## CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY

# THE RIGHT REVEREND CAROL JOY W.T. GALLAGHER, PHD

## Assistant Bishop Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts



Detail of "The Wisdom of the Universe" (2014) by Christi Belcourt (Métis)

Church of the Holy Spirit 525 River Street, Mattapan, Mass. May 27, 2023



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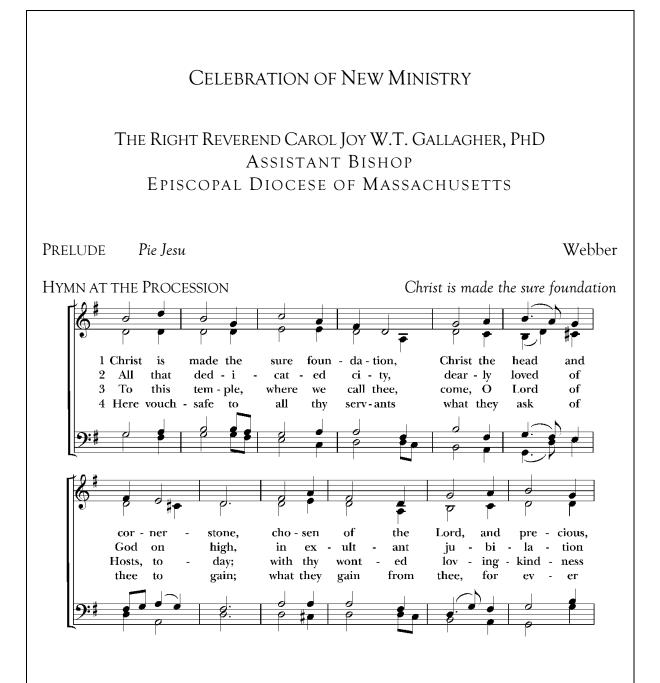
It is an honor to gather together as the people of God, in the Diocese of Massachusetts, and rejoice in new beginnings. I am thrilled to be among you as your Assistant Bishop and am grateful for all who have gathered together today as one family.

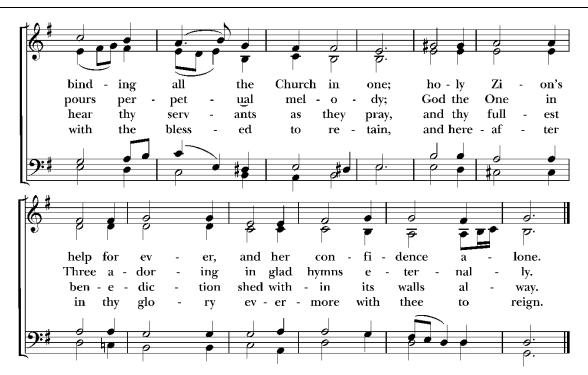
The offering today will go to the work of the Indigenous Justice Network of the Dioceses of Massachusetts and Western Massachusetts. Checks can be made out to the Diocese of Massachusetts, designation for Indigenous Justice Network.

Thank you to all who have made this celebration possible, especially the people of Church of the Holy Spirit who have welcomed us all with such abundant generosity.

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Representatives of the Standing Committee, standing before the Bishop Diocesan, with the Assistant Bishop say these or similar words

Bishop Alan, we have come together today to welcome The Rt. Rev. Dr. Carol Gallagher who has been chosen to serve as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts. We believe that she is well qualified, and that she has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

The Bishop Diocesan states the purpose of the new ministry. The Bishop then says

Carol, do you, in the presence of this diocesan gathering, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

Assistant Bishop I do.

