

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul

in the City of Detroit...for the Diocese of Michigan

The Very Reverend Dr. S. Scott Hunter
Dean of the Cathedral

The Right Reverend Dr. Bonnie A. Perry
Eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan



February 21, 2021

The Feast of Absalom Jones, Prophet, Priest, and Pastor (observed)
Cathedral Evensong, 4:00 p.m.

Organ

This little light of mine
from *Five Spirituals for organ*

Calvin Taylor (b. 1948)

Please stand as you are able when the procession enters the Cathedral.

After the words of welcome, the Officiant begins with
The Opening Sentences

WE give thanks God, who has made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.
Colossians 1:12

You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. *Ephesians 2:19*

Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. *Psalms 19:4*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

The service continues in the Prayerbook on page 117.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

All

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Those at home join in singing the refrain in alternation with the Cantor as indicated.

Psalm 126

In convertendo

refrain: Leon C. Roberts (1950-1999);
chant: Carl Haywood (b. 1949)

Refrain

His love, his love, his love is ev - er last - ing.

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy. *Refrain*

3 Then they said among the nations, * "The LORD has done great things for them."

4 The LORD has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, * like the watercourses of the Negev. *Refrain*

6 Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. *Refrain*

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson

Isaiah 42:5-9

THUS says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Lector Here ends the Lesson.

Brief silence follows the Lesson.

Please stand as you are able. The Cantor sings

Magnificat

setting: *Bob Moore* (b. 1962)

MY soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
you, the Almighty have done great things for me, and holy is your name.
You have mercy on those who fear you, from every generation.
You have shown strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.
You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.
You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,
to remember the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our forbears,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Second Lesson

Saint John 15:12-15

JESUS said, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.”

Lector Here ends the Lesson.

Brief silence follows the Lesson.

Please stand as you are able. The Nunc dimittis is presented in a virtual format.

Nunc dimittis

setting: *C.V. Stanford* (1852-1926) in *G*
sung by the Cathedral Choir and recorded in a service on February 4, 2018

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.

All say together

The Apostle’s Creed

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

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

All

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.

The Suffrages

V Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R **And grant us your salvation.**
V Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R **Let your people sing with joy.**
V Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V Let your way be known upon earth;
R **Your saving health among all nations.**
V Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R **And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.**

The Collects

The Collect of the Day

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 Sundays

LORD GOD, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission

KEEP watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your 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 your love's sake. *Amen.*

Please be seated. Those at home join the Cantor in singing

Hymn Blessed assurance



1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di -
2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my
3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my sav - ior am hap - py and



vine! Heirs of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his spir - it, washed in his blood.
sight; an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
blest; watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long; this is my



sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long.

Words Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)

Music Phoebe P. Knapp (1839-1908)

The Homily

The Right Rev'd Phoebe A. Roaf
Bishop of West Tennessee

Please stand as you are able. Those at home sing with the Cantor.

Hymn 599

Lift ev'ry voice and sing

Lift Ev'ry Voice

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and hea - ven ring, ring with the
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening rod, felt in the
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who hast
har - mon - ies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
days when hope un - born had died; yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the
skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the
feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed? We have come o - ver a
light; keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the
faith that the dark past has taught us; sing a song full of the
way that with tears has been wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our
pla - ces, our God, where we met thee; lest our hearts drunk with the
hope that the pres - ent has brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new
path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we
wine of the world we for - get thee; sha - dowed be - neath thy hand may we for -
day be - gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Words James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)

Music *Lift Every Voice*, J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954)

Please kneel as you are able.

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgivings

Please be seated.

The Announcements

ALMIGHTY God,
you have given us grace at this time with one accord
to make our common supplication to you;
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together in his Name
you will be in the midst of them:
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,
and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

The following is presented in a virtual format.

Motet

James Whitbourn (b. 1963)

sung by the Cathedral Choir and recorded at Choral Evensong on February 20, 2020

GOODNESS is stronger than evil,
Love is stronger than hate,
Light is stronger than darkness,
Life is stronger than death,
Victory is ours through him who loved us.” Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Please remain standing as the procession leaves the Cathedral.

Organ

Hold on!
from *Spiritual Suite for organ*

Calvin Taylor

THE REV'D ABSALOM JONES

1746-1818

Absalom Jones was America's first black priest. Born into slavery in Delaware at a time when slavery was being debated as immoral and undemocratic, he taught himself to read, using the New Testament as one of his resources. At the age of 16, Jones' mother, sister, and five brothers were sold, but he was brought to Philadelphia by his master, where he attended a night school for African-Americans operated by Quakers. Upon his manumission in 1784, he served as lay minister for the black membership at St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church with his friend, Richard Allen, and together they established the Free African Society to aid in the emancipation of slaves and to offer sustenance and spiritual support to widows, orphans, and the poor.

