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Prelude – Improvisation on Repton

Wolff von Roos

Entrance Hymn 583

O holy city, seen of John

Please stand at the sound of the bells and join in singing the hymn. After the procession, the Priest sprinkles the people with holy water as a sign of their baptism.

Introit – Salus populi

Adapted by Samuel F. Weber (b. 1947)

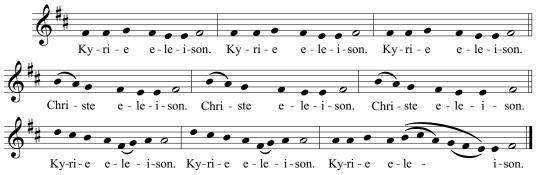
The Cantor sings the Antiphon. The Priest kisses and censes the altar with frankincense and myrrh, the gifts of the Magi at Jesus's birth, in honor of Christ's sacrifice, and presence among us in the Blessed Sacrament.

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever. V. Harken, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. Psalm 37

Kyrie – New Plainsong

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Please remain standing and join in singing the Kyrie & Gloria.



Gloria in excelsis – Mass of the Emmanuel

James McGregor (1930-2022)





Collect of the Day

Please sing "Amen" on a monotone throughout the service unless otherwise indicated. This prayer sets the theme for the day, reflected in the Gregorian Chant, as well as the readings and post-communion prayer.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Amos 8: 4-7

Please be seated for the Readings and the Psalm.

Reader A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Gradual – Psalm 138: 1-9

James Turle (1802-1882)

The Cantor sings the Gradual alone.

- I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.
- I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.
- When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.
- All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- They will sing of the ways of the LORD, * that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- The LORD will make good his purpose for me; * O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Second Reading I Timothy 2: 1-8

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Please stand. The Cantor sings the Alleluia, then all repeat.



Cantor Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

All repeat Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Luke 16: 1-13

Please remain standing for the Gospel, which is censed with frankincense and myrrh as a way of giving honor to the ancient account of the life, death, and resurrection of Our Lord. It is customary to make three small signs of the cross with one's thumb on the forehead, lips, and heart, asking God for the Gospel to be in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

Priest The ** Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you

owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

Homily

Egan Pemberton, Aspirant for the Priesthood

Please be seated when the homilist says "♣ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Nicene Creed

Please stand for the Creed. The music can be found inside the back cover of the blue Hymnal.

Prayer Biddings

Please remain standing for the Prayers of the People. The Priest makes special prayer biddings.

- The Church: Pray for Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, Sean Rowe our Primate, Carlye Hughes our Bishop, and Leo and Bartholomew, primates of the other branches of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. Pray for the growth and sustainability of our parish, our various ministries, and our leaders, the Members of Vestry, Andre and Tracy, our Wardens, Michael our Ministry Fellow, Wolff our Director of Music, Luke our Postulant for the Priesthood in seminary, Egan our Aspirant for the Priesthood, and Brent our Rector.
- The Nation & World: Pray for *Donald*, the President, Members of Congress, Justices of the Supreme Court, *Phil*, the Governor, and *Ras*, the Mayor. Pray for the people of the nations of the world, especially Palestine, Israel, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Haiti, Ukraine, and Russia. Pray for peace and justice in the Middle East, for those who are suffering, and all who have been killed.
- Parish Prayer List: Pray for our parishioners and for our family and friends, especially *Monica McFadzean*, mother of Mark, *Gabriel Bowman*, husband of Rose, *Damion H. Arthur*, son of Pat Arthur, *Wendell Fraizer*, spouse of Rosemary Kearney's co-worker, and *Madihah Kearney*, daughter of Tony Kearney.
- **Birthdays:** Give thanks for those whose birthdays are this week especially *Isbella Peguero* (9/23), and this past week, *Zirachi Ogbuago* (9/16), *Patricia Arthur* (9/18).