The Bishop	then addresses the congregation	
People	Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold Carol in this ministry? We will.	
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Bishop	Let us then offer our prayers to God for all people, for this diocese, and for Carol our new Assistant Bishop.	
Litanist People	Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being, <b>Have mercy upon us.</b>	
People	Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father. Have mercy upon us.	
People	Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God. Have mercy upon us.	
People	Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity, Have mercy upon us.	
People	From blind hearts and petty spirits, that refuse to see the need of all humankind in your love. Savior deliver us.	
People	From pride, self-sufficiency and the unwillingness to admit our own need of your compassion. Savior deliver us.	
People	From discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and from lack of persistence and thoroughness, <b>Savior deliver us.</b>	
People	From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading the Gospel, <b>Savior deliver us.</b>	
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People	O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom in this time and place, <b>Receive our prayer, O Christ.</b>
People	Touch our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation. <b>Receive our prayer, O Christ.</b>
People	Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment. <b>Receive our prayer, O Christ.</b>
People	Touch our tongue, that we may tell in every tongue and dialect the wonderful works of God. Receive our prayer, O Christ.
People	Touch our hearts, that we may discern the mission to which you call us. Receive our prayer, O Christ.
People	Touch our feet, that we may take your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities, and all parts of the world. <b>Receive our prayer, O Christ.</b>
People	Touch our hands, that we may accomplish the work you give us to do. <b>Receive our prayer, O Christ.</b>
People	Strengthen and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous, and unresponsive places. <b>Receive our prayer, O Christ.</b>
People	Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place. <b>Receive our prayer, O Christ.</b>

BishopThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.BishopLet us pray.

Ever-living God, strengthen and sustain Carol, that with patience and understanding she may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

## THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON ISAIAH 60:1-3, 19-22

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night, but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun shall no more go down or your moon withdraw itself, for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended. Your people shall all be righteous; they shall possess the land forever. They are the shoot that I planted, the work of my hands, so that I might be glorified. The least of them shall become a clan and the smallest one a mighty nation; I am the LORD; in its time I will accomplish it quickly.

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

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<ul> <li>proclaim the good news of his sal-vation day by day. he will judge the people with e - qui - ty. and all that is there - in. and the peo - ples with his truth.</li> <li>Native American chant style is slow rather than fast. The first line is intoned by a cantor and then repeated by all. The verses may be sung by a cantor or by all. A hand drum may accompany this chant. It should be played on the beat throughout in a steady manner with no accents.</li> <li>Words: Carol Gallagher and Michael Plunkett, para. Psalm 96 of The Book of Common Prayer (1979) of The Episcopal Church, USA. © 1992 Carol Gallagher and Michael Plunkett. All rights reserved. Used by permission.</li> <li>Music: Carol Gallagher and Michael Plunkett © 1992 Carol Gallagher and Michael Plunkett. All rights reserved. Used by permission.</li> </ul>						
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## SECOND LESSON PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

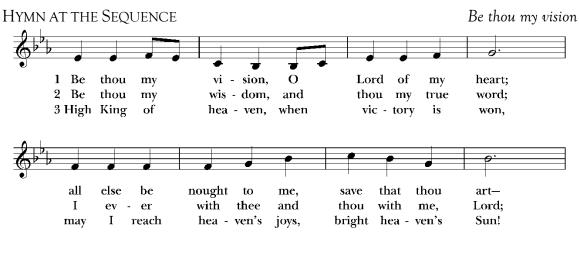
If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others.

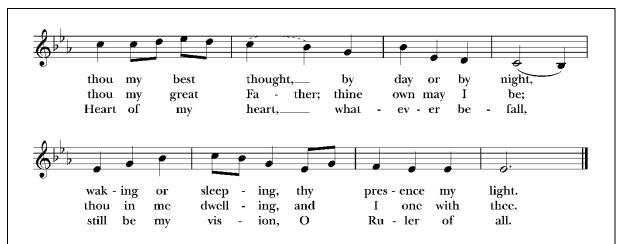
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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





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GOSPEL LESSON JOHN 4:19-30

Proclaimed in Spanish & Creole

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

The woman said to Jesus, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,

"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

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

#### Sermon

The Right Reverend Alan M. Gates

#### THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

- *Bishop* The Lord be with you.
- People And also with you.
- *Bishop* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- People It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- Bishop We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