The active evangelism of Jones and Allen greatly increased black membership at St. George's. Alarmed by the rise in black attendance, in 1791 the vestry decided to segregate African Americans into an upstairs gallery without notice. When ushers attempted to remove the black congregants, the resentful group exited the church.

In 1792 Jones and Allen, with the assistance of local Quakers and Episcopalians, established the "First African Church" in Philadelphia. Shortly after the establishment that same year, the African Church applied to join the Protestant Episcopal Church, laying before the diocese three requirements: the Church must be received as an already organized body; it must have control over its own affairs; and Jones must be licensed as lay-reader and if qualified, ordained as its minister.

Upon acceptance into the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the church was renamed the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. The following year Jones became a deacon but was not ordained a priest until 1802, seven years later. At 56 years old, he became the first black American priest. He continued to be a leader in his community, founding a day school (as African Americans were excluded from attending public school), the Female Benevolent Society, and an African Friendly Society. In 1800 he called upon Congress to abolish the slave trade and to provide for gradual emancipation of existing slaves. Jones died in 1818.

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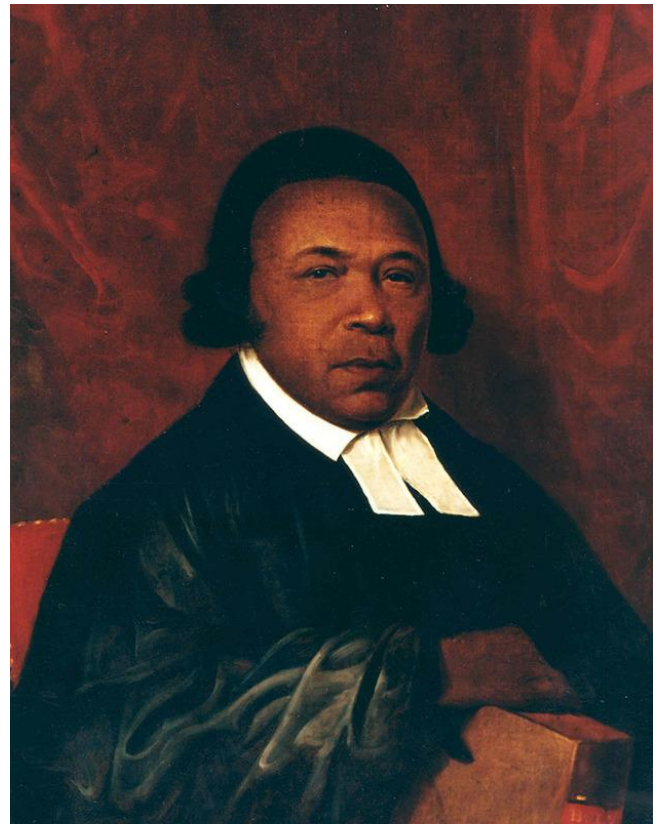
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Image

This famous image of Jones was rendered by Philadelphia artist Raphaelle Peale in 1810.



ABOUT OUR GUEST PREACHER

The Right Rev'd Phoebe A. Roaf is a lifelong Episcopalian. She grew up in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. She was rector at St. Philip's, the oldest African-American church in the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, where she had served as Rector since 2011. Before St. Philip's, Bishop Roaf was Associate Rector for three years at Trinity Episcopal Church in New Orleans.

Bishop Roaf, who earned a law degree from the University of Arkansas, Little Rock, and clerked two years for Judge James L. Dennis, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, worked in commercial real estate before being ordained. She completed her bachelor's degree at Harvard University and earned the Master of Public Affairs degree at Princeton University. She attended Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria. She is vice chair of the board of trustees at Virginia Theological Seminary.

IN THIS AFTERNOON'S LITURGY

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INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

We give thanks for Cathedral parishioners and friends celebrating birthdays: Anne, Nancy, and Thomas.

We lift up those for whom prayers have been requested: Sandy and Bob, Joanne, Jeyaprakash, Silver, Lois, Roberta, Dorothy, Andrew, Marj, Angie, Anthony, Virginia, Betty, Mike, the Nakayama Family, Brandon, Dale, Nancy, Peni, Janice and Dennis, Dolores, Tom and Shelia, Chinenyeu, Winnie, Liam, Tom and Virgia, Michelle, John, Hunter and Family, Mason, Prema, Dan. *You may add yourself or a loved one by calling 313.833.4409 or emailing info@detroitcathedral.org.*

We pray for those in uniform serving our country at home and abroad, **and for the ongoing ministries of** Crossroads, Williams Pavilion, Waller Health Center on Cathedral Green, and the Cathedral Crafters.

We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie, our Bishop; for Elizabeth, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Donald and Craig, Lutheran Bishops in Lower Michigan; and for Moisés, Bishop of the Dominican Republic.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we remember St. Elizabeth's Church, Redford; Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills; and St. John the Baptist, Bonao, in the Dominican Republic.

The Cathedral Clergy

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