



ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL
E P I S C O P A L

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
The Holy Eucharist:
Rite Two

February 11, 2024
10:30 a.m.

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith,
we welcome you and invite your full participation in today's worship.

As a courtesy to others, please silence electronic devices.

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St. Paul's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on unceded Kumeyaay land. We value the knowledge, culture, and worldview of Indigenous people. We commit to the vital work of educating ourselves, increasing community awareness, and promoting reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbors. As we examine actions and practices that perpetuate harm against Indigenous communities, we pledge to work toward a meaningful and respectful relationship as we follow their example in honoring this sacred land. - Approved by the Cathedral Chapter, May 2023

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Debbie Hirsch.

Organ Voluntary

Prelude in E-flat major, BWV 552
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome and announcements

§ Please stand as you are able for the tolling of the bell.

Hymn 137

Descant

4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly

vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful

1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the
3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us

strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.
 3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1848-1866), alt. Music: *Wareham*, melody William Knapp (1698-1768); alt.; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, after James Turle (1802-1882); desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947). Descant by permission of the Royal School of Church Music.

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

S 76

Presider

Bless - ed be God: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People

And bless - ed be God's king - dom, now and for ev - er. Amen.

Presider

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria (choir) from Missa Brevis


Jonathan Dove (b. 1952)

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

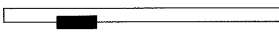
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

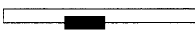
Presider


The Lord be with you.

People


And also with you.

Presider


Let us pray.

Presider

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

§ Please be seated.

The Lessons

The First Lesson is read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from the Second Book of Kings.

2 Kings 2:1-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

The Second Lesson is read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

Answer **Thanks be to God.**

§ *Please stand as able when the Presider stands.*

Alleluia Verse (*Cantor, then all repeat*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

This is my Son, my Be/lov-ed, *
with / whom I am well pleased.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

§ *Please be seated at the introduction of the sermon.*

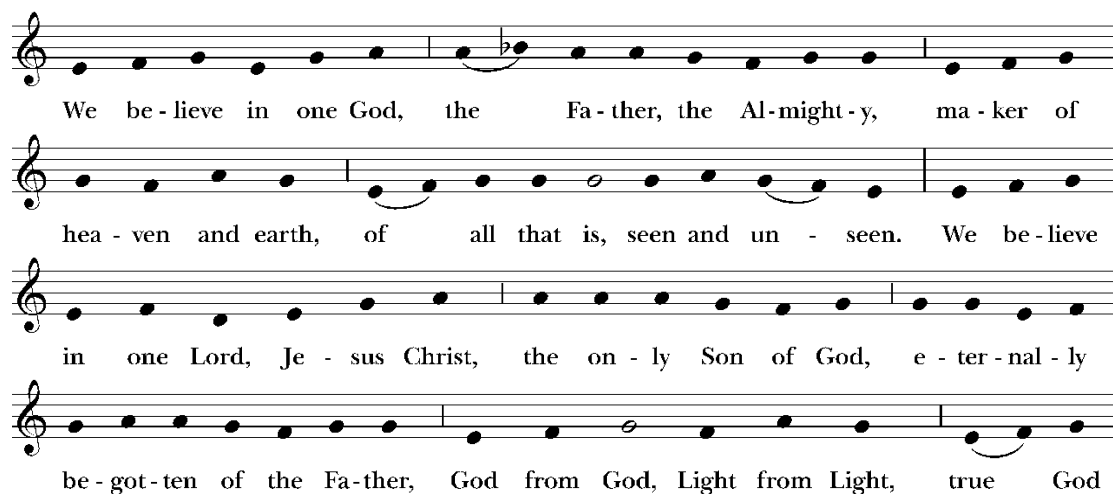
The Sermon

The Very Rev. Penny Bridges

§ *After a moment of silence, please stand as able for the Nicene Creed.*

The Nicene Creed

(Sung by all)



We be - lieve in one God, the Fa - ther, the Al - might - y, ma - ker of
hea - ven and earth, of all that is, seen and un - seen. We be - lieve
in one Lord, Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, e - ter - nal - ly
be - got - ten of the Fa - ther, God from God, Light from Light, true God

from true God, be - got-ten, not made, of one Be - ing with the Fa-ther.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our sal - va - tion

he came down from hea - ven: by the pow - er of the Ho - ly Spi - rit

he be - came in - car - nate from the Vir - gin Ma - ry, and was made man.

