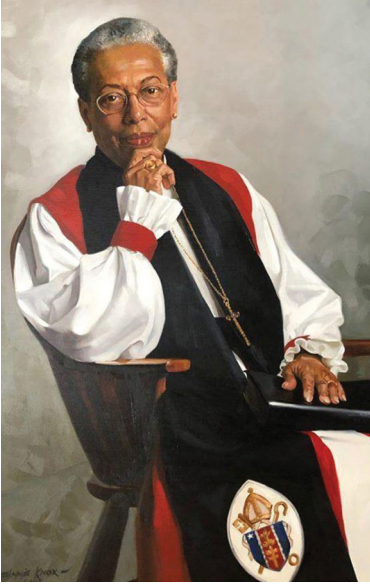


A Celebration of the Life and Work of
BISHOP BARBARA CLEMENTINE HARRIS
The First Female Bishop of the Episcopal Church

Bishop Barbara Clementine Harris

Bishop (1930-2020)



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.

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Today’s Offering Collection

Today’s offering collection is designated to the Mollie Tucker Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Mollie Tucker Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by the Episcopal Church Women of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee to assist deserving females who are high school graduates or have obtained their GED and will need financial assistance to pursue a trade or college education. Based on need, grants are awarded annually to a high school senior of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee.

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THE ENTRANCE RITE

Prelude

Finale from Sonata No. 1

Florence Price
(1887-1953)

Entrance Hymn

“For All the Saints”

The Hymnal 1982, #287

The Greeting

Bishop Blessed be the one, holy, and living God;
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Bishop 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.**

Call to Worship

“Come We That Love the Lord”

LEVAS II, #12, Verses 1 & 4

1. Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known;— Join
4. Then let our songs a-bound, And ev - 'ry tear be dry;— We're

1. in a song with sweet ac - cord, Join in a song with sweet ac -
4. march-ing through Im - man - uel's ground, We're march-ing thro' Im - man - uel's

1. cord, And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne.—
4. ground, To fair - er worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.—

We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful
 We're march - ing on to Zi - on,
 Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on,
 Zi - on, Zi - on,
 The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

The Salutation

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

Collect of the Feast

Bishop God of the prophets, we give you thanks for calling Barbara Clementine Harris to the office of bishop. Open our eyes to behold the wondrous works you have prepared for your 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 you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson

Judith 15:14, 16:13-16

Lector A reading from the Book of Judith.

Judith began this thanksgiving before all Israel, and all the people loudly sang this song of praise. I will sing to my God a new song: O Lord, you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible. Let all your creatures serve you, for you spoke, and they were made. You sent forth your spirit, and it formed them; there is none that can resist your voice. For the mountains shall be shaken to their foundations with the waters; before your glance the rocks shall melt like wax. But to those who fear you you show mercy. For every sacrifice as a fragrant offering is a small thing, and the fat of all whole burnt offerings to you is a very little thing, but whoever fears the Lord is great forever.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 85:7-13

Lector The Psalm appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 85.
We will read the Psalm in unison.

- 7 **Show us your mercy, O LORD, *
and grant us your salvation.**
- 8 **I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**
- 9 **Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.**
- 10 **Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
- 11 **Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- 12 **The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.**
- 13 **Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

Second Lesson

Philippians 4:1-9

Lector A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

The Hymnal 1982, #488

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

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

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

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they 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. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Phoebe Roaf

Bishop of West Tennessee

Nicene Creed

All

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor You spoke, O God, and by your goodness all creatures were made. Let us join your creation in serving your intentions, that we may work to heal to this aching world. God of glory,

People **Turn our hearts to you.**

Intercessor You call us, your church, to walk in the way of Christ's liberating love. We pray for Brian, our Bishop, Phoebe, Bishop of West Tennessee, for all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay ministers across your church, that, following the example of your servant Barbara Harris, they may lead with your mercy and truth. God of glory,

People **Turn our hearts to you.**

Intercessor Your prophets proclaim visions of restored relationship, where righteousness and peace embrace. May the leaders of this land, and all the nations, govern with wisdom and compassion. Give us courage to speak prophetic words into being when they do not. God of glory,

People **Turn our hearts to you.**

Intercessor With Mary Magdalene and her sisters at the tomb, you call us to be apostles of Christ's resurrection life. Strengthen us when our neighbors dismiss our witness as idle tales, and help us to persevere. God of glory,

People **Turn our hearts to you.**

Intercessor You made us in your image. Forgive us for failing to see our neighbors as equally worthy, equally gifted, equally beloved. Break down the walls that separate us, that the divisions between us may cease. God of glory,

People **Turn our hearts to you.**

Intercessor You make a way in desolate places. Bring healing to those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, and liberation to all who live in prisons of any kind. Help us to hear the cries of all who are oppressed, that we may work to alleviate our neighbors' pain. God of glory,

People **Turn our hearts to you.**

Intercessor You bring us to life through Jesus' resurrection, and even at the grave you give us songs to sing. We pray for those who are dying and those who have died, that they may join your saints in a chorus of unending praise. God of glory,

People **Turn our hearts to you.**

Silence may be kept.

