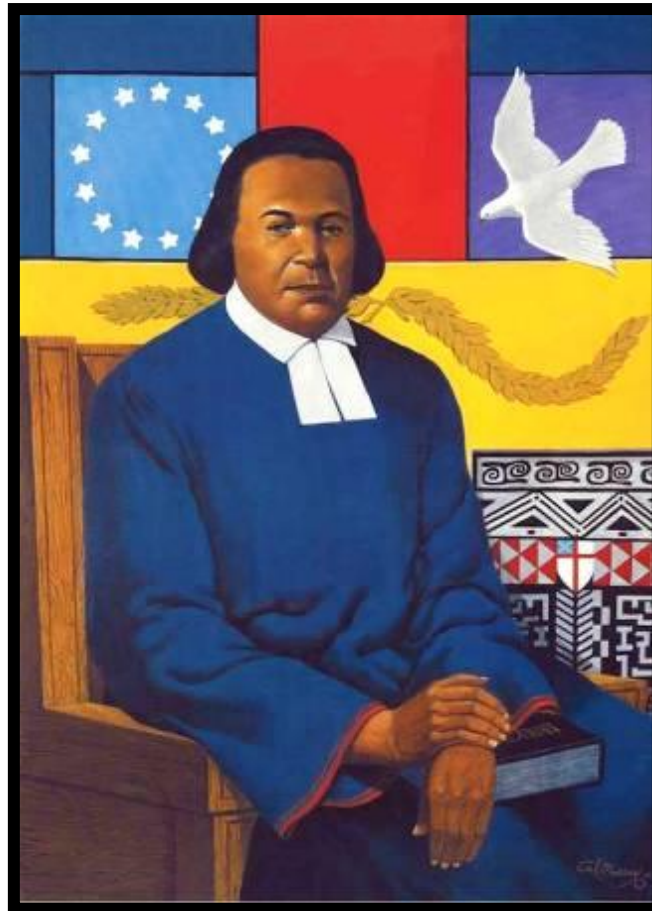




PHILADELPHIA EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

A seat for the Bishop, a home for the diocese, an open door for all



**Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania
The Commemoration of Blessed Absalom Jones
Holy Eucharist**



**Saturday, February 13, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

Excerpted Biography of Blessed Absalom Jones

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. He also saved money he was given and bought books (among them a primer, a spelling book, and a bible). Abraham Wynkoop died in 1753 and by 1755 his younger son Benjamin had inherited the plantation. When Absalom was sixteen Benjamin Wynkoop sold the plantation and Absalom's mother, sister, and five brothers. Wynkoop brought Absalom to Philadelphia where he opened a store and joined St. Peter's Church. In Philadelphia Benjamin Wynkoop permitted Absalom to attend a night school for black people that was operated by Quakers following the tradition established by abolitionist teacher Anthony Benezet.

At twenty, with the permission of their masters, Absalom married Mary Thomas who was enslaved to Sarah King who also worshipped at St. Peter's. The Rev. Jacob Duche performed the wedding at Christ Church. 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. Absalom and Mary worked very hard to repay the money borrowed to buy her freedom. They saved enough money to buy property and to buy Absalom's freedom. Although he repeatedly asked Benjamin Wynkoop to allow him to buy his freedom Wynkoop refused. Absalom persisted because as long as he was enslaved Wynkoop could take his property and his money. Finally, in 1784 Benjamin Wynkoop freed Absalom by granting him a manumission. Absalom continued to work in Wynkoop's store as a paid employee.

Absalom left St. Peter's Church and 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. Members of the Society paid monthly dues for the benefit of those in need. At St. George's, Absalom and Richard served as lay ministers for the black membership. The active evangelism of Jones and Allen, greatly increased black membership at St. George's. 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 present indignantly walked out of St. George's in a body.

Prior to the incident at St. George's the Free African Society had initiated religious services. Some of these services were presided over by The Rev. Joseph Pilmore an assistant St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The Society established communication with similar black groups in other cities. In 1792 the Society began to build the African Church of Philadelphia. The church membership took a denominational vote and decided to affiliate with the Episcopal Church. Richard Allen withdrew from the effort as he favored affiliation with the Methodist 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. The Rev. Dr. Samuel Magaw, rector St. Paul's Church, preached the dedicatory address. Dr. Magaw was assisted at the service by The Rev. James Abercrombie, assistant minister at Christ Church. 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 layreader, and, if qualified, be ordained as minister.