For our sake he was cru - ci - fied un - der Pon - tius Pi - late;

he suf - fered death and was bur - ied. On the third day he rose a - gain

in ac - cord - ance with the Scrip - tures; he a - scend - ed in - to hea - ven

and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther. He will come a -

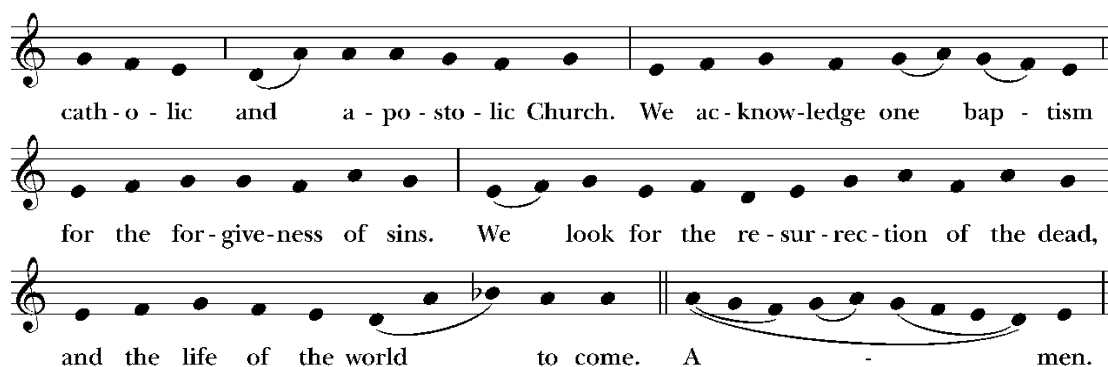
gain in glo - ry to judge the liv - ing and the dead, and his king - dom

will have no end. We be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spi - rit, the Lord,

the giv - er of life, who pro - ceeds from the Fa - ther and the Son.

With the Fa - ther and the Son he is wor - shiped and glo - ri - fied.

He has spo - ken through the Pro - phets. We be - lieve in one ho - ly



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The Prayers of the People

Form III

BCP 387

The Deacon bids the prayers.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for the welfare of the world; for the good earth, for our willingness to care for it,
 and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on the unsheltered and refugees and on all who suffer from any grief
 or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

The Intercessor offers prayers on behalf of the congregation and bids their prayers.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Intercessor offers prayers on behalf of the congregation and bids their prayers.

Silence

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The Intercessor may offer other thanksgivings on behalf of the congregation and bid their prayers.

Silence

The Presider says a concluding Collect

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon says to the People

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All say together

**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 Presider says

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 Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

§ *The People offer each other a sign of the Peace.*

§ *Please be seated.*

The Offertory

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The Holy Communion

At the Offertory, Anthem

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and stand with fear and trembling. And lift itself above, above all earthly thought. For King of kings and Lord of lords, Christ our God, cometh forth to be our oblation, and to be giv'n for Food to the faithful. Before Him come the choirs of angels with every principality and pow'r; the Cherubim with many eyes, and winged Seraphim, who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

[text: from the Liturgy of St James]

§ *Please stand as able for the following hymn.*

Hymn 383

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru-ler of all na - ture, O thou of
 2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair-er still the wood - lands, robed in the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair-er still the moon - light, and all the

God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,
 bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe-ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an-gels heaven can boast.

Words: German composite; tr. pub. New York, 1850, alt. Music: *St. Elizabeth*, melody from *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842; harm. Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953).

§ Please remain standing as able for the Great Thanksgiving.

