

**The Great Thanksgiving : Eucharistic Prayer I** BCP 333  
Lord’s Prayer BCP 336  
**The Breaking of the Bread** BCP 337

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. Those not receiving communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply signify by crossing your arms over your chest.*

Postcommunion Prayer BCP 339

**Blessing and Dismissal**

**The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
by Henry Eichelberger & Lisa Tracy  
in loving memory of Jeanne Eichelberger.**

**Altar Guild**

Elizabeth Harralson, Marlys Craun, Sharon Humphreys, Nancy Walker,  
Diana Kenney, Sue Denson, Elizabeth Branner, Kitty Wainwright, Jane Brooke, chair

**Flower Guild**

Elizabeth Boetsch, Claudia Ellis, Gail Dick, Rene Glidden, Catherine Marcus,  
Elizabeth Harralson, Peggy Riethmiller, Joy Harris, Kathy Kozak

**Readers & Chalicists**

Holt Merchant, Diana Kenney, John Milford, Gail Dickerson

**Ushers**

Holt Merchant

**Coffee Hour**

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**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

The Lexington Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

**February 13, 2022**      **The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**      **8:00 a.m.**  
**THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I**

**Announcements—Today:**  
**If you are visiting Grace Church this morning**, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pew rack and place in the offertory plate or hand to an usher. Thank you!  
**Christianity and Culture**, Parish Hall, 9:15 am, Absalom Jones - offered by Sharon White.  
*This week:*  
**Community Connection Monday** - 10 am—2 pm, Parish Hall. Come for light exercise, conversation and crafts! Bring your bagged lunch and enjoy the fellowship!  
**Men’s Prayer Breakfast** - Tuesday, 7 am, Parish Hall. New members always welcome!  
**Christianity and Culture**, Parish Hall, Sunday, 9:15 am, Learning about Psalms with Joanne Robblee.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Acclamation** Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 323  
**Gloria** BCP 324

**The Collect of the Day**  
O God, the strength of all who put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, give us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The Lessons**  
*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.

**Psalm 1** BCP 585  
*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.

*Luke 6:17-26*

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 Sermon** Fr. Tuck  
**The Nicene Creed** BCP 326

**A Litany of Thanksgiving for Absalom Jones**

*Written by the Reverend Jemonde Taylor and based on “A Thanksgiving Sermon” given by the Reverend Absalom Jones on January 1, 1808.*

*Please pray for the wider Church and intercessions requested by our Congregants:*

*Pray for The Anglican Communion; The Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Standing Committee of the Diocese of Haiti as they search for their new Bishop; the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines; the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and their Archbishop, The Most Rev. Justin Badi Arama; the Episcopal Church in the United States of America and our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael B Curry; the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, and our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Mark Bourlakas.*

*Pray for the people of Christ Church, Marion and their rector The Rev. Emily Edmondson.*

*Pray for Bob and Lynda DeMaria, Peter Fyfe, Lucy Moise, Bob Crensdon, David Burford, Mary Jane Hubbard, Glen Jones, Don Ellis, Robyn & Don Fleming (uncles of Pat McGuire), Alice Furgerson, Julie Jennings, Mary Froeblich, Betty Swope, Bill Kozak, Bob Glidden, Eli Bradley, Richard Jones, and those we name aloud or in our hearts.*

*Pray for those who have died, especially John Dinkel.*

*We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week – Rick Pollard (2/15), Keith Prince (2/17), Steve Riethmiller (2/21)*

**Celebrant:** O God of freedom and justice: we celebrate this day your servant, Absalom Jones, the first person of African Ancestry ordained in The Episcopal Church. Empower us to build a world where righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne as we pray: Glory to God for your precious record of power and goodness; let all the nations of the earth praise you.

**Reader:** Let your Church continue the ministries of reconciliation and peace. Help us grow

Absalom Jones’ ministry of racial justice. Glory to God for your precious record of power and goodness;

**Response:** Let all the nations of the earth praise you.

**Reader:** 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. Glory to God for your precious record of power and goodness;

**Response:** Let all the nations of the earth praise you.

**Reader:** God of our Ancestors, Blessed Absalom reminded us that just as your chosen people acknowledged a Syrian, ready to perish, was their ancestor, we too must acknowledge that an enslaved African, ready to perish, was our ancestor: Endue our elders and leaders with wisdom and vision to reach back with the purpose of moving forward. Glory to God for your precious record of power and goodness;

**Response:** Let all the nations of the earth praise you.

**Reader:** God of compassion, you hear your people’s cries and prayers in heaven: accept our intercessions and petitions as part of our worship of you. Help us remember that we stand on the prayers of our ancestors. As they prayed for current and future generations, so must we pray for our sisters and brothers today and for those to come. Glory to God for your precious record of power and goodness;

**Response:** Let all the nations of the earth praise you.

**Reader:** 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. Glory to God for your precious record of power and goodness;

**Response:** Let all the nations of the earth praise you.

**Reader:** Healing God, deliver those who call upon your name as we intercede for them. You inspire our hearts with hope as we offer prayers of thanksgiving. Continue to grow from strength to strength those who know you more fully, as we pray for the departed, especially John Dinkel. Glory to God for your precious record of power and goodness;

**Response:** Let all the nations of the earth praise you.

**Celebrant:** Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear: that, honoring the steadfast courage of thy 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 thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Confession of Sin** BCP 330

**The Peace**

Welcome

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*Offertory*