

**The Bronx Council
of
The Episcopal Diocese of New York**



**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 17, 2022
10:00 am
via Zoom**

Presider

The Rt. Rev. Andrew ML Dietsche
16th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York

Preacher

The Rev. Robert Jemonde Taylor
Rector
St. Ambrose Episcopal Church
Raleigh, NC

Prelude

“Aria III” from Florence Price’s Suite No.1

Organ: Austin Philemon
Christ Church, Riverdale
Bronx, NY

Welcome

The Chairs of the Interparish Councils and the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York

The Rev. Theodora N. Brooks, The South Bronx IPC

Ms. Wanda E. Aska, The East Bronx IPC

The Rt. Rev. Andrew ML Dietsche

The Order of Service for Morning Prayer: Rite Two

Opening Prayer

The Rt. Rev. Andrew ML Dietsche

Opening Song

“Come Ye”

Nina Simone

Ms. Jeannine Otis

St. Mark’s Church-in-the-Bowery
Manhattan

Opening Sentences

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. *Isaiah 60:3*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Lord has shown forth his glory
Come let us adore him.

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

Ms. Tina Pinckney
St. Margaret's Church, Longwood

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Lord has shown forth his glory
Come let us adore him.

“I HAVE A DREAM”

This abbreviated version of Dr. King's speech will be read responsively.

Led by

Ms. Taniya Evanson (*Reading in English*)
St. Margaret's Church

Ms. Damaris Joseph-Moquete (*Reading in Spanish*)
Misión de San Juan Bautista

Ms. Gisele Isidore (*Reading in Haitian Creole*)
The Haitian Church of the Good Samaritan

Leader:

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity.

Congregation:

But one hundred years later, the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. So we have come here today to dramatize a shameful condition. Even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream.

Leader: It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

Congregation: Yo tengo un sueno

Leader: Que un día esta nación se levantará y vivirá el verdadero significado de su credo: "Sostenemos que estas verdades son evidentes: que todos los hombres son creados iguales

That one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

Congregation: Mwen gen yon rèv, Mwen gen yon rèv

Leader: Ke yon jou, nan ti montay nan Georgia, ke pitit ansyen esklav ak pitit ansyen mèt esklav, nou ka chita ansanm bò kòt tab la kòm frè ak sè.

That one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

Congregation: I have a dream

Leader: That one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

Congregation: Yo tengo un sueno

Leader: Que mis cuatro hijos vivirán un día en una nación donde no serán juzgados por el color de su piel sino por el contenido de su carácter.

That my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

Congregation: Mwen gen yon rèv, Mwen gen yon rèv

Leader: Ke yon jou, anba nan sid nan eta Alabama, kote ki chaje ak rasis, kote gouverne a ki te bouch li ap degouvine mo entepozisyon ak nilifikasyon, se lamenn nan Alabama, yon jou nou gen pou wè tifi ak ti gason po nwa ap mache men nan men ak ti gason ak tifi ki gen po blan kòm sè ak frè.

That one day, down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification; one day right there in Alabama, little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

Congregation: I have a dream today. I have a dream

Leader: That one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

Together: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. AMEN!

*Dr. King gave this famous speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC during the March on Washington, August 28, 1963.

The First Lesson - Genesis 37:17b–20

Mr. Zadok Hulede
St. Mary's Ghanaian Anglican/Episcopal Church
Read in Ga

Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.”

Lector/Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Primera Lectura – Génesis 37:17-20

José fue en busca de sus hermanos y los encontró en Dotán. Ellos lo vieron venir a lo lejos, y antes de que se acercara hicieron planes para matarlo. Se dijeron unos a otros:

—¡Miren, ahí viene el de los sueños! Vengan, vamos a matarlo; luego lo echaremos a un pozo y diremos que un animal salvaje se lo comió. ¡Y vamos a ver qué pasa con sus sueños!

