

CELEBRATION OF A NEW MINISTRY AT ST. THOMAS



MAMARONECK, NEW YORK - JANUARY 28, 2015 -- On Saturday, January 24, 2015 the Rev. Ms. Carol D. Gadsden was formally instituted as the 16th Rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Mamaroneck. The Rt. Rev. Andrew M. L. Dietsche, Episcopal Bishop of New York, presided over the service, which was attended by members of the parish community, family and friends of Mother Gadsden, as well as visiting clergy from the Episcopal dioceses of New York, Connecticut and Newark.

Snow and ice did not deter the large and enthusiastic crowd who gathered at St. Thomas as Bishop Dietsche read the Letter of Institution and formally presented Mother Gadsden and her family to the congregation. Asking their new rector to be among them as they carry out the work of the parish, representatives of the St. Thomas community presented Mother Gadsden with

gifts for her new ministry, including a Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, bread and wine, and the keys to the church. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Andrew G. Butler, III, rector of Christ Church in Riverdale, New York, and a longtime friend and colleague of Mother Gadsden.

“I am profoundly happy for St. Thomas,” said Bishop Dietsche in his welcoming remarks “I have absolute confidence in Carol. I believe that she is a person of courage and faith, stability and foresight and I know that this congregation is a place with the same virtues.” Reminding the congregation that they are “engaged in mutual ministry” with their new rector, Rev. Mr. Butler said that Mother Gadsden will “value all of your gifts” and “equip you as disciples of Jesus for ministry.”

Mother Gadsden arrived at St. Thomas in September, 2014 after serving as rector of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Sparta, New Jersey. She has served congregations in the dioceses of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. A native of Syracuse, New York, Gadsden is married to Linda March, and has two adult daughters, Hilary Nieukirk and Courtney Mandell.

Founded in 1814, St. Thomas is an open and affirming congregation, welcoming “seekers, searchers, and doubters” of all backgrounds with services on Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:00 am and Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. The church is also open for prayer and contemplation every day from 9:00 am to 3:30pm. St. Thomas is located at 168 West Boston Post Road (at the corner of Mt. Pleasant Avenue) in Mamaroneck, New York.

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