



Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
Sung Mass + 10:30 am
St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Bridgewater, NJ
Commemoration: Blessed Absalom Jones

Please stand

Blessed Jesus at Thy Word

Blue Hymnal, 440

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Blessed be God, now and forever, Amen*

Soprano
Glo-ry to God in the high-est Glo-ry to
S God, in the high-est, Glo-ry to God, in the
S high-est And peace on earth to all.

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 forever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Prophet Deuteronomy *(Please be seated)*

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land

that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.” The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 119:1-8

The cantor sings the antiphon and then the people repeat it

Ant: I love you, O Lord, my strength.

Happy are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!

Happy are they who observe his decrees and seek him with all their hearts! (Ant)

Who never do any wrong, but always walk in his ways.

You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them. (Ant)

Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments. (Ant)

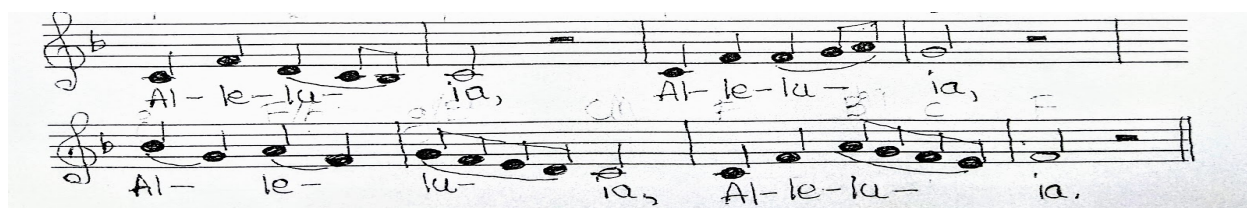
I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me. (Ant)

A Reading from Paul’s First Epistle to the Corinthians

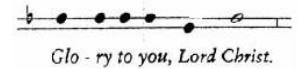
Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation



V: I am the Light of the world, says the Lord, whoever follows me, will have the light of life. *(The Alleluia is repeated)*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

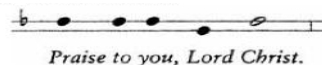


Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.” The Gospel of the Lord.

The Homily



The Nicene Creed

BCP, 358

The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel

BCP, 388

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel

All: 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.

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

The Peace and Announcements

Offertory Hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing!*

Blue Hymnal, 599

(Please stand to sing)

The Liturgy of the Altar

Priest: As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now united on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your reign of justice and peace. Amen.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics: "It is right to give him thanks and praise."

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 Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
 Blessed is the one
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. 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
The Fraction and Lamb of God**

BCP, 364

Lamb of God _____ you take a-way the sins of the
world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God _____ you take a-way the sins of the world:
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God _____ you
take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are they who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

**The Holy Communion
Communion Hymns**

Now That the Daylight Fills the Skies

Blue Hymnal, 3

We Gather at Your Table, Lord

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Voices Found, 89

1 We gath - er at your ta - ble, Lord: we hum - bly lift our
 2 We share this meal and we are fed. Such bas - ic gifts be -
 3 God, pour your Spi - rit on us all, and on these gifts that
 4 From north and south, from west and east, now rec - on - ciled, we
 hearts to you! Here all are wel - comed, all re - stored, and
 come your sign: we see you bro - ken in the bread; we
 we re - ceive; for in Christ's pre - sence we re - call his
 ga - ther near; we taste your king - dom's ban - quet feast, so
 all are giv - en work to do. (-en work to do.)
 know your love in com - mon wine. (in com - mon wine.)
 life and death, and so be - lieve. (and so be - lieve.)
 find - ing strength to serve you here. (to serve you here.)

[For canon only]

Post Communion Prayer (*Please kneel or stand*)

BCP, 365

Blessing and Dismissal

Hymn: *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

Blue Hymnal, 344

Serving Today

Thurifer: Michael Maloney Crucifer: Claire Francis

Lector: Anne Marie Verdiramo Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Picazio

Ushers: Carl Picazio, Paul Todoroff

Choir: Beth Hixenbaugh, Alison Jandak, Jane Maloney, Rob Vernon

Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Rob Laws+

The altar flowers have been given to the glory of God by Jack MacDonald in loving memory of Susan McDonald.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mass: Wednesday, 6 pm in the Lady Chapel

Sunday, February 19- Mardi Gras Party

Wednesday, February 22- Ash Wednesday Services

Noon- A simple service of repentance with imposition of ashes and communion

7 pm- Liturgy of the Day

Lenten Book Study: *Thank God for Evolution*, by Michael Dowd

We will meet Mondays in Lent at 7 pm at Juanita Hawkins' home, beginning Feb. 27. Those who desire may gather at 6:30 pm to pray the Anglican Rosary. Information on purchasing the book and where to purchase an Anglican Rosary will be forthcoming.

New Votive Shrine

Please feel free to stop by the icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Christ Child, light a candle, and offer a prayer. This is an especially meaningful spiritual practice if you have a special prayer intention, or if you simply desire to unite yourself to Jesus in silent prayer. There is no charge to light a candle and pray.

As we hold the people of Turkiye and Syria in our prayers, consider a gift to Episcopal Relief and Development. All donations are sent to assist those in disasters.

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