Lector: Palabra de Dios
Pueblo: Demos gracias a Dios

“Something Inside So Strong”

Ms. Jeannine Otis
St. Mark's Church-in-the-Bowery
Manhattan

La Segunda Lectura – Efesios 6:10-20

Ahora, hermanos, busquen su fuerza en el Señor, en su poder irresistible. Protéjense con toda la armadura que Dios les ha dado, para que puedan estar firmes contra los engaños del diablo. Porque no estamos luchando contra poderes humanos, sino contra malignas fuerzas espirituales del cielo, las cuales tienen mando, autoridad y dominio sobre el mundo de tinieblas que nos rodea. Por eso, tomen toda la armadura que Dios les ha dado, para que puedan resistir en el día malo y, después de haberse preparado bien, mantenerse firmes.

Así que manténganse firmes, revestidos de la verdad y protegidos por la rectitud. Estén siempre listos para salir a anunciar el mensaje de la paz. Sobre todo, que su fe sea el escudo que los libre de las flechas encendidas del maligno. Que la salvación sea el casco que proteja su cabeza, y que la palabra de Dios sea la espada que les da el Espíritu Santo. No dejen ustedes de orar: rueguen y pidan a Dios siempre, guiados por el Espíritu. Manténganse alerta, sin desanimarse, y oren por todo el pueblo santo. Oren también por mí, para que Dios me dé las palabras que debo decir, y para que pueda hablar con valor y dar así a conocer el designio secreto de Dios, contenido en el evangelio. Dios me ha enviado como embajador de este mensaje, por el cual estoy preso ahora. Oren para que yo hable de él sin temor alguno.

Lector: Palabra de Dios

Pueblo: Demos gracias a Dios

The Second Lesson - Ephesians 6:10–20

Ms. Wendy Cañas

St. Ann's Church

Read in Spanish

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood

and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Lector/Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

“Let Your Little Light Shine” (Trad.) Georgia Sea Islands Labi Sifre, composer
Ms. Jeannine Otis/Larry Marshall
St. Mark’s in the Bowery, Manhattan

The Third Lesson - Luke 6:27–36

The Rev. Sam Owen
The Haitian Church of the Good Samaritan
Read in Haitian Creole

Jesus said, “I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even

your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Lector/Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

San Lucas 6:27-36

»Pero a ustedes que me escuchan les digo: Amen a sus enemigos, hagan bien a quienes los odian, bendigan a quienes los maldicen, oren por quienes los insultan. Si alguien te pega en una mejilla, ofrécele también la otra; y si alguien te quita la capa, déjale que se lleve también tu camisa. A cualquiera que te pida algo, dáselo, y al que te quite lo que es tuyo, no se lo reclames. Hagan ustedes con los demás como quieren que los demás hagan con ustedes.

»Si ustedes aman solamente a quienes los aman a ustedes, ¿qué hacen de extraordinario? Hasta los pecadores se portan así. Y si hacen bien solamente a quienes les hacen bien a ustedes, ¿qué tiene eso de extraordinario? También los pecadores se portan así. Y si dan prestado sólo a aquellos de quienes piensan recibir algo, ¿qué hacen de extraordinario? También los pecadores se prestan unos a otros, esperando recibir unos de otros. Ustedes deben amar a sus enemigos, y hacer bien, y dar prestado sin esperar nada a cambio. Así será grande su

recompensa, y ustedes serán hijos del Dios altísimo, que es también bondadoso con los desagradecidos y los malos. Sean ustedes compasivos, como también su Padre es compasivo.

Lector: Palabra de Dios

People: Demos gracias a Dios

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert Jemonde Taylor
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Raleigh, NC

Apostles' Creed (Led by the Bishop)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Necrology Read by Ms. Wanda Aska and The Rev. Theodora N. Brooks

The Victims of the January 9, 2022 fire at 333 E. 181st Street, Bronx, NY

Isatou Jabbie
Hagi Jawara
Ousmane Konteh
Sera Janneh
Seydou Toure
Hauouwa Mahamadou
Haji Dukuray
Haja Dukureh
Mustapha Dukureh
Mariam Dukureh
Fatoumata Dukureh
Fatoumata Drammeh
Foutmala Drammeh
Muhammed Drammeh
Nyumaaisha Drammeh
Omar Jambang
Fatoumata Tunkara

Atonement

Fay Largie
Cameron Wiltshire

Good Shepherd

Mary Elizabeth Hussey
Ellen Reid
Elena O'Garro
Winnifred Christie
Mary Lee
Dennis Haynes

St. David's

Camille Josephs
Thelma Cameron
Harold Ford, Jr.
Octavius Petersen
Percival McCannon
Roderick Rhymer
James Wells

St. Edmund's

Herbert Young

St. James' (Fordham)

Hansel Fleming

Stephen Ajasin

St. Margaret's (Longwood)

Verona Byrd

Tracey Ruffin

Rikona Kirby, Jr.

