



*The FEAST of*

**BLESSED ABSALOM JONES,**  
*Pioneer, Prophet, & Priest*

*Transferred*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023

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*The ELEVENTH BISHOP of MISSOURI, Presider*

THE RIGHT REVEREND JENNIFER BASKERVILLE-BURROWS  
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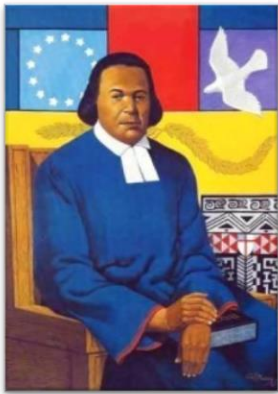
# THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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Scattered into the world we gather together as God's people in worship. We bring the fragments of our lives to be healed and made whole in Christ as we gather in community.

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri. We gather from intimate rural parishes and sprawling urban ones, with longtime church members and those new to the faith to celebrate a new verse in a song that has been ringing through eternity. As we gather, we bring our diverse gifts: gifts of music, dance, prophecy, teaching, preaching, and friendship. We present these gifts in the form of our most precious offering to God, our very selves, that all that we do may be for God's glory in the unity of Christ's church.

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**ABSALOM JONES** (November 7, 1746 – February 13, 1818) was an African American abolitionist and clergyman. After founding St. Thomas African Episcopal Church, a black congregation in 1794, he was the first African American ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church of the United States in 1804.

Absalom Jones and Richard Allen founded the Free African Society, first conceived as a non-denominational mutual aid society, to help newly freed slaves in Philadelphia. Jones and Allen later separated, as their religious lives took different directions after 1794, but they remained lifelong friends and collaborators. Absalom Jones is listed on the Episcopal calendar of saints and remembered liturgically on the date of his death, February 13, in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer.

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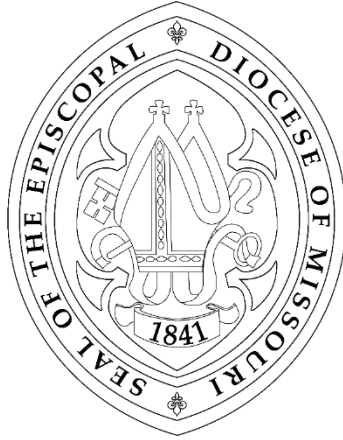
## THE RIGHT REVEREND JENNIFER BASKERVILLE-BURROWS



Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, a native of New York City, holds a bachelor's degree in architecture with a minor in urban studies from Smith College, an M.A. in historic preservation planning from Cornell University, and an M.Div. degree from Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP) in 1997. Before being elected bishop in 2016, she served in the Dioceses of Newark, Central New York and Chicago. She is the first black woman to be elected a diocesan bishop in the Episcopal Church.

Bishop Jennifer's expertise includes historic preservation of religious buildings, stewardship and development, race and class reconciliation, and spiritual direction. She is an accomplished distance runner and triathlete and a passionate chef and baker. She and her husband, Harrison Burrows, are parents to Timothy.

A defining experience of her ministry came when she found herself near the World Trade Center the morning of September 11, 2001. In the midst of a fearful situation, her own faith and that of others who sought shelter alongside her gave her a renewed perspective of faith vanquishing fear. "The Episcopal Church teaches me that the world is filled with incredible beauty and unspeakable pain and that God is deeply in the midst of it all loving us fiercely," she says.



PRELUDE

## HISTORICAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI

In humility, we recognize and acknowledge that we in the Diocese of Missouri worship and live on the traditional ancestral lands of the Osage Nation, the Illiniwek/Peoria Tribe, the O-Gah-Pah (Quapaw) Tribe, the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, and other First Peoples. We recognize our mutual dependence upon and benefit from this land; we proclaim our solidarity with and our debt to the Peoples who first claimed and improved this land as their home. We acknowledge our complicity in the process of colonization that dispossessed the First Peoples from their ancestral lands. We affirm our commitment to stand with indigenous communities today and henceforth as they seek justice and resist continued threats to their sovereignty and humanity.