Departed: Donna Cummings (8/22/25), mother of Tracy Cummings, Bernice Mayes (9/4/25), member of Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral and friend of parishioners, and Esther Olufemi Shodimu (8/5/25), mother of Comfort Abogan, and in years past Marge Lindstrom, priest, (9/21/24), Joyce G. Fauntleroy (9/24/12), Andre Devers (9/27/24), and J. Rigal Elisee, bishop, (9/20/17), husband of Anita Elisee, and Father of Monique and Joseph, and grandfather of Brittney Benjamin, Brother Duncan Eyre (9/14/24).

Prayers of the People

The Cantor leads the Prayers of the People.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world

Here and after every petition is sung



Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We commend to your mercy all who have died *, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

The Priest adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Confession of Sin

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

Please kneel or bow profoundly for the Confession and say

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest proclaims God's absolution of sin saying

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

The Peace

Please stand for the peace.



Announcements

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please be seated during the preparation of the Altar, stand for the hymn, then stand or kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer.

All baptized Christians of any tradition are welcome to receive the Blessed Sacrament; Speak to the priest to discuss baptism.

Please receive the bread on the tongue or folded hands with palms up. Wine may be sipped, but dipping bread is not allowed.

If you need the Blessed Sacrament brought to your pew, please signal an usher.

Offertory Antiphon – Si ambulavero

Adapted by Samuel F. Weber (b. 1947)

The Cantor sings the Offertory Antiphon.

If I shall walk in the midst of tribulation, you will give me life, O Lord; and you will stretch forth your hand against the wrath of my enemies; and your right hand shall save me. V. I will worship toward your holy temple, and I will give glory to your holy Name, O Lord. Psalm 138

Offertory Hymn 460

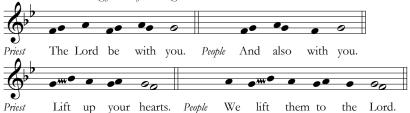
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Please stand and join in singing the hymn.

Eucharistic Prayer II

Sanctus – Mass of the Emmanuel, James McGregor (1930-2022)

Please remain standing for the following.





Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

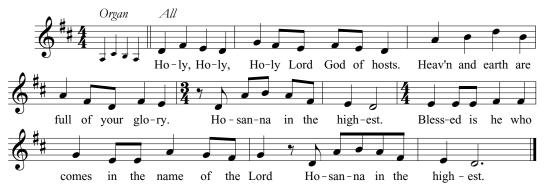
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you,

joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Please kneel or remain standing as the Priest continues.

All glory be to you, O Lord our God,

for you created heaven and earth, and made us in your own image;

and, of your tender mercy, gave your only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death on the cross for our redemption.

He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world;

and instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,

a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread;

and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup;

and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

'Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant,

which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins.

Do this, as often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we your people celebrate and make,

with these your holy gifts which we now offer to you, the memorial your Son has commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech you, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, by which we offer and present to you, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech you, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and be * filled with your grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all your whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be to you, O Father Almighty, world without end.

Please affirm the consecration of the Bread & Wine as the Body & Blood of Christ by exclaiming the Great Amen.

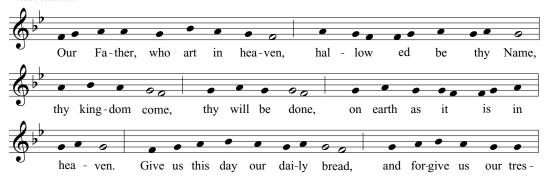


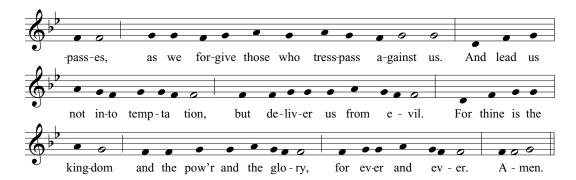
The Lord's Prayer

The Priest begins

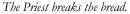
And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

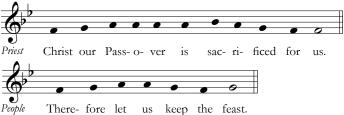
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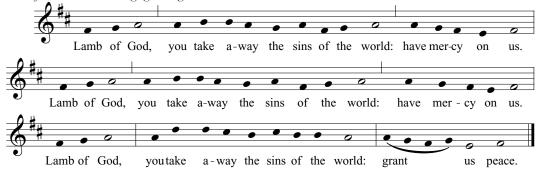




Agnus Dei – New Plainsong Mass

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Please join the Cantor in singing the Agnus Dei.



