

February 14, 2021

9:00 am

**Last Sunday after the Epiphany
The Feast of Absalom Jones**



The Holy Eucharist - Rite II

In this season of Epiphany, we lovingly and intentionally are utilizing supplemental worship materials from The Episcopal Church's Enriching Our Worship. Let this familiar liturgy with its nuanced language, invite you deeper in your faith, and may the words open space for you to journey closer to Immanuel, God With Us.

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SUNDAYS IN EPIPHANY AT ST. JAMES



As we return to worshipping exclusively online it is a good time to remember (and discover) some of the ways we can engage the practice less passively. Worship is the expression of the relationship of God, community, and self. So to bring ourselves fully into this expression, we should be intentional in how we participate.

1. Get ready. Turn off distractions and give the whole time to something greater than ourselves.
2. Use your largest screen.
3. Light a candle or place art or arrange flowers near that screen.
4. During the prelude breathe deeply and stretch your body.
5. Stand and sit and kneel and make the sign of the cross and bow and so on.
6. If joining the livestream of Holy Eucharist, say the responses, sing the hymns, check in with one another in the chat. Offer your prayers.
7. Everybody should get out pens and paper (or color crayons...) and write words that leap out at you or doodle. You could use clay and shape it. You could knit prayerfully. You could fill a tray with salt and write words with your finger. We need to find ways to connect with the tactile part of our life with Christ.

Lastly, **be not afraid** of YouTube, Facebook Live, or Zoom.

Challenge yourself to learn something new to worship with us.

Reach out if you need help.

And if you know how to use YouTube, Facebook Live, or Zoom, REACH OUT to someone in the church who doesn't and offer to help.

It will never be exactly the same as in person, however we can make it deeper for ourselves and each other. You are loved. You are not alone. And you are braver than you think.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Processional

O Wondrous Type!

Hymn 137

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever**

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Reading from 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

Please read responsively by half verse.

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Gradual Hymn Christ whose Glory Fills the Skies Hymn 7

Please stand for the Gospel.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John
***People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: John 15:12-15

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."

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

Please be seated

The Sermon

The Reverend Jessie Thompson

A Time of Reflection and Silence Follows.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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

Prayers of the People written by Rev. Rick Morley, Rector of St Marks Basking Ridge NJ

Celebrant Let us pray to God, who is made manifest in Jesus Christ.

As the prophet Isaiah rang out, “Arise, shine; for your light has come”;
empower your Church, O God, to ring out the Good News of the Light of
your son Jesus, which pierces even the deepest darkness.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

As a star rose high into the nighttime sky to draw the nations to the Christ-
child; send your blessing, O God, on this nation, and every nation, and draw
the whole world to your peace and truth.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

As John the Baptist guided throngs of people to the edge of the wilderness
and baptized Jesus in the River Jordan, we pray that you would guide our
country and our leaders to the ways of justice and righteousness.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Like the Magi who traveled from afar to bring gifts and celebrate the Savior's birth; we pray for this community, and for those who celebrate their own birthdays and anniversaries this week.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

As Jesus climbed the mountaintop, and proclaimed blessings on the people of the world; we pray for the sick and the distressed, the poor and the lame. We especially pray for those we name now, out loud or silently.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

As Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and boats, and follow him; we pray for those we love and who have answered your call to follow Jesus to your Heavenly Kingdom. Give them your peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant offers a collect appropriate to the day.

The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,**

and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

The Absolution

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord. You may greet each other in the comments section of our worship video.

Announcements

Offertory Hymn Songs of Thankfulness and Praise Hymn 135

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE.

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love;

you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body.
Through your Spirit you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.
Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Celebrant and People say together

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People say together

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 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.**

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

People and Celebrant

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

The Invitation

The Communion

The Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

All Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth

a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Recessional Alleluia Sing to Jesus Hymn 460

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Dismissal LEVAS
Hymn This Little Light of Mine 160



VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR!

Beginning at 10am after the service.

Join by computer/tablet/smartphone:	Join by phone:
https://tinyurl.com/y6kllljc	+1 646 558 865
Meeting ID: 958 1793 8771	Meeting ID: 958 1793 8771
Passcode: 043695	

Blessing Box Reminder

Please remember to keep the Blessing Box stocked during these winter months.



Especially things like:

- Food
- Gloves
- Socks
- Hats
- Books
- Scarves

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY RESUMES JAN 11TH!

6:30-8PM ON ZOOM

BY COMPUTER/IPAD/SMARTPHONE:

[HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/93491299770](https://zoom.us/j/93491299770)

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During these uncertain times, I ask you to revisit your current method of contributing to our parish. Thank you if you are presently mailing in your pledge (no cash) or using our online giving program, Parish Giving. If you currently give by check, please consider signing up for Parish Giving on our website:

<https://stjamesprospectpark.org/>

Online giving allows us to better stabilize our finances so we can continue to focus on the mission of our parish.

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request you would like the team to have on their list, please contact **Debbie Klina** at 610-733-3298.

If you would like your prayer request listed publicly on the church bulletin for the entire church to join in praying with you, please either email the church (stjames732@gmail.com) or call the church office (610-461-6698). NOTE: Names will remain on the list for 3 months. After that time, please resubmit the name if continued prayers are needed. PLEASE make sure you have each person's permission to add them to the Prayer List.