



# All Saints Parish

## **CHORAL EVENSONG**

COMMEMORATING THE CONSECRATION OF  
THE RT. REV. BARBARA C. HARRIS  
11 FEBRUARY

Sunday, 11 February 2024  
5:00 PM

# THE CONSECRATION OF THE RT. REV. BARBARA C. HARRIS

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Barbara Clementine Harris was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 12, 1930. She was active in the civil rights struggles of the 1960s and continued as a powerful advocate for the civil enfranchisement of all people in the United States. Ordained as a priest in 1980, her ministry was in both the parish and the public square. She continued to address issues of civil injustice while also offering a prophetic critique of the Episcopal Church for its homophobia, racism, and sexism.

Although General Convention included the provision for electing and consecrating women to be bishops in 1976, no woman became a bishop until Barbara Harris was elected as bishop suffragan for the Diocese of Massachusetts on September 24, 1988. Her election and subsequent consecration were not without controversy, including threats on her life by those opposed to the inclusion of women in the House of Bishops. Despite these threats, she was consecrated bishop on February 11, 1989. Sixty bishops served as co-consecrators before a congregation of eight thousand people.

As a bishop, Harris shaped a generation of leaders through her powerful preaching as chief pastor at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston; her witnessing, preaching, and teaching in the Diocese of Massachusetts and beyond; her advocacy for, in her words, “the least, the last, and the lost”; and her joy in sharing her faith, especially through hymns. She said of her work as a bishop, “I certainly don’t want to be one of the boys. I want to offer my peculiar gifts as a black woman . . . a sensitivity and an awareness that comes out of more than a passing acquaintance with oppression.”

Bishop Harris served the people of the Diocese of Massachusetts as their suffragan bishop for thirteen years, until her retirement in 2002. After her retirement, she served from 2003 to 2007 as an assisting bishop in the Diocese of Washington, D.C. and she continued to be in demand worldwide as a preacher until the end of her life.

The first woman ordained as a bishop in the Episcopal Church and the worldwide Anglican Communion, Barbara Harris has been joined by more than fifty women in the episcopate. She died on March 13, 2020.

— *from Lesser Feasts and Fasts, 2022*

## ABOUT OUR GUEST PREACHER

# The Hon. Byron Rushing

Byron Rushing served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1983 to 2018, where his priorities were human and civil rights, and the development of democracy; local human, economic and housing development; and housing and health care for all.

During 1972 to 1985, he was President of the Museum of Afro-American History, when Museum purchased and began the restoration of the African Meeting House, the oldest extant black church building in the United States. In 1979, Byron oversaw the lobbying effort in Congress to establish the Boston African American National Historical Site, a component of the National Park Service.

During the 1960's he was active in the civil rights movement--working for CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) and for the Northern Student Movement. He directed a group of organizers, Roxbury Associates, who helped to found the Lower Roxbury Community Corporation, one of the first CDCs in the nation.

Byron was an elected lay deputy from the Diocese of Massachusetts to the General Convention of The Episcopal Church from 1973 until 2022; he was appointed the chaplain to its House of Deputies in 1994--the first layperson to hold this position. He served as the elected Vice-President of the House of Deputies from 2012 until 2022.

*Throughout the liturgy, we worship with our bodies as well as through our music and prayers.  
This Order of Service invites you to sit, kneel, or stand as appropriate. Please see these as merely invitations and  
adopt the posture you find most comfortable and supportive of your worship.*

## CHORAL EVENSONG

5:00 PM



**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** Arietta Thomas H. Kerr, Jr. (1915–1988)

**INTROIT** Abide with me arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:  
when other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.  
Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCE

*Officiant* If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to thee, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to thee are both alike.

*Psalm 139:10-11*

*Please stand and join in singing*

**HYMN** I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice

I AM THINE

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are as follows:

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, And it  
2. Con - se - crate me now to thy ser - vice, Lord, By the  
3. Oh, the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour That be -  
4. There are depths of love that I can - not know Till I

1. told thy love to me; But I long to rise in the  
2. pow'r of grace di - vine; Let my soul look up with a  
3. fore thy throne I spend, When I kneel in prayer, and with  
4. cross the nar - row sea; There are heights of joy that I

1. arms of faith, And be clos - er drawn to thee.  
2. stead - fast hope, And my will be lost in thine.  
3. thee, my God, I com - mune as friend with friend!  
4. may not reach Till I rest in peace with thee.

Draw me near - er, near - er, bless - ed Lord, To the  
 near - er, near - er,  
 cross where thou has died, Draw me near - er, near - er,  
 near - er bless - ed Lord, To thy pre - cious, bleed - ing side.

Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915). Music: William H. Doane (1832-1915).

## THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

### PRECES

Stephan Griffin (b. 1989)

- Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips;  
*Choir* and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
- Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.  
*Choir* O Lord, make haste to help us.
- Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
*Choir* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
- Officiant* Praise ye the Lord.  
*Choir* The Lord's name be praised.

