

# The Holy Eucharist

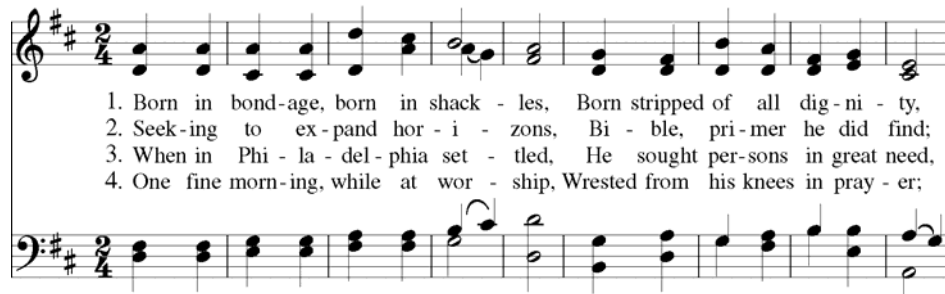
Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818

Sunday, February 11, 2018

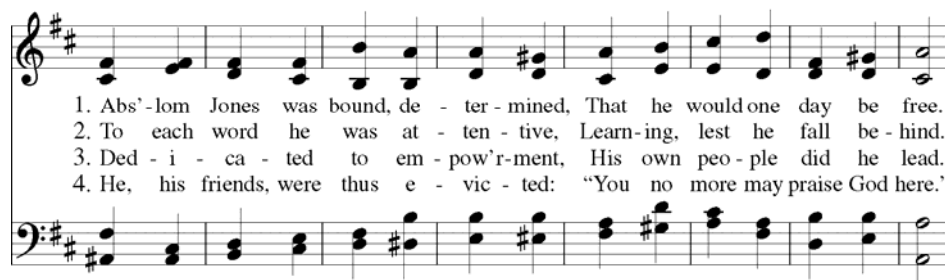
## Liturgy of the Word

*All stand for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.*

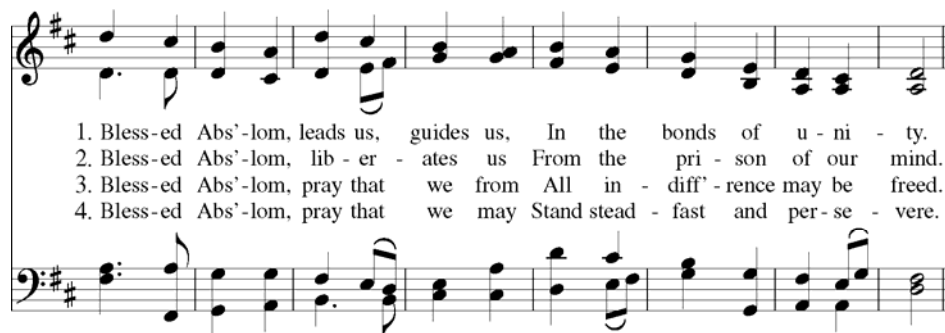
Levas II 44



1. Born in bond-age, born in shack - les, Born stripped of all dig - ni - ty.  
2. Seek - ing to ex - pand hor - i - zons, Bi - ble, pri - mer he did find;  
3. When in Phi - la - del - phia set - tled, He sought per - sons in great need,  
4. One fine morn - ing, while at wor - ship, Wrested from his knees in pray - er;



1. Abs'-lom Jones was bound, de - ter - mined, That he would one day be free.  
2. To each word he was at - ten - tive, Learn - ing, lest he fall be - hind.  
3. Ded - i - ca - ted to em - pow'r - ment, His own peo - ple did he lead.  
4. He, his friends, were thus e - vic - ted: "You no more may praise God here."



1. Bless - ed Abs' - lom, leads us, guides us, In the bonds of u - ni - ty.  
2. Bless - ed Abs' - lom, lib - er - ates us From the pri - son of our mind.  
3. Bless - ed Abs' - lom, pray that we from All in - diff' - rence may be freed.  
4. Bless - ed Abs' - lom, pray that we may Stand stead - fast and per - se - vere.