In October 1794 it was admitted as the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. The church was incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1796. 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 was the Father, who always acted on "behalf of the oppressed and distressed." But it was his constant visiting and mild manner that made him beloved by his congregation and by the community. St Thomas Church grew to over 500 members during its first year. The congregants formed a day school and were active in moral uplift, self-empowerment, and anti-slavery activities. 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 this day in 1818.

Feast of Blessed Absalom Jones

Pre-Gathering

The Storm Is Passing Over

*by the Springside Chestnut Hill Academy Choir
and Northeast High School Choir*

Walk in Jerusalem

by The Church Farm School Choir

Magnificat- Song of Mary

Ms. Javvieveaus Stewart, soloist

*Director of Choral Music and Music & Art Education
The St. James School*

When We All Get to Heaven

*The P.A.C.E. Music Group - Camden Brass Ensemble
(Preparing Artists for College Entrance)*



Prelude

Improvisation on "We Shall Overcome"

arr. Carl Haywood

Mr. Wesley Parrott, Cathedral Organist

Procession

Universal African Percussion Ensemble

Opening Hymn

Blessed Absalom

1 Born in bondage, born in shackles,
Born stripped of all dignity,
Abs'lom Jones was bound, determined,
That he would one day be free.
Blessed Abs'lom, leads us, guides us,
In the bonds of unity.

3 When in Philadelphia settled,
He sought persons in great need,
Dedicated to empow'rment,
His own people did he lead.
Blessed Abs'lom, pray that we from
All indiff'rence may be freed.

2 Seeking to expand horizons,
Bible, primer he did find;
To each word he was attentive,
Learning, lest he fall behind.
Blessed Abs'lom, liberates us
From the prison of our mind.

4 One fine morning, while at worship,
Wrested from his knees in prayer;
He, his friends, were thus evicted:
"You no more may praise God here."
Blessed Abs'lom, pray that we may
Stand steadfast and persevere

5 Founded he Saint Thomas' church for
Afric's sons and daughters blest;
Full-fledged members of Christ's Body,
They no longer were oppressed.
Blessed Abs'lom, pray that we may
Be the church at Christ's behest.

6 Blessed Abs'lom Jones, first priest of
Afric's stock within our fold;
May we, inspired by your witness
Raise up priests with hearts of gold!
Blessed Abs'lom, pioneer, prophet
May your story long be told.

7 Praise to Christ the Liberator;
Praise Creator ever blest;
Praise the Spirit, Source of comfort,
North to south, and east to west:
Blessed Abs'lom, priest, exemplar,
In God's bosom now at rest.

Words: Harold T. Lewis (b. 1947) From *Lift Every Voice and Sing*.

Blessing of the Absalom Jones Icon

The Bishop blesses the icon of Absalom Jones with holy water; a censor with blessed incense burns in front of the icon.

The Bishop then says

Bishop Blessed Absalom, lead us, guide us!

Assembly In bonds of unity, lead us, guide us! Amen.

Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose will it is to be glorified in your saints, and who raised up your servant Absalom Jones to be a light in the world; shine we pray in our hearts, that following his example, we in our generation may strive for the liberation and reconciliation of all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom you have called us out of darkness into your marvelous light, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit throughout all ages. Amen.

Opening Acclamation

Bishop Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Assembly And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever, Amen.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria in excelsis *Valerie V. Gay, soprano – Shango-Jamal Lewis, baritone*

Glo - ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name,___ Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.____

1. Glo-ry to God___ in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.____

2. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you,___ we give you thanks,___ we praise you for___ your glo-ry.

Unison

3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. — 4. You

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, 5. You are

seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our — prayer. 6. For

you a - lone — are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are — the Lord,

Unison

7. You a - lone — are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the

Descant

Lord, — Lord — we

glo-ry of the Fa - ther. Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we

praise you Lord, Lord hal - le -

praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we

lu - jah.

Women

Praise your Ho - ly name.

Men

Praise your Ho - ly name.

A - - - men.

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Collect of the Day

Bishop The Lord be with you.

Assembly And also with you.

Bishop 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.

All sit.

Liturgy of the Word

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord

Response Thanks be to God.



From the Psalter

Psalm 78:17

arr. La Treice Branson

La Treice Branson, soloist & drummer

The Saint James School

Second Lesson

Ephesians 4: 1-6

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord

Response Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn is sung as the Gospel Book is carried to the Ambo.