Maria Lewis

Charles James Knight, Sr.

St. Martha's

Rupert Aska

St. Paul's

Bishop Earl McKay

Katherine Saunders

Patricia Francis

Mazie Dillard

Rosella Stone

John Caines

Wallace Wilkinson

Andrenia Davis

Anthony Jenkins

Willa Davis

St. Simeon's

Irene Olivene Browne, Deacon

Lillian Friday

Uklin Richardson

Edith Woods

The Commendation and Prayers

Bishop Dietsche

“Balm In Gilead”

Ms. Naomi White Randolph

Austin Philemon, Piano

Christ Church, Riverdale

Bronx, NY

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day: (The Bishop)

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Colecta del Día

El Oficiante dice la Colecta.

Dios Todopoderoso, de la mano de tu siervo Moisés libraste a tu pueblo de la esclavitud, haciéndoles libres al fin: Haz que tu Iglesia, siguiendo el ejemplo de tu profeta Martín Luther King, pueda resistir la opresión en nombre de tu amor, y obtener para todos tus hijos la libertad bendita del Evangelio de Jesucristo; quien vive y reina contigo y el Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, ahora y por siempre. **Amén.**

Prayer for the Ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic (The Bishop)

Almighty God we come to you in prayers asking your healing and protection upon this world as we deal with the coronavirus. We pray for those who have died and those who mourn. We pray for those who are afflicted by this virus, for the care givers, the health care workers, and every essential worker. We pray for those who have lost their jobs and their source of income, those who live alone, and those who have no support. Lord, these are scary days but we know that You are with us. We ask for strength, clarity, courage, and your healing power on this world. Lord into Your care we lift up this helpless world! All this we ask in the name of Jesus who wept alone in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Amen

“Old Rugged Cross”

Tara Nachtigall Foster and Randy Foster
Accompaniment by Nathan Willont
Christ Church, Riverdale
Bronx, NY

VIRTUAL EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERTORY

Peter Saros Interim Vice Chair of the Bronx Council
The Rt. Rev. Andrew ML Diestche Chair of the Bronx Council

THANK YOU for coming out and worshipping with us and for all of your support! The collection for this day goes directly toward the Bronx Council’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund.

No amount is too small and every amount is appreciated! Please feel free to mail your money in whatever form of your choice. Ex. checks, cash, or money order.

Please see the link below for online payments.

<https://dioceseny.org/ednyevent/mlk-22>

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Attn: Ms. Wanda Aska
St. Luke’s Church
777 E.222nd. Street
Bronx, NY 10467

General Thanksgiving (Said together)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” *Lift Every Voice and Sing II - #1*

Sung by Emily Jewell, Robert Zalaznick, Renee Minus White, Naomi White-Randolph, Demi Acot, James Onyango, Stephanie Berry, Susan Hinkson, Buffy Weeks, Randy Foster, Tara Nachtingall Foster

Piano and Conducting: Austin Philemon

Christ Church, Riverdale
Bronx, NY

1 Lift ev’ry voice and sing,
 Till earth and heaven ring,
 Ring with the harmonies of liberty;

Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun
Of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

2 Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over away that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3 God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by thy might,
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee,
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

The Blessing

Bishop Dietsche

Closing Hymn

“Nearer My God to Thee”

Sung by Emily Jewell, Robert Zalaznick, Renee Minus White, Naomi White-Randolph, Demi Acot, James Onyango, Stephanie Berry, Susan Hinkson, Buffy Weeks, Randy Foster, Tara Nachtingall Foster

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The Dismissal

Rev. Brooks Remember that God loves you and with you He is well pleased. Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

“Toccata” from Florence Price’s Suite No.1

Austin Philemon, Organ
Christ Church, Riverdale
Bronx, NY

A very special thank you to **everyone** who made this day possible!
Blessings to you in all your endeavors.

