

Calvary Episcopal Church

Announcement of New Rector

January 22, 2017

Rev. Beth Royalty





Dear Calvary,

To those I've met already, and to those who I am going to meet very soon - Grace and peace be with you in Jesus Christ! This morning I had one of the best conversations of my recent life - Lynn Hartmann called me to let me know that the Holy Spirit had been very active and that the Search Committee and Vestry of Calvary had elected to extend a call for me to be your next Rector. I am overjoyed. I am enormously blessed. I can't wait!

I had fallen in love with Calvary in the conversations and meetings I have been having, and had been keeping you all in my prayers for many days, knowing that whatever happened, it would be in God's hands and all would be well. I am excited and ready to begin our ministry together, and to discover what God has in store for Calvary and for us in the months and years ahead. You might like to know that it was below zero for my whole visit in Rochester, and I still want to come. So. Here we go!

We will be announcing this news in my current parish of St. Mark's in Dalton, Georgia today, where I am the Interim Priest-in-Charge. I ask you to keep this congregation in your prayers, as they begin their own discernment process for their next Rector.

**In faith, in love, and in gratitude,
Beth+**



Quotes by Rev. Beth Royalty

“I am seeking a call to a parish setting where I can be in mutual and healthy ministry with people who love God, are seekers and followers of Jesus, who enjoy each other and are energized about following the work that God has given them to do in their parish, the neighborhood, in their families, and in the world.”

“When a priest and a congregation resonate with one another, a remarkable, almost miraculous ‘third thing’ happens — a partnership like that leads to amazing work in the world in God’s name.”

Rev. Beth Royalty

- **Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Mark's Episcopal Church**
Dalton, Georgia, 2014 – 2017
- **Rector, St. Clement's Episcopal Church**
St. Paul, Minnesota , 2007 – 2014
- **Associate Rector, All Saints' Episcopal Church**
Atlanta, Georgia, 1999 – 2006
- Worked for fifteen years in the hotel industry in Atlanta, Georgia
- Worked at Coventry Cathedral, England, assistant to Clerk of Works.
- 1999 Master of Divinity, The School of Theology at The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee.
- 1986 Bachelor of Science, Georgia State University in Hospitality Administration.
- 1976-1978 Attended The University of the South



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