Gradual Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing

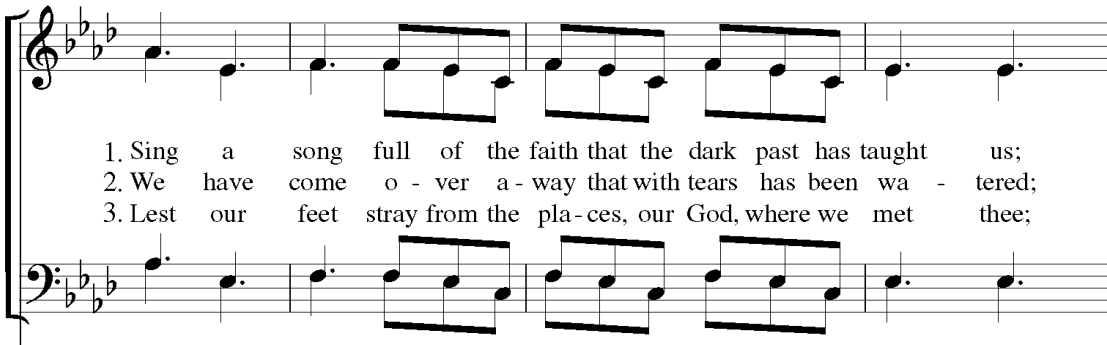
Valerie V. Gay, soprano - Shango-Jamal Lewis, baritone

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - 'ning
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

1. ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
2. rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
3. tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

1. ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - 'ning
2. died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y
3. way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in - to the

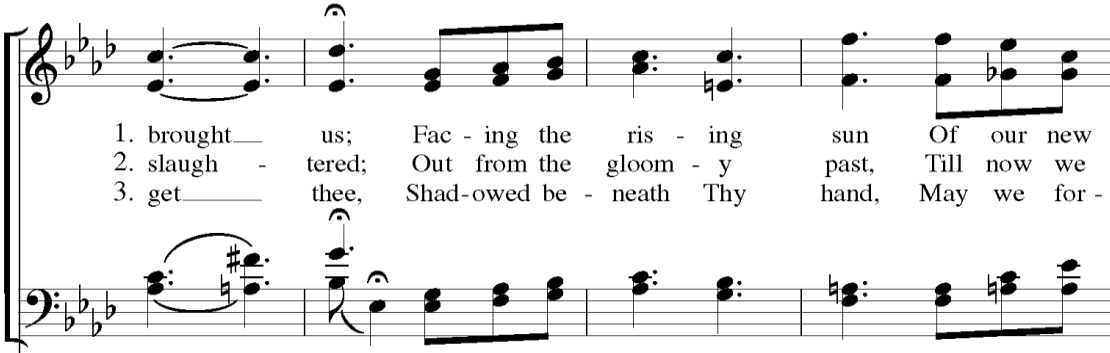
1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
2. feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?
3. light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 2. We have come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 3. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thee;



1. Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 2. We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -



1. brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
 2. slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
 3. get thee, Shad-owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for -



1. day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 2. stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 3. ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Response Glory to you, Lord Christ.

‘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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

Response Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Right Reverend Carlye H. Hughes
XI Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, New Jersey

All stand.

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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor God of freedom and justice: We celebrate today your servant, Absalom Jones, the first person of African ancestry ordained in The Episcopal Church. Empower your Church, O God, and the Diocese of Pennsylvania, its people and its clergy. Teach us how to continue the ministries of reconciliation and peace and to grow Absalom Jones' ministry of racial justice. God of power and goodness:

Response Hear our prayer.

Intercessor God who hears, you put the tears of our forbearers into your bottle, recording them in your book: Help the nations of the world hear their citizens' concerns by responding to injustice, war, and slavery with actions that lead to peace. God of power and goodness:

Response Hear our prayer.

Intercessor God who creates, Blessed Absalom reminded us that sacrifices must be accompanied with action: Guide our feet to run the race without getting weary. Keep us focused on the fight for equality. God of power and goodness:

Response Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Healing God, deliver those who call upon your name: Inspire our hearts with hope as we offer prayers for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Assist them to grow from strength to strength as they come to know you more fully. God of power and goodness:

Response Hear our prayer.