The Musicians:

Ms. Jeanine Otis
Mr. Larry Marshall

Emily Jewell
Robert Zalaznick
Renee Minus White
Naomi White-Randolph
Demi Acot
James Onyango
Stephanie Berry
Susan Hinkson
Buffy Weekes
Randy Foster

Tara Nachtingall-Foster
Lina Sottile
Nathan Willont
Austin Philemon

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Ms. Beatrice Price
Secretary, Bronx Council

Again, **THANK YOU EVERYONE** who helped to make this day possible!

WHO ARE WE?

The Bronx Council is divided into 3 regions or interparish councils; South, Northwest, and East Bronx and is made up of 22 congregations. These congregations reflect the diversity and energy of the borough. We worship in English, Spanish, French, Twi, and Haitian Creole.

Each congregation has its own unique history and is a part of a community that also has its own history here in our city. What we are most grateful for is the faith and dedication of our parishioners and those who came before us. From the first services that were held in homes to present structures, from churches in what was then rural communities to churches facing the daily challenges of urban ministries, from churches in rural communities to vibrant inner city ministries, the faith of our forebears continue to guide us as we keep the doors of our churches open in order meet the challenges of each new day.

Since March 2020 we have had to adapt to a “new normal” for what we thought was a short period of time. Last January when we did this

service by Zoom we were convinced that this year's celebration would be held in one of our churches. Here we are a year later back on Zoom. We thank God for this opportunity and we thank YOU for joining us.

We commend to Almighty God our sisters and brothers who died within the last year and pray God's strength and consolation upon those they have left behind. Because of our faith in Jesus, we know that we will see our loved ones again! But until then we will live out our faith. As our Baptismal Covenant asks of us, we are committed and will continue to "seek and serve Christ in all persons loving our neighbors as ourselves" through our advocacy, our outreach ministries, and by being a loving, safe, and inviting presence for all of God's children.

Once again, thank you for joining us and God bless you!

Bronx Interparish Councils (IPCs)

East Bronx

The Church of the Atonement
The Haitian Church of the Good Samaritan
St. Andrew's Church
St. Joseph's Church
St. Luke's Church
St. Peter's Church (Westchester Square)

Northwest Bronx

Christ Church Riverdale
The Church of the Good Shepherd
The Church of the Holy Nativity
The Church of the Mediator
St. James' Church (Fordham)
St. Stephen's Church (Woodlawn)

South Bronx

Grace Church (West Farms)
St. Ann's Church
St. David's Church
St. Edmund's Church
Misión de San Juan Bautista
St. Margaret's Church (Longwood)
St. Mary's Ghanaian Church
St. Paul's Church
St. Simeon's Church
Trinity Church of Morrisania

MEET OUR GUEST PREACHER

The Reverend Robert Jemonde Taylor

The Reverend Jemonde Taylor is the eleventh rector at Saint Ambrose Episcopal Church, Raleigh.

Father Taylor grew up in Saint Matthias' Episcopal Church in Louisburg, NC. He holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from North Carolina State University and an M.S. in Mechanical Engineering with a concentration in robotics and vehicle design from Stanford University. He worked as an automotive performance and design engineer for Michelin Tire Company in Greenville, SC for three years before entering seminary.

Jemonde earned his M.Div. from the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in New York City in 2009. That same year, he was ordained to the diaconate and priesthood. Prior to arriving at Saint Ambrose, Father Taylor served as a priest at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Dallas, TX as a part of the Lily Foundation Fellowship. In addition to his responsibilities at Saint Michael, Jemonde's ministry encompassed Jubilee Park and Saint Philip's School.

Father Taylor is active in the diocese and larger Church by serving as president of the Standing Committee, member of the Discipline Board, Diocesan Council, co-chair for the Nominating Committee to elect the XII Bishop Diocesan, consultant and advisor for the Office of Black Ministries, a contributor to Sermons that Work, board member for the Gathering of Leaders, and board and trustee member for the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, TX. Jemonde is also part of a five-person research team that received a \$400,000 Henry Luce grant to produce a documentary film on gentrification, race, and theological practices. He enjoys studying the spirituality and history of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. Father Taylor has led pilgrimages to Ethiopia for Timkat (Epiphany) in January.

Jemonde is married to Kierson Leigh Taylor and they are the proud parents of two children.