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| 5. Founded he Saint Thomas' church for<br>Afric's sons and daughters blest;<br>Full-fledged members of Christ's Body,<br>They no longer were oppressed.<br>Blessed Abs'lom, pray that we may<br>Be the church at Christ's behest. | 6. Blessed Abs'lom Jones, first priest of<br>Afric's stock within our fold;<br>May we, inspired by your witness<br>Raise up priests with hearts of gold!<br>Blessed Abs'lom, pioneer, prophet<br>May your story long be told! |
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7. Praise to Christ the Liberator;  
Praise Creator ever blest;  
Praise the Spirit, Source of comfort,  
North to south, and east to west:  
Blessed Abs'lom, priest, exemplar,  
In God's bosom now at rest.

*The Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## **Collect for Purity**

### **Song of Praise**

The Meharry Gospel Choir

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.*

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 61:1-4

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 137:1-6**

1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, \*  
when we remembered you, O Zion.

- 2 As for our harps, we hung them up \*  
on the trees in the midst of that land.
- 3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song,  
and our oppressors called for mirth: \*  
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion.”
- 4 How shall we sing the LORD’s song \*  
upon an alien soil?
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, \*  
let my right hand forget its skill.
- 6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth  
if I do not remember you, \*  
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

## Second Reading

Galatians 5:1-5

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Listen! I, Paul, am telling you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you. Once again I testify to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obliged to obey the entire law. You who want to be justified by the law have cut yourselves off from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. For through the Spirit, by faith, we eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.



1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,  
 2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,  
 3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;  
 the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;  
 cast out our pride and shame that hin-der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway;  
 when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,  
 the world has wait - ed long, has tra-vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.  
 to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.  
 to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

## Holy Gospel

John 15:12-15

*All stand.*

*Gospeller*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*          Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you."

*Gospeller*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon**

The Reverend Naomi Tutu  
*Curate, Christ Church Cathedral*

**Nicene Creed**

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*All stand.*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

### **A Litany for the Feast of Absalom Jones**

*Reader* O God, the world is yours and your love extends from sea to sea for every nation. Free us from our fear and pride and remind us of your goodness, so that we may learn to live joyfully together in this land and be thankful.

*Reader* For clouded mountains, fields, and woodland; for shoreline and running streams, for all that makes our nation good and lovely;

*People* **We thank you, God.**

*Reader* For explorers, planners, laborers; for prophets who speak out, and for silent faithful people; for all who love our land and guard our freedom;

*People* **We thank you, God.**

*Reader* From brassy patriotism and blind trust in power;

*People* **Deliver us, O God.**

*Reader* From divisions among us of class and race; from wealth that will not share, and poverty that deadens us;

*People* **Deliver us, O God.**

*Reader* From neglecting rights; from overlooking, the hurt, the marginalized, the misunderstood, the imprisoned, and the forgotten among us;

*People* **Deliver us, O God.**

*Reader* The cause of equality for all people is alive today for us as it was for Absalom Jones. We honor his courage and seek liberation from the same bonds of racism, prejudice, and fear that he suffered.

*People* **With hope in our time let us strive for equality and freedom from the sins that divide us.**

*Reader* We will not be free until all are free.

*People* **Let us celebrate in a world where everyone is free. Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

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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 Peace

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

## Holy Communion

### An Offertory Anthem

The Meharry Gospel Choir

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

## Eucharistic Prayer A

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*The people stand.*

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Celebrant*        Lift up your hearts.  
*People*            We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

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 Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.



On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People together say*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.  
*AMEN.*

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

*Celebrant and People*

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.

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. You may receive the Bread and drink the Wine from the chalice or you may receive the Bread alone with the assurance of every benefit of the Sacrament.*

## **Communion Anthem**

The Meharry Gospel Choir

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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.

## Blessing

May Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate this festival of Absalom Jones be now and evermore your guide and companion in the way. *Amen.*

May God, who has bound us together in the company of the elect, in this age and the age to come, attend to the prayers of his faithful servants on your behalf, as he hears your prayers for them. *Amen.*

May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion, and enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en  
2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - 'ning  
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

1. ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -  
 2. rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had  
 3. tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

1. ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - 'ning  
 2. died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y  
 3. way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in - to the

1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed? \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 2. We have come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 3. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thee;

1. Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has  
 2. We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the  
 3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

1. brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new  
 2. slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we  
 3. get thee, Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for -

1. day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 2. stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 3. ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*Officiant*

The Right Reverend John Bauerschmidt, *Bishop*  
*The Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee*

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