sum - moned by the God who made us
 2. Ra - diant ris - en from the wa - ter,
 3. Trust the good - ness of cre - a - tion;
 4. Bring the hopes of ev - 'ry na - tion;
 5. Draw to - geth - er at one ta - ble

rich in our di - ver - si - ty, gath - ered
 robed in ho - li - ness and light, male and
 trust the Spir - it strong with - in. Dare to
 bring the art of ev - 'ry race. Weave a
 all the hu - man fam - i - ly; shape a

in the name of Je - sus, rich - er
 fe - male in God's im - age, male and
 dream the vi - sion prom - ised, sprung from
 song of peace and jus - tice; let it
 cir - cle ev - er wid - er and a

Refrain

still in u - ni - ty: Let us
 fe - male, God's de - light:
 seed of what has been.
 sound through time and space.
 peo - ple ev - er free.

bring the gifts that dif - fer and, in splen - did, var - ied
 ways, sing a new Church in - to be - ing,
 one in faith and love and praise.

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude ~ God, who stretched the spangled heavens

arr. Barbara Harbach

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Celebrant	The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan
Preacher	The Rev. Ellen Tillotson
Minister of Ceremony	The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Cathedral Dean
Lectors	Jill Morrison Marsha McCurdy Adell
Gospellers	The Rev. Deacon Patricia Jackson (English) The Rev. Deacon Marta Rivera (Spanish)
Deacons	The Rev. Deacon Bonnie Matthews The Rev. Deacon Jessie Akerson
Ministers of Communion	The Very Rev. Tuesday Rupp The Very Rev. Shariya Molegoda
Intercessors	The Rev. Roxana Videla The Very Rev. Rowena Kemp
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