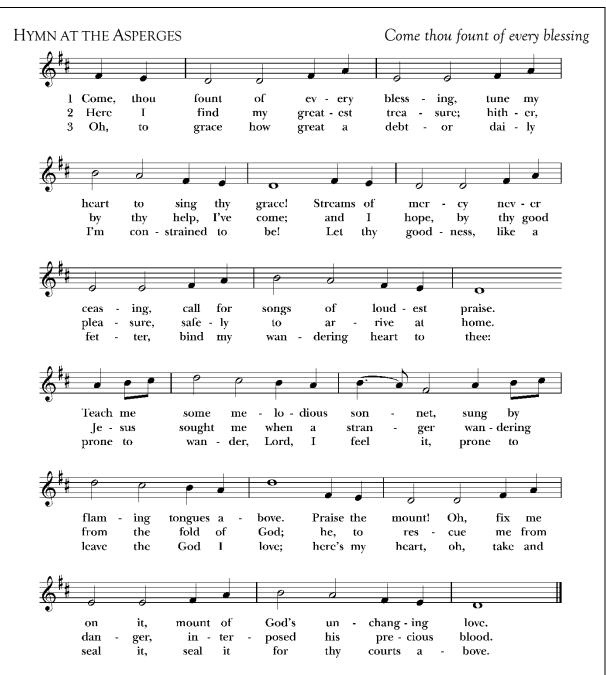
We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship with him in faith. We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

The Bishop t	<i>Then says</i> As we come together in prayer to celebrate our new ministry together and all the baptized in the church, let us recommit ourselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.
Bishop People	Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
Bishop People	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? 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 People	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? 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 ever lasting.
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,
People	repent and return to the Lord? 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.
Bishop	Having renewed our vows, let us pray for our life and service together.
Litanist	Wondrous Creator, you are the heart of all life You brought forth the world with joy and laughter You shower us with water and warm us with the sun
	All living beings look to you with grateful hearts.
People	Giver of Life, bless us and renew us for your service.
Litanist	Although we try to claim creation for ourselves
	You gently remind us with thunder and great wind
	Despite our stubbornness, pride and arrogance
People	You gaze on us with patience and understanding. Heart of Wisdom, bless us and renew us for your service.
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Litanist People	You call us all to walk humbly with all created being Yet we forget to be tender with the most vulnerable And when we are broken and alone you will not abandon us You send your angels to tend the tremors in our souls. <b>Tender Shepherd of your people, bless us and renew us for your</b> <b>service.</b>
Litanist People	We come to you today with great hope and promise You have joined us as one people in your name Make us one family in the beauty of your created diversity Like fields of tender grains dancing sweetly in the breeze. Sweet Holy Spirit, bless us and renew us for your service.
Litanist	We bring to mind and remember the ancestors gone before us Imbue us with their faith, their strength and their humility. Names may be said aloud
People	May our feet never grow weary as we travel on this journey And may our hearts be full of love for all the people. <b>Our Alpha and Omega, bless us and renew us for your service.</b>
Litanist	We pray for this your church, glorious and broken Where we come to break bread in your beloved name Help us repair the damages that have been done in your name And make this your home a place of welcome for all. We ask this in the name of the risen Christ, Jesus the Savior,
People	Patient Eternal One, bless us and renew us for your service.
Bishop	God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May God keep us faithful in our calling, now and for ever. <b>Amen.</b>



Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: Nettleton, melody from A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

Following the Asperges the members of the congregation remain standing and say together

People Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in us the covenant you have made with us at our Baptism. Fill us with your Spirit's power to perform the service you set before us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

Bishop	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And also with you.

ANTHEM Yes, Lord, Yes

Lynn Keesecker

Today's offering supports the Indigenous People's Justice Network of the Dioceses of Massachusetts and Western Massachusetts.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

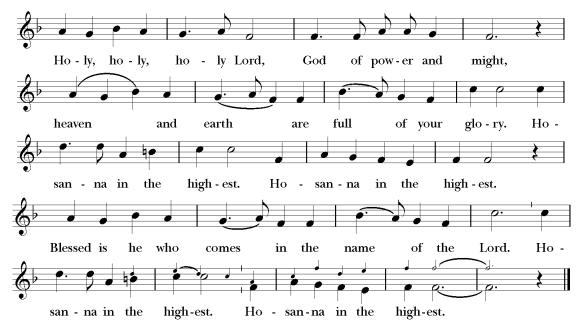
Oneida Nation of the Thames, Ontario

Bishop	The Creator is with you.
People	And also with you.
Bishop	Open up your hearts.
People	We ask Jesus to fill them.
Bishop	Deep thanks to the Creator
People	For the web of all creation.