Bishop Set us free, from every bond of prejudice and fear; that, honoring the steadfast courage of your servant Barbara Clementine Harris, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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

Silence may be kept.

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

Bishop 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.

The Peace

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

Welcome

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory

Give Me Jesus
Mr. Jonathan Harris, soloist

arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Doxology

to the tune *Lasst uns erfreuen*

All **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Bishop

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Bishop

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Bishop

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 the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

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:

Sanctus

LEVAS II, #255

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord, of the Lord.
Ho-san-na in the high-
est, ho-san-na in the high-est

Bishop

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Bishop And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord, Blessed Barbara Harris, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

The Lord's Prayer

All **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.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Fraction

LEVAS II, #154

The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Musical score for 'The Fraction' in 3/2 time, featuring a soprano line and a bass line. The lyrics are: 'Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.' The score includes a 'Fine' marking at the end.

Bishop The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive communion by coming forward to the altar rail. An usher will guide you forward to the altar rail. For those unable to come to the altar rail, please inform an usher and Communion will be brought to you. Those not wishing to receive Communion may come forward for a blessing.

Communion

A Wayfaring Stranger

arr. Jonathan Harris

Communion Hymns

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

The Hymnal 1982, #469

“This Little Light of Mine”

LEVAS, #221

**This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Ev’rywhere I go...

Jesus gave it to me...

Prayer after Communion

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Bishop may bless the people.

Closing Hymn

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

The Hymnal 1982, #599

The People remain in place for the singing of “Lift Every Voice and Sing”.

Dismissal

Deacon **Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Improvisation on ‘We Shall Overcome’

Carl Haywood
(b. 1949)

The Rt. Rev. Phoebe Roaf



Phoebe Alison Roaf is the oldest of four children born to Andree Layton Roaf, the first Black woman to serve on the Arkansas Supreme Court, and Clifton Roaf, a dentist. She was raised attending Grace Episcopal Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, where she became involved in the youth group and then the state diocese’s youth group.

Roaf completed a bachelor’s degree in history at Harvard University and then a master’s degree in public policy at Princeton. She later earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Arkansas Little Rock School of Law. Bishop Phoebe Roaf worked as a researcher and analyst for the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission in Virginia and for other ventures in Philadelphia, for six years. After law school, she clerked for Judge James L. Dennis of the Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit (New Orleans) for two years, before working in commercial real estate in New Orleans. She left in 2005 to enroll in seminary.

In 2008, Roaf graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary and became the first African American woman to be ordained a priest in the Diocese of Louisiana. She was ordained at age 44. She served as associate rector at Trinity Episcopal Church in New Orleans, where she was the first person of color to serve as a priest. She was called as rector of St Philip’s Episcopal Church in Richmond in 2011, the first woman rector in the church’s 150 year history. *(continued on next page)*

In November 2018, Roaf was chosen as the Fourth Bishop of West Tennessee by a vote of delegates to the Annual Diocesan Convention. There were three women on the ballot. She was consecrated bishop on May 4, 2019. At the time of her election as bishop she was rector of St. Philip’s Episcopal Church in Richmond, Virginia, the largest historically African American Episcopal Church in Virginia.

Roaf is the first woman and the first African American to serve as bishop in West Tennessee, or in any of Tennessee’s Episcopal dioceses, and is the fifth African American female bishop in The Episcopal Church. She was consecrated by Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry, who said “To be sure, she and the people of West Tennessee are making history as she is the first woman as well as the first African American to hold such a position. But the real history-making moment is the hope ... She was elected because she is a woman committed to Jesus of Nazareth and His way of love. And that way of love is the way to life for us all, Black or white, Anglo or Latino, rich or poor, liberal or conservative, gay or straight, old or young. And that is a sign of hope for our country and our world. That’s history!”

Those Who Serve

- Presider over the Liturgy of the Word The Right Reverend Brian L. Cole
Bishop of the Diocese of East Tennessee
- Celebrant and Homilist The Right Reverend Phoebe Roaf
Bishop of the Diocese of West Tennessee
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