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DAILY MORNING PRAYER RITE II

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEAST OF ABSALOM JONES

February 13, 2021, 10 a.m.

PRESIDER

The Rev. Deacon Cathy Kline

READER

Aimee Bryan

OPENING AND CONFESSION

The presider is seated informally (no procession).

Please stand as able for the opening hymn.

OPENING HYMN

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

Hymnal #423

OPENING SENTENCE

ISAIAH 60:3

(BCP p. 76)

Presider: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

(BCP p. 79)

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silent confession will be observed, followed by the congregation saying 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.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Presider Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.



JUBILATE

PSALM 100

(BCP p. 82)

The Presider and the People read responsively.

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: **Come let us adore him.**

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

**For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: **Come let us adore him.**

Please be seated.

THE PSALM

PSALM 1

(BCP p. 585)

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 **Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.**
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 **It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 17:5-10

AIMEE BRYAN

A READING FROM THE PROPHET JEREMIAH:

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes,



and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse--who can understand it?

I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

CANTICLE 13

A SONG OF PRAISE

(BCP p. 90)

*The Presider and the **People** read responsively.*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *

you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *

on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *

in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Please be seated.

THE SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-20

AIMEE BRYAN

A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS:

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.



Please stand as able.

CANTICLE 16

THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH

(BCP pp. 92-93)

*The Presider and the **People** read responsively.*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Please be seated.

THE GOSPEL READING

LUKE 6:17-26

THE REV. DEACON CATHY KLINE

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE:

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.



"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY

THE REV. DEACON CATHY KLINE

A period of silence and personal reflection follows the sermon.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

(BCP p. 96)

Please stand as able.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(BCP p. 97)

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.

SUFFRAGES B

(BCP p. 98)

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. **Govern them and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. **We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. **For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**



THE COLLECTS OF THE DAY

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (*BCP p. 216*)

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

ABSALOM JONES, Priest, 1818 (*LFF p. 91*)

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.

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

(*BCP p. 99*)

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

The Presider and People pray responsively.

Rejoicing in the light of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord God, grant that your Church may offer her worship in holiness and reverence. Give to Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, David our Bishop and to all your people the spirit of prophecy, to make known the message of salvation and to praise your mighty works.

Hear us, Lord, **and reveal in us the light of your presence.**

Lord God, strengthen your people in the bonds of love as in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Province of the Indian Ocean, and in our diocese for with work and witness of St. Sherrian's in Kernville.

Hear us, Lord, **and reveal in us the light of your presence.**

Lord God, reveal your love and power to the people who walk in darkness, and by your grace lighten the dark places of our world. Grant to Joseph our President, Gavin our Governor, Eric our Mayor, and to all in authority ears attentive to the voices of wisdom and truth. May all people live in peace and safety.

Hear us, Lord, **and reveal in us the light of your presence.**

Lord God bless our homes and families; bless all those close to us. May we grow together in real love and charity, and by our lives proclaim your care for all people.

Hear us, Lord, **and reveal in us the light of your presence.**

Have mercy O Lord, on all who suffer. Comfort those who mourn or are lonely. Be with the sick and distressed. Among those who have asked for our prayers we remember Stan, Rita, Sandy, Laura, and Patrick. Lighten the darkness that seems to close around them.

Hear us, Lord, **and reveal in us the light of your presence.**



O Lord, we pray for all those who have died and now rejoice in a greater light than this world can give. Grant that we in our time may depart in peace and find salvation.

Hear us, Lord, **and reveal in us the light of your presence.**

Almighty God, hear our prayer and fulfill your purposes in us as you accomplished your will in our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

A PRAYER FOR MISSION (BCP p. 100)

Almighty and everlasting God, **by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 102)

Presider: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING SENTENCE 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14 (BCP p. 102)

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

CONCLUDING HYMN JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE'ER THE SUN Hymnal #544

~Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour. ~

If you are new to St. Michael's, please sign our guest book and we'll be in touch.



ABSALOM JONES

Priest, 1818

Absalom Jones was born enslaved to Abraham Wynkoop, a wealthy Anglican planter, in 1746 in Delaware. He was working in the fields when Abraham recognized that he was an intelligent child and ordered that he be trained to work in the house. Absalom eagerly accepted instruction in reading, and saved money he was given to buy books. Abraham Wynkoop died in 1753. When Absalom was sixteen, Abraham's son Benjamin Wynkoop sold the plantation and Absalom's mother, sister, and five brothers. He brought Absalom to Philadelphia where he opened a store and joined St. Peter's Church.

With the permission of their masters, Absalom married Mary Thomas who was enslaved to Sarah King who also worshipped at St. Peter's. Absalom and his father-in-law, John Thomas, used their savings, and sought donations and loans primarily from prominent Quakers, in order to purchase Mary's freedom. They saved enough money to buy property and to buy Absalom's freedom. After repeated requests, Benjamin Wynkoop freed Jones by granting him a manumission.

Absalom began worshipping at St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church. He met Richard Allen who had been engaged to preach at St. George's and the two became lifelong friends. Together, in 1787, they founded the Free African Society, a mutual aid benevolent organization that was the first of its kind organized by and for black people. At St. George's, Absalom and Richard served as lay ministers for the black membership. The black members worked hard to help raise money to build an upstairs gallery intended to enlarge the church. The church leadership decided to segregate the black worshippers in the gallery, without notifying them. During a Sunday morning service, a dispute arose over the seats black members had been instructed to take in the gallery, and ushers attempted to physically remove them by first accosting Absalom Jones. Most of the black members indignantly walked out in protest.

In 1792 the Free African Society began to build the African Church of Philadelphia. The church membership took a vote and decided to affiliate with the Episcopal Church. Absalom Jones was asked to provide pastoral leadership and after prayer and reflection he accepted the call. The African Church was dedicated on July 17, 1794. Soon thereafter the congregation applied for membership in the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania on the following conditions: 1) that they be received as an organized body; 2) that they have control over their own local affairs; 3) that Absalom Jones be licensed as lay reader, and, if qualified, be ordained as a priest. In October 1794 it was admitted as the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. Bishop William White ordained Jones as deacon in 1795 and as priest on September 21, 1802.

Jones was an earnest preacher. He denounced slavery, and warned the oppressors to "clean their hands of slaves." To him, God always acted on "behalf of the oppressed and distressed." St. Thomas Church grew to over 500 members during its first year. Known as "the Black Bishop of the Episcopal Church," Jones was an example of persistent faith in God and in the Church as God's instrument. Jones died on February 13, 1818.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Michael's Zoom Evening Prayer, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Zoom ID: 928 461 1047, Password: StMichael

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or give to the church online using tithe.ly (<https://tithe.ly/give?c=2212452>).

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OUR MISSION

The people of St. Michael's welcome all those who seek a deeper understanding of God's love for ALL His children. Our congregation is "intentionally inclusive," welcoming all persons without regard to age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or physical or developmental disability.

This service conforms to Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two, which begins on page 75 of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Scripture readings are appointed by the Revised Common Lectionary (Episcopal) and are excerpted from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Church of Christ in the USA. Psalm texts are taken from the BCP. Other liturgical elements may include materials compiled from publications including Enriching Our Worship (EOW), the 2018 Book of Occasional Services (BOS) and the 2018 Lesser Feasts and Fasts (LFF).