*Please be seated.*

**PSALM 85:7–13**

Margaret Burk (b. 1990)

Shew us thy mercy, O Lord \*  
and grant us thy salvation.

I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me \*  
for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again.

For his salvation is nigh them that fear him \*  
that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall flourish out of the earth \*  
and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness \*  
and our land shall give her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him \*  
and he shall direct his going in the way.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost \*  
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## THE LESSONS

**Judith 15:14, 16:13–16**

Reader: Justine Hudock

Then Judith began to sing this thanksgiving in all Israel, and all the people sang after her this song of praise. I will sing unto the Lord a new song: O Lord, thou art great and glorious, wonderful in strength, and invincible. Let all creatures serve thee: for thou spakest, and they were made, thou didst send forth thy spirit, and it created them, and there is none that can resist thy voice. For the mountains shall be moved from their foundations with the waters, the rocks shall melt as wax at thy presence: yet thou art merciful to them that fear thee. For all sacrifice is too little for a sweet savour unto thee, and all the fat is not sufficient for thy burnt offering: but he that feareth the Lord is great at all times.

*Please stand.*

**MAGNIFICAT**      *Gloucester Service*

Kerensa Briggs (b. 1991)

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.

*Luke 1:46–55*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: \*  
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Karen Wemhoener, *soprano*

*Please be seated.*

**Philippians 4:1–9**

Reader: Janelle Mills

Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved. I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord. And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellow labourers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

*Please stand.*

**NUNC DIMITTIS** *Gloucester Service*

Kerensa Briggs (b. 1991)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, \*  
according to thy word;  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, \*  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, \*  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

*Luke 2:29–32*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: \*  
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Cannon McClure, *mezzo-soprano*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE LESSER LITANY AND RESPONSES

*Officiant*     The Lord be with you.  
*Choir*         And with thy spirit.  
*Officiant*     Let us pray.

*Please kneel or stand as you are comfortable.*

*Choir*         Lord, have mercy upon us;  
Christ, have mercy upon us;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.



Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*Officiant* O Lord shew thy mercy upon us.  
*Choir* And grant us thy salvation.

*Officiant* O Lord, save the State.  
*Choir* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Officiant* Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
*Choir* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Officiant* O Lord, save thy people.  
*Choir* And bless thine inheritance.

*Officiant* Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
*Choir* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

*Officiant* O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
*Choir* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*The Officiant then chants the following Collects.*

### **A Collect for The Consecration of Barbara Clementine Harris**

God of the prophets, we give thee thanks for calling Barbara Clementine Harris to the office of bishop. Open our eyes to behold the wondrous works thou hast prepared for thy church in calling women to share in the ministry of the episcopate. May we, inspired by their example as faithful shepherds, wise teachers, courageous prophets, and guardians of the faith, proclaim the Good News and carry out the works of Jesus Christ in the world; who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen.

### **A Collect for Social Justice**

Almighty God, who hast created us in thine own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend 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 thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **A Collect for the Mission of the Church**

O God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee, bring the nations into thy fold, pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**HOMILY**

The Hon. Byron Rushing

*During the anthem, a freewill offering will be taken in support of the Music Ministry at All Saints Parish and The Bishop Gayle E. Harris Fund for Leadership Development for Women of Color.*

**ANTHEM** Psalm 61

Zanaida Stewart Robles (b. 1979)

Hear my cry, O God, and listen to my prayer.  
I call upon you from the ends of the earth with heaviness in my heart;  
set me upon the rock that is higher than I.

Karen Wemhoener, *soprano*  
Cannon McClure, *mezzo-soprano*

*Please stand.*

**THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

**A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM**

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

**HYMN 24** The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended

ST. CLEMENT

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** Finale (from *First Sonata for Organ*)

Florence Price (1887–1953)

Please join us for these future evening services.

**CHORAL COMPLINE**

Services beginning at 7:00 PM

**Sunday, 3 March**  
*for the Third Sunday in Lent*

**Sunday, 7 April**  
*for the Second Sunday of Easter*

**Sunday, 5 May**  
*for the Sixth Sunday of Easter*

**Sunday, 2 June**  
*for the Second Sunday after Pentecost*

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A light reception will follow each service

**Thursday, 9 May, 7:00 pm**  
*for Ascension Day*

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Nick Saxton, *Officiant*

The Choir of All Saints Parish  
Dr. Stephan Griffin, *Director of Music*

The Hon. Byron Rushing, *Preacher*

The Rev. Dr. Richard Burden, *Rector*

AnneMarie Ellis, Margaret Hogan, Sue LeClaire, Bonnie Randall, *Vergers*



*Membership in the choirs of All Saints Parish  
is a demanding yet rewarding gift to this worshipping community.*

*If you, or individuals you know, are interested in participating in the choral program,  
please contact Dr. Stephan Griffin at [music@allsaintsbrookline.org](mailto:music@allsaintsbrookline.org)*



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