

Celebrating the Feast of Absalom Jones

(Transferred)



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Glenside, Pennsylvania
February 15, 2026
10:00 A.M.

Gathering In Joy

Prelude: Gospel Fancy

Phyllis Hall (dates unknown)

Opening Hymn: *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, #64 I love to tell the story

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Presider says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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.**

Listening for God's Word

The First Reading- *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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126 (*Read by all, using the Book of Common Prayer*)

BCP 782

The Epistle- *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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn: *Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #190* He'll understand and say,
“Well Done”**

The Gospel- John 15:12-15

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

Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Barbara Ballenger

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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, *Clouds and Glory*

David Adam

When the Intercessor says, “Lord God, you call us to serve you” the people respond, **“Be our strength in all we do.”**

The priest concludes with this prayer:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People

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.

Presider:

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

Please greet other members of the congregation with a sign of peace.

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrating Holy Communion

Please remember that intinction, dipping bread into wine, is offered on the left side of the circle as you face the altar, and sipping from the common cup is offered on the right side.

Offertory Anthem: Song of the Apostle

John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

Presentation Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982, #328 Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord*

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider says

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the obedience of your saints you have given us an example of righteousness, and in their eternal joy a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling. 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: Holy, Holy

Norah Duncan

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Presider 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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 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 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,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 Peter and Philip and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

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

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The Presider continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

Communion Music: Trouble Done Come My Way Florence Price (1887-1953)
 solo by Carol Lorentz-Burnett

The Post-Communion Prayer

Priest and people together

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.

Sending Out

The Blessing

Burying the Alleluia

Brodie Memba Ibanez

Burying the A Word

When we give God our joyous praise
We use a word that starts with A.
Except during the days of Lent
When we are quiet and penitent,
And hide the joyful words we say,
Like that one that starts with A.
Today we hide that special word.
'Til Easter Day it won't be heard.
Then it will come forth from its tomb
And find its voice, and fill the room.
Meanwhile we will pray and fast
Till we can shout our joy at last!
So rest well word that starts with A,
We'll see you again in 40 days.

Tell Out My Soul: Ministry Moment

Dave Kipphut
Property

Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning (occasional)

Presider: In the name of the congregation of St Peter's we send you, forth bearing the gift of Holy Communion to ...

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread and one cup.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Please stand in your pew when your name is called and remain standing through the Prayer.

Birthdays:

Robert Stackhouse 02/15

Anniversaries:

Timothy & Tanya Voit 02/17

Birthday & Anniversary Prayer

BCP 830

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom

and grace; and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

- Grab your coffee and join us in the library following morning worship in the library, following morning worship for **a discussion of The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride**. Parishioners Lisa Moore and Betty Hilary will facilitate the discussion.
- Prepare for Lent during our **Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and Talent Show on Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 6 p.m.** Sign up using the link in the newsletter to help or participate in the talent show.
- **Ash Wednesday Services:** We invite you to attend our 9:30 a.m. or 7p.m. Eucharist and ash distribution. If you cannot attend a liturgy, ashes will be available all day. See the newsletter for more details.
- Scan the QR code to explore all our **Lenten programming**.



Closing Hymn: *With One Voice*, #654 Alleluia! Song of gladness

The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude: Go Down, Moses

W. C. Handy (1873-1958)

Worship Ministers

Presider & Preacher: *The Rev. Barbara Ballenger*

Deacon: *The Rev. Bob Smith*

Acolytes: *Alyssa Clemens, Sophia Kelly, Patrick McMahon*

Lectors: *Debbie DeKalb, Rick DeKalb*

Intercessor: *Carol Lorentz-Burnett*

Counter:

Eucharistic Ministers: *Jenna Linke, Debbie Panebianco*

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