Intercessor God of compassion, you hear your people's cries and prayers in heaven: Help us remember that we stand on the prayers of our ancestors. As they prayed for current and future generations, so must we pray today for our sisters and brothers who have died and for those yet to come. God of power and goodness:

Response Hear our prayer.

The Bishop then prays

Almighty God, you created all people and blessed us by making us in a wondrous variety. As you were with Blessed Absalom, be with us as we seek to make "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Support each of us as we work to do your will, that together we may make a difference. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People - Adapted from "A Litany of Thanksgiving for Absalom Jones" written by the Reverend Jemonde Taylor.



Sharing of God's Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Assembly And also with you.

Welcome

Offertory Sentence

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.
(Psalm 50:14)

Proceeds from this year's Absalom Jones service will be allocated to the *Absalom Jones Memorial Project: Faith & Freedom*. As part of this project, a beautiful statue of Blessed Absalom Jones will be commissioned to honor his life and legacy as the first African-American priest in The Episcopal Church.

To make a gift in support of this project, please make your check payable to the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania and indicate in the memo section *Absalom Jones Memorial Project*.

**You may also make a gift online by visiting the Diocesan website at
www.diopa.org**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Anthem

"Even me"

*From a 2016 video performance in the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral by
Lincoln University Choir, Edryn Coleman, Director, with student
Dane Baker conducting.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Bishop The Lord be with you.

Assembly And also with you.

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

Assembly We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly 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. For the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been chosen vessels of your grace, and the lights of the world in their generations. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus Valerie V. Gay, soprano - Shango-Jamal Lewis, baritone

Introduction

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are

filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high est. Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord, of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Bishop continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Bishop and Assembly

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await His coming in glory.

The Bishop continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Absalom and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

(The Book of Common Prayer - Eucharistic Prayer B)

The Lord's Prayer *(said by all)*

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

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.

Bishop Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Assembly Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei Valerie V. Gay, soprano - Shango-Jamal Lewis, baritone

Org.

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.

Org.

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Anthem "Soon ah will be done" William Dawson

*From a 2016 video performance in the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral
by the combined choirs of Lincoln University, Haverford College,
and Bryn Mawr College. - Edryn Coleman, Conductor*

All stand.

Postcommunion Prayer (*said by all*)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop's Blessing

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
Assembly Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Recessional Hymn

In Christ there is no East or West



1. In _____ Christ there is no _____ East or West, In
 2. In _____ Him shall true hearts _____ ev - ery - where Their
 3. Join _____ hands, dis - ci - ples _____ of the faith, What
 4. In _____ Christ now meet both _____ East and West, In

1. Him no South _____ or _____ North; _____ But _____ one great fel - low -
 2. high com - mu - nion _____ find; _____ His _____ ser - vice is the
 3. e'er your race _____ may _____ be! _____ Who _____ serves my Fa - ther
 4. Him meet South _____ and _____ North; _____ All _____ Christ - ly souls are

1. ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
 2. gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man kind.
 3. as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.
 4. one in him Through - out the whole wide earth.

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About Bishop Hughes - Guest Preacher

On May 19, 2018, the Rev. Carlye J. Hughes was elected as the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Newark on the first ballot. Upon her consecration on September 22, 2018 at NJPAC, she became the first woman and African American to serve as bishop of this diocese.

A life-long Episcopalian, Hughes was born Tulsa, Oklahoma and raised in Ft. Worth, Texas. She earned a BA in Drama from the University of Texas in Austin, and for 20 years she made her home in New York City, while pursuing a career in Human Resources as a corporate trainer, mostly in the hotel industry.



While in NYC she discerned a call to the priesthood and attended Virginia Theological seminary, earning a M.Div. in 2005. After a Lilly Fellowship at St. James' Church in New York City, she was called to serve as rector first at St. Peter's, Church Peekskill NY; and most recently at Trinity Church, Ft. Worth, Texas. Hughes describes her ministry there as one in which she helped others "discover the ways they are called to serve God and God's people... supporting, encouraging, and empowering them to go and do what God created them to do. Because, Hughes stated, "Today's church is not one that can rest on the past while waiting for people to come and ask about the faith. Instead God is guiding us to be active participants in the world. An important element of my ministry... is to nurture and guide our capacity to build relationships with neighbors locally or on the other side of the globe."

