

## A Resolution

**To commend Bishop Mariann Budde for her sermon at the Interfaith Prayer Service held in the National Cathedral on the occasion of the Inauguration of President Donald Trump on January 21, 2025.**

- Submitted by the Rev. Karen A. Fraioli, retired, Diocese of MA

### THE RESOLUTION

Whereas Bishop Mariann Budde, Bishop of Washington, spoke on this occasion with a concern for national unity that was enlivened by the faith and traditions we espouse, drawing on the scriptural values of respect for the dignity of every human being, truth-telling, and humility;

And whereas she completed her remarks by issuing a direct appeal for mercy to President Trump, drawing on the Gospels and the care continually expressed by Jesus for those who are treated with contempt, who live in fear of being further targeted by those in authority;

And whereas she has been and may in the future be herself the target of contempt and threats to her person;

Be it resolved that we as the congregation of St. John's Episcopal Church, Westwood, Massachusetts, do offer her and her staff and family gratitude for her courage and our support for her in the days ahead.