Presider *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Presider *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

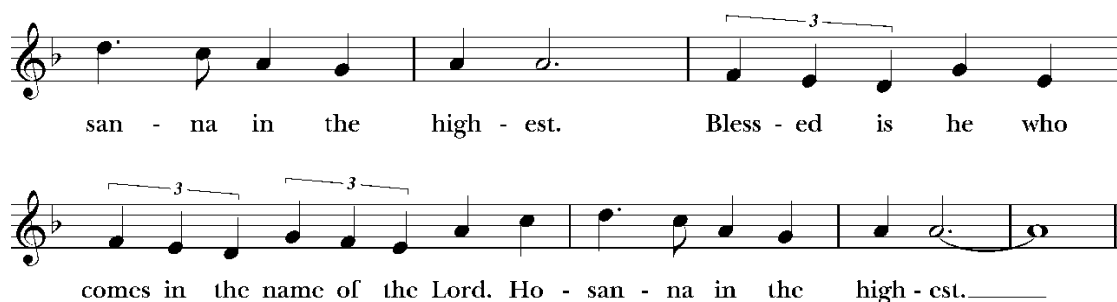
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus* (*Presider and People*)

S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presider continues

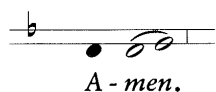
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being ✠ sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Presider and People



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer (*Presider and People*)

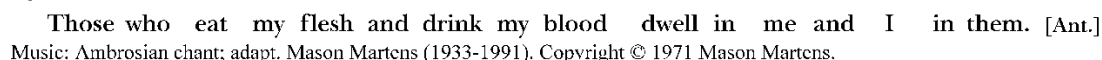
S 119

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,



A period of silence follows as the Bread is broken.

S 168



This is the table, not of the church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed; come, not because the Church invites you; it is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.

[The Iona Community Worship Book]

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

After the Invitation has been given, please be seated until you are ushered to the communion stations at the Crossing. Please take your purse or valuables with you.

At Communion time we will offer the Host with the option to have it partially intincted (dipped) by the Eucharistic Minister into the wine and placed in the communicant's hand. For the time being we will not offer the option of drinking from the Common Cup. You may choose to receive only the dry Host or to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament.

As you come forward, please use one of these three gestures to indicate your preference:

- ❖ *To receive the host with wine, extend both your hands, palm up.*
- ❖ *To receive only the host, extend one hand, palm up.*
- ❖ *To receive a blessing, cross your hands at your shoulders*

If you need to receive a gluten-free wafer, please go to the station at the extreme left.

At the Communion, Agnus Dei (choir)

Dove

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Anthem

I will not leave you comfortless

William Byrd (1543-1623)

I will not leave you comfortless, Alleluia. I go and come again to you, Alleluia. And your heart shall rejoice, Alleluia.

§ *After a moment of silence, please stand as you are able for the following prayer*

The Postcommunion Prayer

Presider

Let us pray.

All

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**


The Deacon may send forth the Lay Eucharistic Minister.

The Presider may bless the people.


May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 618


Unison




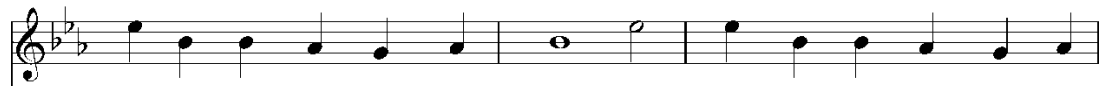
1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser-aphs, cher - u -
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems




Harmony *Unison*



bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry
 ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou
 pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Yc
 ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To

out, do - min - ions, prince-doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
 bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
 ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the
 God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in



Harmony



choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



Unison

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Deacon dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary

Improvisation
 Gabriel Arregui

§ *The clergy, altar party, and people depart.*

If you choose not to remain for the Organ Voluntary, please leave quietly out of respect for those who would like to stay and listen or pray for a while. Thank you.

Everyone is invited to the coffee hour in the Guild Room following the service.

Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: The Rev. Cn. Richard Hogue, Jr.

