

# ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST • THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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## WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S!

Whatever your religious background, wherever you are in your faith journey, and however you have come to be here, we are glad you have joined us for worship today. We hope you will experience God's presence among this community, people, place, and prayers.

Children's worship bags are available from an usher to use during the service. Please utilize our "Welcome" and "Prayer Request" cards located in the pews, as a way to connect beyond your visit today. Return your completed card to an usher, clergy person, or place it in the offering plate.



THE MINISTERS OF ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ARE THE PEOPLE OF THIS PARISH supported by

The Very Rev. Jessica T. Holthus, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Nancy D. Searby, Deacon

Robert Hamilton, Director of Music

The Rev. Dr. Anne Fredericks Cooper, Assisting Priest

The Rev. Winston W. Welty, Assisting Priest

Sheri Schaffer, Parish Administrator

Angie Gray, Office Administrator

## Celebrations & Thanksgivings • February 16-22

## Birthdays

Anna Mary Coburn, Catalina Colon, Meaghan Jamison, Connor Malato, Kimberly Cowell-Meyers, Colin Gallen, Claire Juran, Michael Mattozzi, Tanya Cantrell, Chase Santoro, Lauren Walters, Katherine Ward, Abigail Gallen, Tracy Hanford, Jacqueline Wallace

#### Anniversaries

Flowers are given to the glory of God.

We at St. Anne's acknowledge we are on the traditional lands of the Manahoac and Piscataway people. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the continued existence of Native peoples today and into the future.

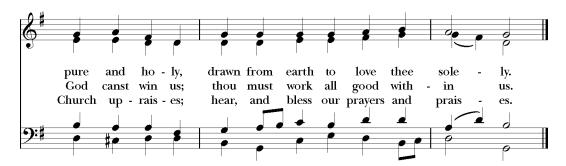
## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### THE PRELUDE

THE WELCOME

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

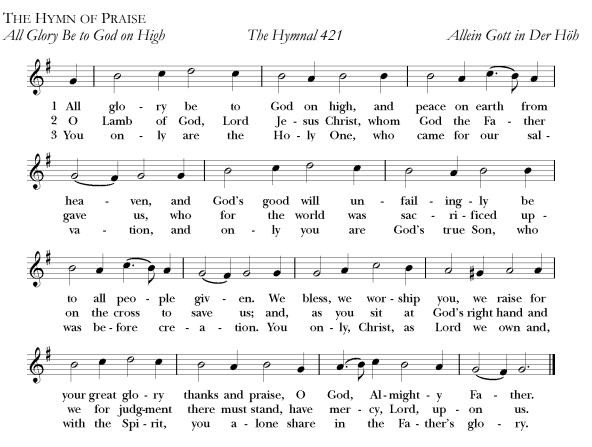




THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Arise, shine, for God's light has come.

God's glory of the Lord has dawned upon us.



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY HONORING ABSALOM JONES

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 WORD OF GOD

The people are seated for the readings and the psalm.

THE FIRST READING JEREMIAH 17:5-10

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM PSALM 1

The psalm is read responsively by whole verse.

- 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.

THE SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-20

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

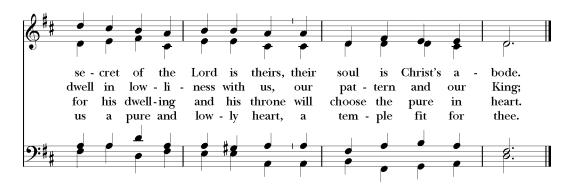
THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Blessed Are the Pure in Heart

The Hymnal 656

Franconia





THE GOSPEL LUKE 6:17-26

The people stand and turn to face the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

## Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Winston W. Welty

The Sermon is followed by a moment of silence.

#### THE NICENE CREED

The people stand as they are able.

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

The Reader and People pray responsively

Trusting in the Lord for every mercy, let us offer prayers for all our siblings in the church and the world who need mercy. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord! Search our hearts and hear our prayers. Lord have mercy.

Lord our God, bless your Church. Bless us with the boldness of the prophets. Give us the courage to proclaim your kingdom. Give us the courage to proclaim our allegiance to Christ alone. Search our hearts and hear our prayers.

### Lord, have mercy.

Lord our God, bless the people of this and every nation. Bless us with compassion for the poor, the hungry, and those who weep. Turn our hearts away from our selfish desire; turn our heart to you. Search our hearts and hear our prayers.

