



THE HOLY EUCHARIST
The Last Sunday after Epiphany
Celebrating Blessed Absalom Jones
February 15, 2026 • 10am

Welcome to St. Paul's! We are grateful for your presence in worship and look forward to welcoming you into this life we share through the love of Jesus Christ! Please don't forget to silence your devices as our worship service begins.

Families are welcome to sit anywhere they would like, including our dedicated children's area in the Chapel, which features self-directed activities and books.

Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall on the Occidental Avenue side of the church campus. Our worship service is live-streamed on St. Paul's YouTube Channel, where we welcome online friends to pray with us.

All are warmly invited to participate in Holy Communion at St. Paul's. If you prefer not to receive the wine, simply cross your arms over your chest as the Eucharistic Minister greets you saying, "the Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation." Thank you for sharing the light of your presence with our community! May God's presence be very near to you in this sacred season.

Prelude

Andante (Piano Sonata in e minor), Florence Price (1887-1953)

All stand to sing

Processional Hymn 135

"Songs of thankfulness and praise," Salzburg

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit

People **And blessed be God's reign of love now and forever. Amen.**

The Gloria is found on the next page.

All sing
Gloria

Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

f
Glo - ry, glo - ry to

p *f*
God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al -

p
migh-ty God and Fa - ther. We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

f *f*
glo - ry, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord, Lord Je - sus Christ,

p *f*
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

p
sin of the world, have mer - cy on us, You are sea - ted at the right hand of the -

f *f*
Fa - ther, re - ceive our pray'r, re - ceive our pray'r. For you a -

p *f*
lone are the Ho-ly one, you a-lone are the Lord. You a-lone are the Most High,

p
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the glo - ry of God the

f
Fa - ther. A - - - - men. A - - - - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 42: 5-9

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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

After the reading, the reader says

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

*Refrain, adapted from Resignation by Florence Price (1887-1953)
Anglican Chant, David Hurd (b. 1950)*

Cantor sings REFRAIN. All sing REFRAIN. Choir sings verses.



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

2 Then was our mouth fill'd with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

All sing REFRAIN.

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

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

All sing REFRAIN.

5 Restore our fortunes, O God, *
like the water courses of the Negev.

6 Those who sow'd 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.

All sing REFRAIN.

The Second Lesson

2 Peter 1: 16-21

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

After the reading, the reader says

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

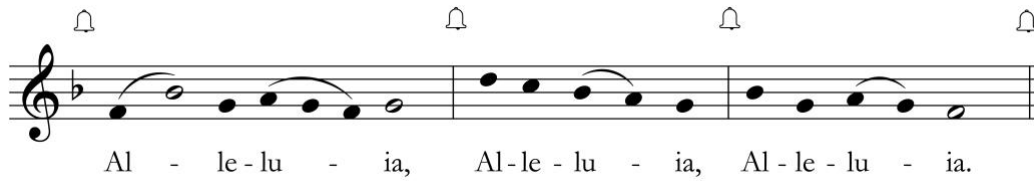
People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Alleluia Verse

Chant, based on the *O Antiphons*

Cantor sings ALLELUIA. All sing ALLELUIA.



Cantor This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!

All sing ALLELUIA.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 17: 1-9

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

After the Gospel, the reader says

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people are seated.

Sermon

Jocelyn A. Sideco, MTS

All stand with the Celebrant
The Nicene Creed

**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.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who 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.**

The Prayers of the People

Form VI, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Austin, our Bishop; and for all other bishops and ministers; in the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean, in the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Church of Our Saviour, Oakland, and Church of Our Savior, Mill Valley in the Diocese of California.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Edward & Joan Anders, Ants Astesano, Cyndy Bodenlos, Virginia & Jack Corcoran, Daiva Gaputis, Rodney Gehrke, Michael Kimball, Jen Norman, and Jim Prescott.