Preacher & Dean: The Very Rev. Penny Bridges

Deacon: The Rev. Cn. Brooks Mason

Healing: The Rev. Cn. Richard Lief

Readers: Janet Collins, Peter Bolland

Intercessor: Jane Batarseh

Head Verger: Cn. Lisa Churchill

Verger: Almira Fort

Subverger: Wanda Porrata

Altar Servers: Salvador Arce Guerra, Emily Velez-Confer

Thurifer: Todd Hurrell

Altar Guild: Kris Hatch, Wayne Hatch, Roxanne Perfect-Knight, Wanda Porrata,
Emily Velez-Confer, Susan Williams

Director of Music: Cn. Martin Green

Assistant Organist: Gabriel Arregui

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The exit doors are:

- ❖ South porch doors at Nutmeg Street and Fifth Avenue*
- ❖ North porch doors to Fifth Avenue Courtyard*
- ❖ South transept east and west doors to Nutmeg Street and to chapel for stairs (to the left of chapel altar) leading down to exit to parking lot on Sixth Avenue.*
- ❖ Northeast exit door to hallway to Fifth Avenue breezeway.*

Please locate an exit nearest you.

February 11, 2024 – Last Sunday in Epiphany (B)

The Absalom Jones Fund

What is the Absalom Jones Fund?

The Absalom Jones Fund for Episcopal HBCUs supports two institutions affiliated with The Episcopal Church since the 1800s: Saint Augustine's University in Raleigh, North Carolina, and Voorhees University in Denmark, South Carolina.

In 1804, Absalom Jones became the first African American to be ordained a priest in The Episcopal Church. His witness to the way of Jesus included efforts to abolish slavery and to lift up all those cast down. He understood that education is the key to empowerment. We honor Absalom Jones by supporting our HBCUs, which prepare the talented leaders who will continue the work of building a more just and humane society.



ABSALOM JONES FUND

What is an HBCU?

Historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) were founded to create dynamic, supportive, and empowering educational environments for young people from diverse backgrounds. Today there are more than 100 HBCUs in the United States, including public and private institutions and professional schools of law and medicine.

According to a study published by the United Negro College Fund, today's historically Black colleges and universities are responsible for producing approximately 70 percent of all Black doctors and dentists, 50 percent of Black engineers and public school teachers, and 35 percent of Black lawyers.

Why support our Episcopal HBCUs?

Voorhees University and Saint Augustine's provide an excellent liberal arts education to thousands of students, the majority of whom come from low-income households, and over 40% of whom are the first in their families to attend a four-year college. The Gospel work of education and emancipation, evangelism and formation, reconciliation and commitment to a just and humane society and world is happening at these schools! Yet in today's economic and political climate, HBCUs increasingly struggle to secure the funds they need to maintain their facilities, retain excellent faculty, and provide much-needed student financial aid.

Collect for the Feast of Absalom Jones

Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear; that, honoring the steadfast courage of your servant Absalom Jones, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

LENTEN FORMATION CLASSES/STUDIES:

EMBRACING EVANGELISM

Starting February 18 (Sundays at Noon, in person in the Guild Room) 4 weeks
Sponsored by the Evangelism committee and led by Phyllis Lengyel.

BOOK STUDY: SO WE AND OUR CHILDREN MAY LIVE

Starting February 19 (Monday nights 7 – 8:30 pm, Virtually on Zoom)
Led by the Creation Care book study team.

BOOK STUDY: THE NONVIOLENT GOD

Starting February 21 (Wednesday nights 6:30 – 8 pm, Virtually on Zoom)
Led by the Rev. Dr. Carol Worthing

“WHAT IS AN EPISCOPALIAN?” CLASS

Starting February 21 (Wednesday nights 7 – 8:30 pm, in person on the 2nd floor of 525 Olive Street Building) 5 weeks
Led by Cathedral clergy.

SHROVE TUESDAY ZYDECO MASS & RECEPTION

Tuesday, February 13, 5:45 pm, In the Cathedral

Usher in the season of Lent with one of the liveliest services of the year! Zydeco is the Cathedral's annual Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday celebration, complete with bead throwing, dancing in the aisles and live Zydeco music. We will once again be joined by our favorite Zydeco band Theo and the Zydeco Patrol. Following the service we will have a traditional Cajun style dinner in the Great Hall. Cost is \$25 per person.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES – February 14

Imposition of Ashes

7:00 AM - 7:30 AM, in the Cathedral

Imposition of Ashes & Eucharist

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM, in the Cathedral

Ash Wednesday Family Service

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM, in the Great Hall

Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes & Choral Eucharist

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM, in the Cathedral

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Fridays, Feb. 16. – Mar. 22, 6 pm, in the Cathedral