Great Spirit, All Providing One, we sense your presence in the cooling breeze, in the slowly emerging colours of Fall and in the morning mists. We give you heart-felt

thanks that through Mother Earth you give us the fruits of the Summer growth and nourish us with many grains. We thank you for the rich harvest of blessings in our lives and most of all, we thank you for Jesus. His life unfolded to reveal a new way of living that brought healing, forgiveness, freedom and hope.

He followed your sacred way, walking with those in pain, renewing those who were pushed aside by injustice and touching others with the fruits of compassion. He showed us the Creator's generosity, asking us to become a harvest of thanksgiving in relationship to one another. As we come to you aware of the sacredness of your creation, we join our voices with all who have gone before us, saying,



Creator, Great Mystery, You sent your prophets and elders to colour up our lives but we missed the rainbow and so you sent Jesus whose life, death and resurrection radiated your love like the dancing colours of the Northern lights. The world was not ready for such an amazing look at thankful living in your presence.

On the night before he died, Jesus called his friends together to share a special meal. He thanked the Creator for bread, blessed, broke and gave it to them saying: This is my Body given for you. Then Jesus took a cup of wine, blessed it and after giving thanks said to them: This is the cup of the new relationship, my blood shed for you. In Christ you make us one Body, a community for you. Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts and make them holy. Take the pieces of our lives so that as we gather at your table, we will all become a harvest thanksgiving.

May we remain rooted in Christ, grow daily in your compassion, and be the bearers of your blessings to others through the Holy Spirit. **AMEN**.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE FRACTION

Creator of all, you gave the people fields rich with corn to be gathered, formed and shared as life-giving bread for the people.

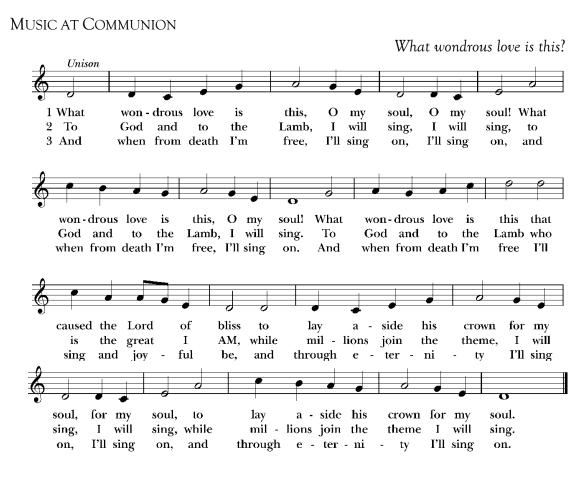
So may we, your church be gathered, formed and shared in your reconciling love.

Creator of all, you gave the people the strawberry as a sign and celebration of new life

May we, your people, taste the sweetness of new life together.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.



Harp Voluntary

Lucy Joan Sollogub

#### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lenni Lenape, Algonkian, Iroquoian Council Diocese of Huron, Anglican Church of Canada

Holy One, you feed us with bread from heaven and the gifts of mother earth. In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace and you call us to friendship with one another. You have given us the gift of reconciliation. May we who have tasted that gift from you, offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another. And may you always walk among us as friend. We pray this in your name. Amen. THE BLESSING

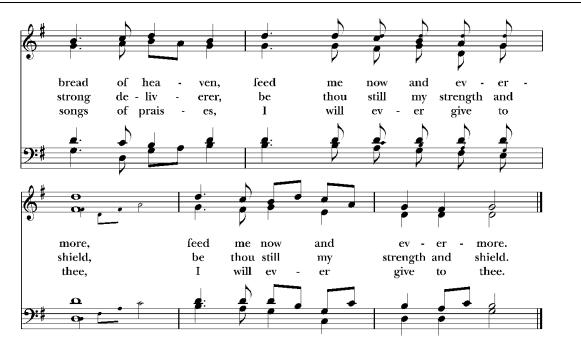
May the Creator watch over you.