Invitation to Receive the Blessed Sacrament

Please come forward immediately after the following invitation in order to receive the Blessed Sacrament. Please be seated after receiving the Blessed Sacrament.

♣ Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

The people may privately say the Prayer of Humble Access for preparation to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion for all who worship remotely or do not want to receive the Blessed Sacrament

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

Communion Antiphon – Tu mandasti

Adapted by Samuel F. Weber (b. 1947)

The Cantor sings the Communion Antiphon alone.

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes. V. I will keep your statutes; do not ever forsake me. Psalm 119

Communion Hymn 662

Abide with me

Please stand, join in the singing of the hymn, and remain standing until the dismissal.

Postcommunion Prayer

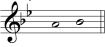
After any remaining Sacrament has been consumed and the Altar has been cleared, the Priest says

Prosper with your continual help, O Lord, those whom you have fed with bread from heaven: and grant that we, who have rejoiced to celebrated these holy mysteries, may show forth your redeeming love in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Blessing

The Priest offers a blessing.

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.



People A- men.

Dismissal

The Priest dismisses the people. Please remain standing until the end of the exit hymn, then be seated for the organ piece.

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.



People Thanks be to God.

Exit Hymn 541 Come, labor on

Postlude – Improvisation sur le Te Deum Wolff von Roos Charles Tournamire (1870-1939)

GRACE NOTES

Welcome to our visitors this morning. We hope you will fill out a visitor's card located in your pew. All are welcome to join us at Coffee Hour upstairs in the Parish House after Mass. We are very glad to have new families worshipping with us! If you are in need of childcare, ask an usher.

Online giving is easy at bit.ly/GraceOnlineGiving or Venmo (@GraceNewark)

TONIGHT'S CONCERT CANCELED

The concert scheduled for this evening has been cancelled. Stay tuned for upcoming musical events.

FALL PICNIC

The fall parish picnic will be on Sunday, September 28 after High Mass. It will be held in the courtyard at the front of the church. The parish will provide hamburgers and hotdogs. Please bring a side dish. You may also like to bring your own lawn chair. A short cleanup of the grounds in preparation of the picnic will be held before it commences and a breakdown after the festivities conclude-volunteers will be appreciated. For more information speak with Rosemary Kearney.

ADULT FORMATION WITH FATHER BATES

Join Father Bates beginning Sunday, October 5 at 9:00 a.m. for the beginning of a new series of classes. We will be reading together and discussing the book *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices* by Scott Gunn & Melody Wilson Shobe. The class will cover our Anglican beliefs ranging from baptism, eucharist, the other sacraments, the creeds, Bible, prayer, among other practices and beliefs. This is a resource developed by the same publishing company that makes *Forward Day by Day*. The cost of the book is \$15.89. Donations for copies of the book are appreciated. This class is appropriate for anyone who wants to deepen their understanding of our faith, including people interested in being baptized or confirmed as an Episcopalian.

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We warmly invite you to join us in serving our neighbors in need at our weekly Food Ministry. Every Saturday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, we gather to provide nourishment and support to those facing hunger in our community. Your hands and heart can make a difference. Whether you're new to serving or a regular participant, your presence is a blessing to those we serve. Come and be a part of this meaningful work, as we show God's love through action. Please contact Michael Banks for more information at mtbanks@gracechurchinnewark.org.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Coffee hour hosts are needed for upcoming months. Consider signing up to bring a small dish (coffee cake, Dunkin Donuts, bagels, etc.) for us to share during this time of fellowship. Friends can team up to cook or bring a dish as well. The sign-up sheet is located in the Parish Hall.

