

The background features a large, faint, light-gray seal of the Diocese of Alabama. The seal is diamond-shaped with a cross at the top. Inside the diamond is a central figure, possibly a bishop or saint, surrounded by a circular border containing text. The text is partially legible and appears to include "DIOCESE OF ALABAMA" and "BIRMINGHAM".

# **Special Convention for the Election of a Bishop Coadjutor in the Diocese of Alabama**

January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Cathedral Church of the Advent  
Birmingham, AL

The Special Electing Convention in the Diocese of Alabama  
For the Election of a Bishop Coadjutor

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The Holy Eucharist  
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PRELUDE

HYMN.....Hymn 657

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT.....BCP 355

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....BCP 356

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty Father, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING.....Acts 4: 8-13

PSALM 23.....BCP 612

THE EPISTLE.....1 Peter 5: 1-4

SEQUENCE HYMN.....Hymn 707

THE GOSPEL.....Matthew 16: 13-19

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THE EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

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Appointments and seating instructions

Credentials report

Presentation of the Nominations and the Election Process

Balloting

Acceptance of the call

Signing of the Testimonial of Election

*This must be signed by all voting delegates. Please be sure to sign.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

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- While balloting takes place, all visitors, including spouses, non-canonical clergy, seminarians and diocesan staff are invited into Clingman Commons
- Lay delegates will remain in the nave during balloting
- Clergy delegates will convene in the Refectory during balloting
- All will reconvene in the nave for the announcement of the election
- To be elected, a candidate must receive a majority of votes cast in each order (lay and clergy) on the same ballot
- After the election, all voting delegates must sign the Testimonial of Election form which will be passed out. Please do not leave without signing.
- Refreshments will be served in Clingman Commons—PLEASE no food or drinks in the nave
- Restrooms are located just off Clingman commons, to the right, in the hallway towards the Refectory



The offertory collected today will go to the Bishop Coadjutor Discretionary Fund

### **The Rev. Dr. Glenda S. Curry**



The Rev. Dr. Glenda S. Curry is currently the Rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church, Birmingham, Alabama. She has served as the rector of Epiphany Episcopal Church, Leeds, AL. Prior to her ordination, Glenda served as the president of Troy State University in Montgomery. She received her M.Div (with honors) the University of the South, Sewanee, in 2002. Glenda writes, "I believe my 18 years of experience in leadership and administration leading non-profit organizations, combined with my 17 years serving as rector of a small church and in a resource size parish uniquely prepares me for this new responsibility. During my 15 years as rector of All Saints, our parish has experienced consistent growth, been recognized for innovative children's formation, and expanded music programs and adult and youth formation. We

have also raised funds, completed capital improvements, and improved stewardship while strengthening lay service and leadership. My leadership style is collaborative, inclusive and creative. In my work with ordained and lay staff, I seek to set direction and share ideas, develop plans, and encourage creativity in a culture consistent with the Gospel."

Glenda is married to Dr. William Curry, Professor of Medicine at University of Alabama in Birmingham. They are the parents of two adult children.

### **The Rev. Evan D. Garner**



The Rev. Evan D. Garner is currently the Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Fayetteville, Arkansas. He previously served as Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Decatur, Alabama. Evan received a Masters in Theology from Cambridge University and a Diploma in Anglican Studies from Virginia Theological Seminary in 2006. Evan writes, "I enjoy leading large and complicated systems. I take great joy in sharing ministry with a wide and diverse group of people. I excel at strategic planning and financial administration. I do not mind making difficult decisions and can tolerate conflict. I thrive in the spotlight but prefer sharing it with others. ... I am a product of both the Diocese of Alabama and, in particular, the Cathedral Church of the Advent. The evangelical strand of the Anglican tradition is not only familiar to me but is also foundational to

my identity as a Christian. Even though I am now the rector of the most liberal parish in the Diocese of Arkansas, my theology still reflects that evangelical identity. ... This is my home. You are my colleagues and my friends. You are the church I love, and, if I have something to offer the diocese that has loved and supported and shaped me so faithfully, then, in faith, I must offer it."

Evan is married to Elizabeth Graffeo. They are the parents of four young children.

### **The Rev. Allison Sandlin Liles**



The Rev. Allison Sandlin Liles is currently the Priest-in-Charge at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Hurst, Texas, and serves as the editor of *Grow Christians*, a ministry of Forward Movement. She has served churches in Washington, D.C., Alabama, Virginia, and Texas; and served as the executive director of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship. Allison received her M.Div from Virginia Theological Seminary in 2006. Allison writes, "The Diocese of Alabama and I are deeply connected. I was baptized, confirmed, ordained, and married surrounded by the stain glass windows and hardwood floors of St. John's Episcopal Church in Decatur. I learned how to live as a disciple of Christ on Summer Staff at Camp McDowell. I first heard God calling me to the priesthood during a Vocare retreat within Stough Lodge. I spent my formative years as a priest being shaped by Holy Trinity Church in Auburn and St. Thomas Church in Huntsville. Though I haven't lived in Alabama since 2012, I still consider the Diocese of Alabama to be my spiritual home."

Allison is married to the Rev. Eric Liles, the Associate for Formation at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Dallas. They are the parents of two elementary-aged children.

### **The Rev. Aaron D. Raulerson**



The Rev. Aaron D. Raulerson is currently the Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Guntersville, Alabama. He previously served as Rector of Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Trussville, Alabama, as well as serving at churches in Demopolis and Mobile. Aaron received his M.Div from the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in 2001. Aaron writes, "I have been asked by several friends and colleagues to enter this process of discernment. I have served in parish ministry for over eighteen years, in our own diocese for over 16 years, and in a variety of locations and roles. I bring extensive history, knowledge, experience, and perspective to this search process.... I am happy to report that this process has already been enriching to me in my current ministry, as I have had to think prayerfully and critically about the details of my life and work thus far in God's church. For that opportunity alone, I am immensely grateful."

Aaron is married to Rebecca Raulerson who work in the field of information technology. They are the parents of three teenage children.