## Lord, have mercy.

Lord our God, bless this planet, your very footstool. Bless this planet with growth and health. Give food enough that the hungry might be filled. Search our hearts and hear our prayers.

### Lord, have mercy.

Lord our God, Bless our city. Bless us with health. Heal our land and our water. Deliver us from violence and sorrow. Search our hearts and hear our prayers.

## Lord, have mercy.

Lord our God, bless the sick and the struggling. Send forth your healing power. We pray especially for Bruce & Jean, Gerald, Sue, Rich, Eleanor, Katherine, Claudia, Nora, Peggy, Robin, Carolyn, Kenneth, Carol, Rachel, Rita, Bill, Beryl, Emily, Jim, and Tanya. Cause laughter to once again flow from the hearts of those who now weep. Search our hearts and hear our prayers.

## Lord, have mercy.

Lord our God, bless the dying and the dead. Bless them with everlasting life. And at the last day raise them to new life with your Christ. Search our hearts and hear our prayers.

## Lord, have mercy.

#### THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

God of every blessing, hear the prayers we offer you this day and plant your people like trees by water in the garden of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

#### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins to God.

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.

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**.

#### WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

The Sunday school children and teachers process in and share what they learned.

#### THE PEACE

The Celebrant says to the people

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

All are invited to share a sign of peace.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE OFFERTORY

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

We invite you to give generously to support the mission and ministry of St. Anne's. You can scan the QR code, text-to-give at 703-997-4436, or go to our website at stannes-reston.org.



### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Lord is my Strength

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

The Lord is my strength and my song, and is become my salvation.

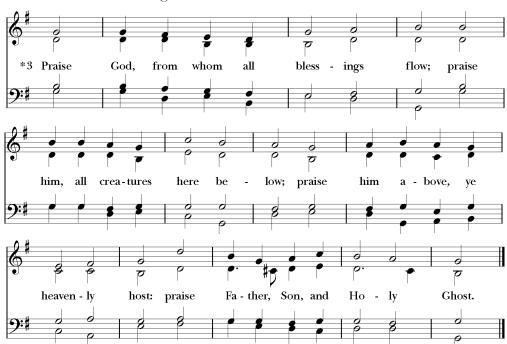
I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of God.

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912) was a Black British composer of mixed descent: his mother was an Englishwoman, while his father was from Sierra Leone and a descendent of enslaved African Americans. In his day, Coleridge-Taylor was best known for the extremely popular Hiawatha's Wedding Feast, the premier of which was conducted by his teacher and Anglican music giant, Charles Villiers Stanford. Today, he is better remembered for his contributions to an African American musical heritage, such as with his arrangements of African American spirituals and collaborations with African American poets.

#### THE PRESENTATION

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th



At this celebration of the Lord's Supper, bread and wine are blessed and broken and shared in remembrance of Christ Jesus our Lord.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER 2

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 him thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

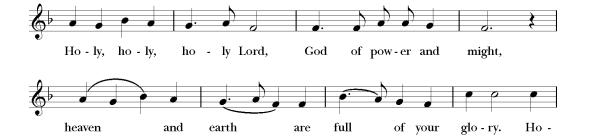
You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

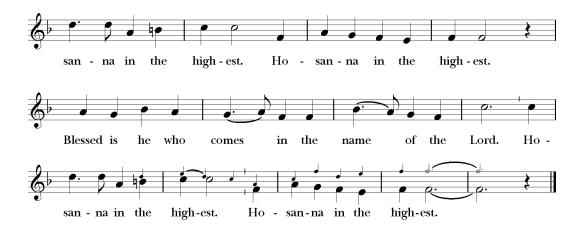


A Community Mass

The Hymnal S125

Richard Proulx





Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

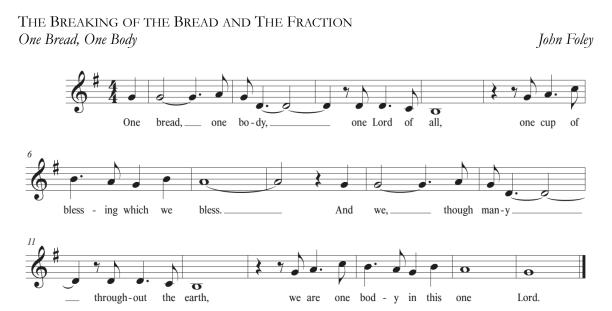
In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, each in the language of our hearts, we are bold to pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours, now and for ever. Amen.



#### THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

This is the Body of Christ given for you, for you are the body of Christ given for the world. Come to God's table, be fed by God's hand, and find your place in God's holy family.

To receive communion, please process down the side aisle. Hold your palm out flat with two hands if you wish to receive bread dipped in wine by the clergy and one palm out if you wish bread only. A gluten-free station is located on the font side of the altar. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.









#### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have nourished us with the gift of Spiritual Communion and united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may continue to work for justice, freedom and peace. **Amen** 

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out our hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy. **Amen** 

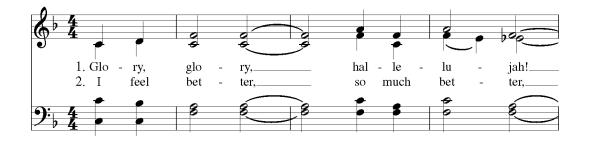
May God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done. **Amen** 

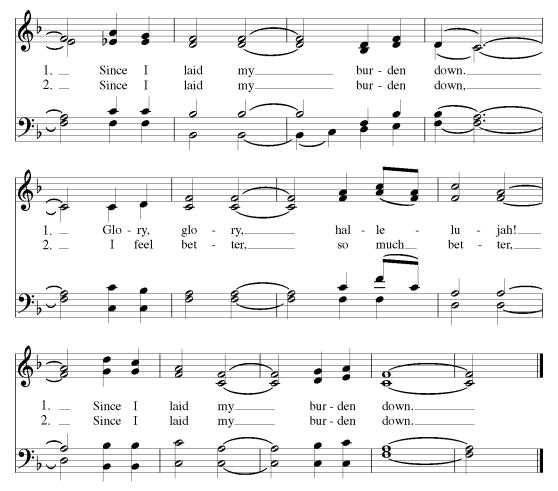
And the Blessing of God Almighty: the One who creates, Redeems and Sanctifies, be upon you and all you love, this day, and forever more. **Amen**.

THE CLOSING HYMN Glory, Glory Hallelujah!

LEVAS 130

Negro Spiritual





- 3. Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" etc.
- 4. I am climbing Jacob's ladder. etc.

## THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

Fanfare Theodore Dubois

Acolytes • Danielle Brooks, Anya Cooper, Kaden Hoebel
Altar Guild • Verlaine Jones, Angie Gray
Chalice Bearers • Sandy Chamblee-Head, Martha Furniss, Tom Smith
Digital Verger • Gary Harvey
Flower Guild • Terri Cox, Lee Hobrla, Sue Robinson
Lay Readers • Sandy Chamblee-Head, Ray Walter
Ushers • Joe Bellman, Chris Cameron

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## SEASONAL EVENTS

Sunday, February 16 & February 23

Martin Luther King, Jr. sessions 2 & 3 - 4:00 p.m., Library

Sunday, February 23

Instructed Eucharist - 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. services

Sunday, March 2

Bishop Shand Visit 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. - Confirmations

Tuesday, March 4

Pancake Supper - 6:00 p.m. - Great Hall

Ash Wednesday, March 5

12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. services

Sunday, March 9

Lent Begins

Sunday, March 16

Life Planning Workshop - 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. - Library

Sunday, March 30

Vestry Conversation with Congregation - 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Library Topic - Endowment Fund

## **Absalom Jones**



Born enslaved in Delaware in 1746, Absalom Jones saw his mother, sister, and five brothers sold when he was sixteen. He was taken to Philadelphia to work in a shop and married at twenty. With his own earnings, as well as the help of sympathetic Quakers, he was able to purchase his wife's freedom, and won freedom for himself in 1784.

Absalom and his friend, Richard Allen, who later founded the African Methodist Episcopal Church, became active in St. George's Methodist Church. As lay ministers, they recruited many African-American members and funded the construction of a gallery to handle the enlarged congregation. One Sunday, they arrived for services only to be told by ushers that henceforth all Black congregants would be required to sit in the gallery. Absalom objected, was accosted by ushers, and with other Black church members, walked out.

Absalom and Richard had already founded the Free African Society, which conducted religious services. The Society decided to affiliate with the Episcopal Church and asked Absalom to provide pastoral leadership. The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas was founded and is still a thriving Philadelphia congregation today. Absalom was ordained a deacon in 1795 and became a priest in 1802.

According to the Episcopal Church publication Holy Women, Holy Men, "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 poor and oppressed. But it was his constant visiting and mild manner that made him beloved by his congregation and by the community."

Jones died on February 13, 1818

