# FEAST DAY OF ABSALOM JONES



# FEBRUARY 17, 2019

# 6:00 p.m.

Christ Church Cathedral 900 Broadway Nashville, Tennessee 37203 christcathedral.org

# Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818 Solemn Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Voluntary

Paraphrase on Psalm 40

Craig Phillips (b. 1960)

"I waited patiently upon the Lord; He stooped to me and heard my cry... He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord."

# The Word of God

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

Levas II 44



Blessed Abs'lom, priest, exemplar, In God's bosom now at rest.

#### The Celebrant says

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

## **Collect for Purity**

## Song of Praise

Great is the Lord Sung by the choir Richard Waters (b. 1973)

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; There is no end to His greatness. One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your power. I will ponder the glorious splendor of Your majesty, And all your marvelous works. Out of the deep have I cried to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice, Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for Him. My mouth will forever sing the praise of the Lord, Will sing His praise!

Psalms 145 & 130

# Collect of the Day

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

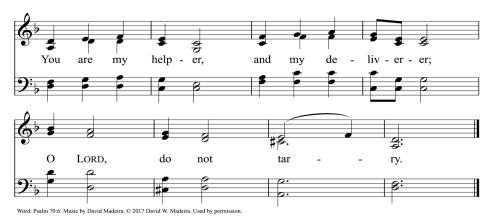
Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear; that, honoring the steadfast courage of your servant Absalom Jones, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives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

# The Old Testament Lesson - 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.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

## Psalm 137:1-6



#### Lector:

By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered you, O Zion. As for our harps, we hung them up on the trees in the midst of that land. 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." How shall we sing the LORD'S song upon an alien soil?

## Antiphon

## Lector:

If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill. 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.

# Antiphon (2x)

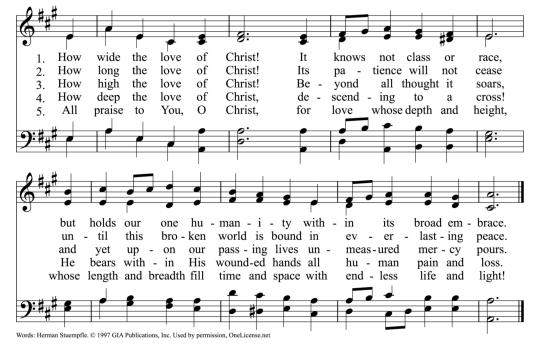
## The New Testament Lesson - Galatians 5:1-5

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**  All stand.

#### How Wide the Love of Christ



The Gospel Lesson – John 15:12-15



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."



**Gospel Fanfare** 

Nicene Creed (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven an 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.

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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

Lector	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.
Lector	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.
Lector	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.
Lector	From brassy patriotism and blind trust in power;
People	Deliver us, O God.
Lector	From divisions among us of class and race; from wealth that will not share, and poverty that deadens us;
People	Deliver us, O God.
Lector	From neglecting rights; from overlooking, the hurt, the marginalized, the misunderstood, the imprisoned, and the forgotten among us;
People	Deliver us, O God.
Lector	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.
Lector People	We will not be free until all are free. L <b>et us celebrate in a world where everyone is free. Amen.</b>
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# Confession of Sin and Absolution (BCP p. 360)

# The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

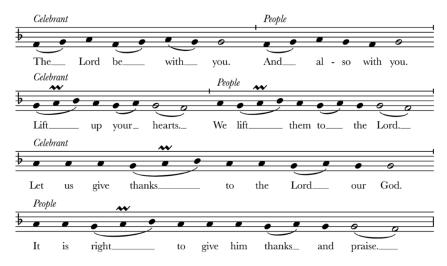
# Holy Communion

Offertory		
Anthem	Stand by me, Lord	Charles Albert Tindley (1851-1933) Arr. Ruth Butterfield-Winter
	When the storms of life are raging, stan When the storms of life are tossing me Like a boat out on the sea, Lord who rules the wind and water, Lor Stand by me. When I'm growing old and feeble, stand When I've done all I can, And my friends don't understand, stand When the storms of life are tossing me Like a boat that's lost at sea, And my friends don't understand, Stand by me.	rd, d by me.
	The St Bartholomew's Chamber Singe Guest soloist, George Rowe	<i>715</i>

Presentation Hymn 542 - Christ is the World's True Light

St. Joan

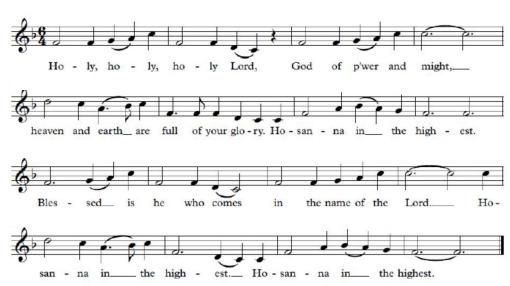
## Eucharistic Prayer (BCP p. 361 A)



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:



Sanctus

## 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,

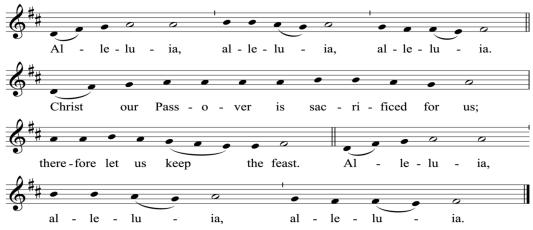
## Celebrant and People

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 (BCP, p. 364)

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem



Setting: From New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)

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.

#### **Music During Communion**

Let us break bread together

Traditional Spiritual

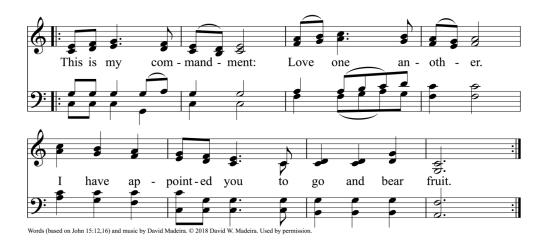


Traditional Spiritual, arr. Eric Wyse, 2005. Arr. © Vine Ridge Music, admin by ICG



This is my Commandment

David Madeira



Instruments of Peace



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.** 





## Dismissal

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

Voluntary

Sonata I Allegro assai vivace Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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