

EVENSONG

February 11, 2024

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING



SUNG BY: THE CATHEDRAL SCHOLA

OFFICIANT & DEAN: THE VERY REV. PENNY BRIDGES

LECTOR: MARK LESTER

The Rev. Canon Brooks Mason, *Canon Liturgist*
Canon Martin Green, *Organist & Director of Music*

Gabriel Arregui, *Assistant Organist*

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As a courtesy to others, please silence electronic devices.

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<http://www.stpaulcathedral.org/watch>

If you're interested in more information about the cathedral's ministries,

we would like to hear from you: <http://stpaulcathedral.org/im-new/>

This service is being streamed live and if you don't wish to be seen on camera, please ask an usher for appropriate seating.

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

Aria

Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

INTROIT

O wide-embracing, wondrous love
Martin Green (b. 1972)

O wide-embracing, wondrous love! We read you in the sky above, we read you in the earth below, in seas that swell and streams that flow. Amen.

[Text: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)]

¶ *Please stand as you are able at the tolling of the bell.*

OPENING SENTENCE (Officiant)

PRECES

John Bertalot (b. 1931)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

¶ *Please remain standing as able for the hymn.*

OFFICE HYMN 37



1 O bright-ness of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther's face, most ho - ly,
 2 the sun is sink - ing now, and one by one the lamps of
 3 Worth - y art thou at all times to re - ceive our hal - lowed



heaven - ly, blest, Lord Je - sus Christ, in whom his
 eve - ning shine; we hymn the e - ter - nal Fa - ther,
 prais - es, Lord. O Son of God, be thou, in



truth and grace are vi - si - bly ex - pressed:
 and the Son, and Ho - ly Ghost di - vine.
 whom we live, through all the world a - dored.

Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. Edward W. Eddis (1825-1905); para. of *O Gracious Light*. Music: *Evening Hymn*, Gerald Near (b. 1942). Copyright © The Church Pension Fund.

¶ *Please be seated.*

Psalm 115. *Non nobis, Domine.* (choir)

chant: Gerald Knight

NOT unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name give the praise; * for thy loving mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

2 Wherefore shall the heathen say, * Where is now their God?

3 As for our God, he is in heaven: * he hath done whatsoever pleased him.

4 Their idols are silver and gold, * even the work of men's hands.

5 They have mouths, and speak not; * eyes have they, and see not.

6 They have ears, and hear not; * noses have they, and smell not.

7 They have hands, and handle not; feet have they, and walk not; * neither speak they through their throat.

8 They that make them are like unto them; * and so are all such as put their trust in them.

9 But thou, house of Israel, trust thou in the Lord; * he is their helper and defender.

10 Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the Lord; * he is their helper and defender.

11 Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in the Lord; * he is their helper and defender.

12 The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us; * even he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron.

13 He shall bless them that fear the Lord, * both small and great.

14 The Lord shall increase you more and more, * you and your children.

15 Ye are the blessed of the Lord, * who made heaven and earth.

16 All the whole heavens are the Lord's; * the earth hath he given to the children of men.

17 The dead praise not thee, O Lord, * neither all they that go down into silence.
18 But we will praise the Lord, * from this time forth for evermore. Praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father * and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be; World without end. Amen.

FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 48:1-11

The first reading is taken from the Hebrew Scriptures.

¶ *Please stand as you are able.*

MAGNIFICAT *in E*

Herbert Murrill (1909-1952)

The Magnificat is Mary's song (Luke 1:46-55) responding to the declaration that the child she is to bear will fulfill the promises of the Hebrew Scriptures.

MY SOUL doth magnify the Lord,
 and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded
 the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth
 all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
 and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him
 throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
 as he promised to our forefathers,
 Abraham and his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

¶ *Please be seated.*

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 3:7-18

The second reading is taken from the New Testament which tells of the life and teaching of Jesus and the witness of the early Church.

¶ *Please stand as you are able.*

NUNC DIMITTIS *in E*

Murrill

The Nunc Dimittis is the song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32) who, before he dies, sees the Infant Jesus and holds him in his arms.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

¶ *Please remain standing.*

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(led by the choir)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

SALUTATION

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LESSER LITANY *(choir)*

Bertalot

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(led by the choir)*

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
in 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.

THE SUFFRAGES

Officiant O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the State.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

The Collect for the Last Sunday after the Epiphany

O GOD, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto 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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

KEEP WATCH, DEAR LORD, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. **Amen.**

¶ Please be seated for the anthem.

Offerings at Evensong directly support ministries at the Cathedral. See page 9.

AT THE OFFERING, Anthem

Abendlied

Josef Gabriel Rheinberger (1839–1901)

Bleib' bei uns, denn es will Abend werden, und der Tag hat sich geneiget.

Bide with us, for evening shadows darken, and the day will soon be over.

[Text: Luke 24: 29]

THE WELCOME

¶ Please stand as you are able.

CLOSING PRAYERS

DISMISSAL

The grace ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

¶ *Please remain standing.*

HYMN 680

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past, be thou our guide while life shall last,
 our hope for years to come, and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90. Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

Cantor Let us bless the Lord.
Choir **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Chorale in E
Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

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

You may give online now by using your phone's camera to scan the quick response code:



or text stpaulcathedral to 73256 using your cell phone.

Thank you!

In the unlikely event of an emergency requiring us to evacuate the cathedral please follow the directions of the ushers and vergers, and remain as quiet and calm as possible.

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*
- Northeast hallway door to Fifth Avenue breezeway*
- West chapel (to the left of chapel altar) stairs leading down to landing.*

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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