PRAYER LIST

Active members of our parish – Cornell H. Bell; Sylvia Christie; Mark McFadzean and family; Ethelyn Washington; Mother Susy and Scott Norris; Alman Clarke; The Elisee Family; Dolores Carter-Brown; Beverly Brathwaite; Comfort Abogan; Monique Williams; Bernice Tillis; Valerie Munro; West Ambrose; Akintoye Lapite; Oyinkansola Lapite; Aidan Mandigora, and his parents Grant and Nezile; Allie Ulrich; Monique Elisée; Andy Phillips and Nadia; Fred Gaspard; Madison Pigott; Winifred Langevine; Jordan Elisée; James Porter; Joan Knowles; Beatrice Breton; Brisco Kayjay; William Carter; Paola Breton.

Friends of our parish – Monica McFadzean, mother of Mark; Gabriel Bowman, husband of Rose; Damion H. Arthur, son of Pat Arthur, Wendell Fraizer, spouse of Rosemary Kearney's co-worker; Tiffany Blanco, niece of Judith Alexander-Edwards; Madihah Brown, daughter of Tony Kearney; Anthony Mack, Sr., cousin of Judith Alexander-Edwards; Ed & Linda Naskret, parents of Allie Ulrich; Aisha Lemon, wife of Rosemary Kearney's co-worker; Frank Barber, Jr., friend of Courtney Dover; Orlan Springer, friend of Keith Beckles; Brandon Bates, brother of Father Bates; Joseph Johnston and his family; Evelyn Cruz, mother of Ed Cruz; Geraldine Clarke, wife of Alman; Joanne Murray, mother of Andre Murray; Robert Alexander, brother of Judith Alexander-Edwards; Father Lloyd Prator, former Priest Associate; Dick Jaco, friend of Father Prator; Susan Webb, daughter of Sylvia Christie, and Isabelle Wiltshire, granddaughter of Sylvia Christie; Cliford 'Cliffy' Gunsam and Ellen Greenwood, friends of Sylvia Christie; Tiffany Colon, daughter-in-law of, and Heather Hall Chambers, sister-in-law of, Jewel Lowe; Elizabeth Silva, former sexton of Grace Church; Stephan Rochefort, friend of Luke Andersen; Max Woolley, son of Peter Woolley; Christal Phillips, sister of Nadia; Kenneth J. Jones III, nephew of Courtney Dover, Marjorie & India Calloway, Laverne Poole, Henrietta Pemberton, Mary Carroll, Annie Myhand, friends of Joan Knowles; Nate Williams, Connie Jeffrey, Louis Neblett, Brooklyn Joan, nephews and niece of Joan Knowles; Shamar O'Neil, Ronney Davis, Charon Davis, Mike and Joan Knowles' grandsons; the Riddick family, relatives of Joan Knowles; Cheryl Abernathy; Elijah Lassiter, great-grandson of Daphine Turner; Ann Clay, Eunice Clay, and Sharon Robinson, sisters of Ernest; Tom Durrell, husband of Sandra; Jean Armand Gaspard & Nicole Brevil, brother

and sister-in-law of, and Wilner Altidor, brother-in-law of, Fred Gaspard; Michelle Portee, Ariel Maldonado, and Stan Zilinski, friends of Fred Gaspard; Yvonne Dunn, sister of Alman Clarke; Sean Devers, son of André; Joseph Jolly, husband of Deleena and father of Brisco and Mariyam; Jay Gordon, former curate of Grace Church.

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. – Said Mass
A simple spoken service celebrated at a side altar
10:30 a.m. – High Mass
An elaborate sung service with music, acolytes, and incense

Weekday Services – Tuesday through Friday

9:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer 12:10 p.m. – Midday Mass Anointing for Healing offered Thursdays 5:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer

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Andre Murray & Tracy Cummings, Wardens
Judith Alexander-Edwards, Luis Sanchez, & Peter Woolley, Vestry Class of 2026
Rosemary Kearney, Allie Ulrich, & Jeff Ulrich, Vestry Class of 2027
Comfort Abogan, Shevon Armstrong, & Jason Scully