May the Spirit guide and lead you.

May Jesus be present in all that you do.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you, within you and surrounding you and those you love, this day and always. Amen.





Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: Cwm Rhondda, John Hughes (1873-1932).

THE DISMISS Deacon People	SAL F God is before us. <b>God is behind us.</b>	From the Navajo Prayer Tradition
Deacon People	God is above us. <b>God is below us.</b>	
Deacon People	God's words shall come from our mouth For we are all God's essence, a sign of C	
Deacon People	All is finished in beauty. All is finished in beauty.	
Deacon	Let us go forth into the world, rejoicin Alleluia, alleluia.	ng in the power of the Spirit.
People	Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.	
Postlude	Let Mt. Zion Rejoice 20	Herbert

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Officiant & Preacher	The Right Reverend Alan M. Gates
Celebrant	The Right Reverend Dr. Carol Joy W. T. Gallagher
Gospelers	The Reverend Ema Rosero-Nordalm The Reverend Harry Jean-Jacques
Deacons of the Table	The Reverend Clifford Goodridge The Venerable Pat Zifcak
Litanist	The Reverend Canon Dr. Jean Baptiste Ntagengwa
Rector	The Reverend Zenetta M. Armstrong
Master of Ceremonies	The Reverend Dr. Matthew Cadwell
Standing Committee R	epresentatives Louise Gant, President James Dilday, esq.
Lectors	David Ames Starr Anderson
Eucharistic Ministers	Jenny Ramsay Alfred Massiah
Acolytes	Florie Donna, Ajana Williams, & Latoya Allen
Organist	Paul White
Church of the Holy Sp	Carmelina Lespinasse, Jeanne Jacobs, Alfred Massiah Norma Massiah, Clive Drummond, Joanna Richards Reinaldo Ford, Alexia Etienne, & Julien Binjour
Harþist	Lucy Joan Sollogub

Ushers	Annette Peele, Dana Caliz Sandra Branch, Frederica Woodman Neville Batson, Louis Tench, & Erskine Jordan
Altar Guild	Louise Gant, Donna Caliz Mary Chambers & Jenny Ramsay
Hospitality Ministry	Ursula Ward, Gwen Curits, Mary Chambers Marcia Ricketts, Helen Joseph, May Somerville Leomina Limage, Ana Johnson, & Yvonne Burrows

Please join us for a celebratory reception following today's worship service.

## BISHOP CAROL JOY W. T. GALLAGHER

THE RIGHT REVEREND DR. CAROL J. GALLAGHER began her ministry as assistant bishop in the Diocese of Massachusetts on Feb. 1, 2023.

Prior to her appointment as assistant bishop, she served the diocese, since November 2018, as a regional canon, providing transition ministry with congregations and clergy involved in search processes for new ordained leadership, along with lay leadership development and clergy wellness support for the congregations of the diocese's Central Region.

Bishop Gallagher, who is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation, previously served as assistant bishop in the Diocese of Montana, beginning in 2014, developing relationships with Native leaders and congregations there, educating and training clergy and lay leaders in issues of race, gender and inclusion, and leading the Task Force on Native Issues.

She brings a passion for training and formation for all the baptized and for using her skills in culture, leadership development, pastoral care, and faith and relationship to empower others.

She served for six years prior to her ministry in the Diocese of Montana as assisting bishop in the Diocese of North Dakota and for two years as assistant bishop in the Diocese of Newark. She was ordained and consecrated bishop suffragan in the Diocese of Southern Virginia in 2002 and served there until 2005.

Bishop Gallagher holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in writing and communications from Antioch College, a Master of Divinity degree from Episcopal Divinity School, a Master of Theology degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and a PhD in urban affairs and public policy from the University of Delaware.

She is married to Mark Gallagher and has three daughters and three grandchildren.