



Samuel T. Lloyd, III

Extraordinary preacher, literary scholar, adroit teacher, and thoughtful writer. You have been a campus chaplain, and model rector and dean of large, national churches. Grounded in parish ministry and centered in a generous biblical and ethical orthodoxy, your ministry has expressed the best in historical and modern theology and literature as they connect with the everyday disciplines and practices of the Christian faith.

You have earned degrees from the University of Mississippi, Georgetown University, Virginia Theological Seminary and the University of Virginia, and you have held teaching appointments at the University of Virginia and the University of the South, Sewanee. You have also taught seminars at countless places throughout the United States and overseas, including at the Seminary of the Southwest, and you have offered courses in the area of Christianity and literature, including Flannery O'Connor, Dante, contemporary fiction, C.S. Lewis, and the parables.

You have been the leader of two of the largest and most prominent churches in the United States — Trinity Church, Copley Square, Boston and the National Cathedral, Washington, D.C., having retired recently from your post in Boston.

Your published sermons, books and articles display your broad thinking and creative and inclusive practices in parish ministry, encouraging progressive forms of discipleship and engaging issues of inclusion and social justice. Consistent with your ordination vows, you have been one who fashions his life according to the person of Jesus of Nazareth. You have loved and served those among you who work, “caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor.”

You have been a conscientious, thoughtful and prophetic preacher, highly effective in the most prominent pulpits in America. Your parishioners and clergy colleagues see you as an authentic and sincere pastor, proclaimer, friend and servant. When asked about your influence on the church, seminary friend, Bob Dannals, recently said of you: “From the beginning of our seminary journey, our classmates saw Sam to be the extraordinary one among us, the one who exhibited depth of faith and character, and one who would offer compelling leadership in the church. His ability to apply the best scholarship to the challenges of our day were apparent from the beginning of our ordination process, and he has consistently grown into those expectations and aspirations.”

In recognition of your significant leadership, scholarship, preaching, and teaching, of your accomplishments in the classroom and the pulpit, and of your national influence as a parish priest and Dean of our National Cathedral, the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest presents to you the degree of Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*.