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TRICIA GUERRERO

PRELUDE
Amazing Grace (arr. George Shearing)
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CALL TO WORSHIP
Come, O Holy Spirit
Michael Lamb, Lay Lector

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