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant concludes

Adapted from “Litany of Thanksgiving” by The Rev. Jemonde Taylor

God who liberates, we celebrate this day the legacy of your servant Absalom Jones, the first person of African Ancestry ordained in the Episcopal Church. Empower us to build a world that honors the dignity of every human being.

God who listens, you witnessed the weary years and silent tears of enslaved persons among our forebears: help the nations of the world hear their citizen's concerns by responding to injustice, war, and slavery with actions that lead to freedom and peace.

God who creates, Blessed Absalom reminded us that sacrifices must be accompanied with faithful action: guide our feet to into paths of justice and equality. Let your Church embody your reconciling love as witnesses who further Absalom Jones' ministry of racial justice.

All this we pray in the power of the Risen Savior who came that all might be transformed by your loving, liberating, life-giving Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and then are seated.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

*Transfiguration, Larry King (1932-1990)
for Choir, Organ & Prepared Tape*

*Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John
and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone.
There in their presence he was transfigured, his face shone as the sun,
and his clothes became as white as the light.
A bright cloud cover'd them with a shadow,
and from the cloud there came a voice which said:
"This is my Son: listen to him!"*

~ Matthew 17:1-2, 5

All stand to sing stanzas 1 & 3
Presentation Hymn 123

“Alleluia, song of gladness,” *Tibi, Christe, splendor Patris*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 361

The musical notation is presented in four staves, alternating between the Celebrant and the People. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words followed by a blank line for a pause or breath. The first staff is for the Celebrant, followed by the People, then the Celebrant, and finally the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise."

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues,

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been the chosen vessels of your grace, and the lights of the world in their generations.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

The Sanctus is found on the next page.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry, Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless'd is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, giving thanks for God's work of redemption through Jesus Christ and consecrating the bread and wine for Holy Communion. The people join in sacramental witness, speaking to the mystery of God's saving grace.

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues with prayers of thanksgiving and concludes with this phrase of invitation to the Great Amen.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Most Blessed One, now and forever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer *All are invited to sing*

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Our Fa - ther who art in heav'n, hal-low'd be — thy name. Thy king-dom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is — in — heav'n. Give us this day our

dai - ly — bread. And for - give us our tres-pas-ses, As we for - give those who tres-pass a-

gainst us. And lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, But de-liv-cr us from e - vil.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the Bread. A period of silence is kept.

All are invited to sing

Agnus Dei

Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant lifts the bread and wine saying,

The table is ready so come. You who have much faith and you who would like to have more. You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come, because it is Christ who invites us to meet God here.

All who are drawn to Christ are welcome to receive communion at St. Paul's. Please follow the usher's invitation to receive the bread (gluten free wafers available upon request) and wine at the altar rails. If you would like a blessing instead of the Eucharist, please cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Anthem *My soul's been anchored in the Lord*, Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

In the Lord, in the Lord, My soul's been anchored in the Lord, Alleluia.

Before I'd stay in hell one day, I'd sing an' pray myself away.

My soul's been anchored in the Lord. Goin' shout an' pray an' never stop,

Until I reach the mountain top. My soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Do you love Him? (Oh yes!) God Almighty! (Are you anchored?)

Yes, I'm anchored, my soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Will you serve Him? (Oh yes!) Will you praise Him? (Oh yes!)

Lord I love you, Lord I'll serve you, Lord I'll praise you.

Postcommunion Prayer

All stand as the Celebrant invites,

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Blessing

May Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, teach you to walk in his way more trustfully, to accept his truth more faithfully, and to share his life more lovingly; that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may as one family glimpse the kingdom of heaven. And the blessing of God whose reign of love is transforming all people and places with holy possibilities be with you all evermore. **Amen.**

All sing. For the final stanza, begin at a whisper, gradually singing louder.

Hymn 599

“Lift ev’ry voice and sing”

Words: James Weldon Johnson; Music: J. Rosamond Johnson

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude

Finale (Sonata for Organ), Florence Price

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