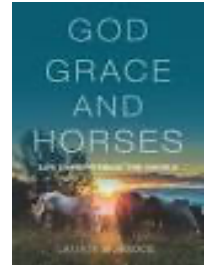


## Meet Laurie Brock



The Rev Laurie Brock is the Rector of St. Michael the Archangel Episcopal Church in Lexington, Kentucky, a position she has held since 2010. Before coming to St. Michael's, she served churches in Mobile, Alabama and Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Rev Brock did her undergraduate work at Southern Mississippi and law school at the University of Alabama. She received her



Masters of Divinity from The General Theological Seminary in New York City in 2002.

Brock volunteers as a crisis chaplain with the Lexington (Kentucky) Police Department, is a popular “celebrity blogger” in “Lenten Madness” (a Forward Day by Day project), co-author of *Where God Hides Holiness, Thoughts on Grief, Joy, & the Search for Fabulous Heels* (2012); and author of *Horses Speak of God: How Horses Can Teach Us to Listen and Be Transformed* (2018). Brock is a frequent retreat leader for ecumenical and interfaith gatherings about sacred brokenness. *God Grace and Horses, Life Lessons from the Saddle* (2022) is self-described as a Covid project.

Brock quotes Wendell Berry, has been accused of being a “messy Christian,” isn’t put off by bad weather, and is said to bring joy and compassion to the people whose lives she touches – qualifications that made her an easy pick for Bread of Angels.

Praising her new book, General Theological Seminary wrote “The institutional church is too often filled with doctrine, words, and beliefs that overwhelm people of faith and non-church goers alike. And yet, humans are drawn to the sense of awe, the comfort, and the challenges to be found in a life of faith. By grounding faith in the inspiring presence of horses, Brock finds and shares a most relatable experience of God. She likens the rooted relationship between humans and horses with our deep love of God. In this exploration of relationship and practical spirituality Brock gives us a whole new way to speak to God .... on new trails, in holy places, and sometimes mucking out the stall.”

"To read this book is to experience centering prayer, an invitation into the holy relationship between humans and horses, between chance and change. Laurie Brock invites us to examine our intimate, embodied connection with other species who share this Earth with us." —Mallory McDuff, author, *Our Last Best Act: Planning for the End of Our Lives to Protect the People and Places We Love*.