Hughes has been active on the Board of Trustees of The Virginia Theological Seminary; as a member of the Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, Diocesan Convention Chaplain in the Diocese of New York, and in the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth as a member of the Standing Committee and as a General Convention Delegate. At the national level, she has served the General Convention on the Task for the Study of Marriage and the Racial Justice & Reconciliation.

Hughes is married to David Smedley and they have a dog, Abbey.

The Right Reverend Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez **XVI Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania**

The Rt. Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez was ordained on July 16, 2016, as the 16th bishop of the historic Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, the second oldest and fourth largest in The Episcopal Church (TEC). He serves as one of only two Hispano/Latino bishops in TEC outside of Province IX.



After his initial “listening pilgrimage” across the diocese, Bishop Gutiérrez focused on emphasizing the sacred presence of Jesus Christ and a call to holiness through a renewed focus on reverence, deep relationships, innovation, accountability and listening. He restructured the diocesan offices to better serve its parishes without increasing the budget. He emphasizes the role of a bishop as a pastor to the clergy and a shepherd to the laity.

The mystery of the Eucharist, contemplative prayer, scripture, pilgrimage and continually seeking the heart of Jesus Christ are spiritual foundations for Bishop Gutiérrez. “I long to be like the beloved disciple John; leaning against the chest of our Savior. Listening to his heartbeat. I am deeply, passionately in love with God. I have been transfixed and transformed by him through each step of my holy pilgrimage called life. His love, has left me speechless. In the words of that beloved disciple, “We love because he first loved us.” My heart seeks his heart. I am a clumsy but eager apprentice. I am most influenced by His words to Peter: ‘Feed my sheep.’ There is no greater calling than serving him and following this instruction with each action I take. I listen for him to whisper, ‘Come and See. Follow me!’” Then let us fall into the arms of Christ and listen to His heart.

Before his calling as Bishop, he had a distinguished career in both The Episcopal Church and in public service in New Mexico. Rebuilding and growing churches were the hallmark of his time in key leadership positions at The Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande. At the request of the Presiding Bishop, he served in an administrative oversight position for The Episcopal Church in Navajoland, which included being vice president of the Navajoland Economic Development Corporation.

His career in public service included serving as chief of staff to the Mayor of Albuquerque and Director of Economic Development. More than 25,000 private sector jobs were created as a result of efforts to recruit new businesses and expand existing ones. With his involvement in local, state, and national politics and extensive

experience and expertise in government, Bishop Gutiérrez also taught political consulting and marketing as an adjunct professor at the University of New Mexico. In 1998, he founded a strategy, marketing, media, and political consulting company called Mensajes.

Throughout his years in public service and in the church, Bishop Gutiérrez has served as a board member for numerous national organizations. In 2018, he served as vice-chairperson of The Social Justice and International Policy Committee for the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

He currently serves as chairman of the Board of Trustees for Episcopal Community Services, The Church Foundation, and the Clergy Assurance Fund; and as a board member for The Church Farm School, Episcopal Academy, The Gathering of Leaders, Forward Movement and the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese. He also is a trustee of the General Seminary of The Episcopal Church. In addition, Bishop Gutiérrez is a confrere of the Venerable Order of St. John; a co-convener of the Bishops United Against Gun Violence; and on the Religious Leaders Council of Philadelphia.

A native of New Mexico, Bishop Gutiérrez comes from a family that settled in "the Land of Enchantment" in the 1500s. He received Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and History and a Master of Public Administration (concentration in budgeting), all from the University of New Mexico. While at the University of New Mexico, he was named a Graduate Scholars Fellow. Bishop Gutierrez earned a diocesan certificate in Anglican Studies through the Trinity School for Ministry and a Master in Theological Studies from St. Norbert College.

Aside from his faith, Bishop Gutiérrez counts as his most important role and greatest responsibility a position he assumed on June 26, 1998, when he became the extremely proud father of his son Jude, a junior at the University of New Mexico and member of ROTC who will be commissioned in the United States Army. It is a joy he shares with his wife, best friend, and partner of 28 years, Suzanne Fletcher Gutiérrez. The family shares in this joy with a household of dogs, turtles, pheasants, owls, and the other miscellaneous "pets" that wander through their lives.

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Special thanks to the gifted and talented musicians who participated in the pre-gathering portion of this worship service celebrating the life and legacy of Blessed Absalom Jones.

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The Springside Chestnut Hill Academy Choir

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