

Introduction of the *Berakah* Recipient

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The Rev. Canon Lizette Larson-Miller, PhD, is Professor of Liturgy and Sacramental Theology at Bexley Seabury Seminary in Chicago, Canon Precentor for the Diocese of Huron (Anglican Church of Canada) and the former Huron-Lawson Chair of Liturgical Studies at Huron University College (concluding on June 30, 2023). Her first degrees were in music (conducting and church music from the University of Southern California); she then earned an additional MA in liturgical studies (St. John's University, Collegeville) and a PhD in liturgical history and sacramental theology (Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley). She is the author of four books and numerous articles, including *Sacramentality Renewed* (2016), and past president of both Societas Liturgica and IALC (International Anglican Liturgical Consultation, a network of the Anglican Communion). She was ordained deacon and priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles in 2003 and has served in a number of Episcopal and Anglican (Canadian) parishes in addition to teaching at Loyola Marymount University, the University of Notre Dame, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, and Huron.

We could have guessed that Lizette has a degree in music. You hear it in the voice. No matter the topic there is always a musical sense of joy—as if all of life were a song ready to be sung. But as Paul VI wrote, joy is always imperfect, fragile and threatened—and you can hear that too. I am told that her Confirmation name is Saint Mary of Magdala, given to her because she was the one who upset the process by asking so many questions. She was the girl who wanted to know things. Lizette, I call on you now to return the favor, for there are things that we want to know, and we want to hear them from you. Ladies and Gentlemen, your *Berakah* Laureate, Lizette Larson Miller.