We are also cognizant that the history of The Episcopal Church is intertwined with the history of colonialism and slavery in the United States. More than four centuries ago, the first Africans were brought to the Americas and enslaved. Two centuries ago, enslaved and indigenous persons contributed to the exploration of this state by Lewis and Clark. Our state's history is entangled with both the Missouri Compromise making this state officially a slave state, and the cases of Scott v. Emerson that petitioned for Dred and Harriet Scott's emancipation. We acknowledge the tragic legacy of slavery in our diocese, and the blood, sweat, and tears of enslaved people that soak the earth beneath our feet in Missouri. This legacy persists today as we continue to work towards racial justice, equity, liberation, and community, here in Missouri and across The Episcopal Church.



We love pictures and videos, and we love sharing what we do on social media. When attending Diocesan events or services, you agree to our using pictures of you and any children in your charge on social media and elsewhere. If you prefer not to be included in photos or video, please inform a staff member or usher **before** we start taking pictures or video.

# GATHERING RITE

## AFRICAN DRUMMING PRELUDE

### OPENING HYMN: "THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD"

1. The right hand of God is writ-ing in our land,  
2. The right hand of God is point-ing in our land,  
3. The right hand of God is strik-ing in our land,  
4. The right hand of God is lift-ing in our land,  
5. The right hand of God is heal-ing in our land,

Writ - ing with pow - er and with love.  
Point - ing the way we must go.  
Strik-ing out at en - vy, hate and greed.  
Lift - ing the fal - len one by one.  
Heal-ing bro - ken bod - ies, minds and souls.

Our con - flicts and our fears, our tri-umphs and our  
So cloud - ed is the way, so eas - i - ly we  
Our self - ish - ness and lust, our pride and deeds un -  
Each one is known by name, and res-cued now from  
So won-d'rous is its touch with love that means so

tears Are re - cord-ed by the right hand of God.  
stray, But we're guid-ed by the right hand of God.  
just Are de - stroyed by the right hand of God.  
shame By the lift-ing of the right hand of God.  
much, When we're healed by the right hand of God.

## THE GREETING

*The Presider welcomes the community and greets the assembly with these words.*

*Presider* Blessed be the One whose justice rolls down like mighty waters.

*All* **And whose righteousness is like an ever-flowing stream.**

*Presider* Holy God, lead us that we may stand firm in faith for justice. Teach us love. Teach us compassion.

*All* **Above all, out of love and compassion, teach us to act; in the name of Jesus the Anointed One.**

*Presider* So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually[i] into a dwelling place for God. *Ephesians 2:19-22*

### SONG OF PRAISE: "REVIVE US AGAIN"

1 We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love, for Je - sus who  
2 We praise thee, O God, for thy Spir - it of light, who has shown us our  
3 All glo - ry and praise to the Lamb that was slain, who has borne all our  
4 Re - vive us a - gain: fill each heart with thy love; may each soul be re -

*Refrain*  
died and is now gone a - bove.  
Sav - ior and scat - tered our night. Hal - le - lu - jah! thine the glo - ry; Hal - le -  
sins, and has cleansed ev - ery stain. kin - dled with fire from a - bove.

lu - jah, A - men! Hal - le - lu - jah! thine the glo - ry; re - vive us a - gain.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* God is with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider* Set us free, Almighty God, 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.

# WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

HEBREW SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 11:1-5

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

*At the end of the reading the Reader says*

*Reader* Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

*All* Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 137

Refrain

By the wa-ters of Bab-y - lon, we shall cry,  
we shall rest, and re - mem - ber Zi-on.

1. We long to play our harps  
2. 7 May we not for - get strength!  
3. 7 Lord, we need your strength!

and raise a song to you.  
be - lov - ed Je - ru - sa - lem!  
7 Fill us with your spir - it!

But how can we sing our song in a  
Lord, help us to sing our song in this  
In - spire us to bring your song to this  
D.C.

for - eign land?  
for - eign land!  
for - eign land!

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## NEW TESTAMENT: GALATIANS 5:1-5

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Listen! I, Paul, am telling you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you. Once again I testify to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obliged to obey the entire law. You who want to be justified by the law have cut yourselves off from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. For through the Spirit, by faith, we eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.

*At the end of the reading the Reader says*

**Reader** Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

**All** Thanks be to God.

### CARIBBEAN ALLELUIA X3

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

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**Deacon** God is with you.

**All** And also with you.

**Deacon** Hear the Good News of Christ according to John 15:12-15

**All** Amen. Praise to you O Christ.

*The Deacon continues with the Gospel.*

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."

*At the end of the proclamation the Deacon says:*

**Deacon** The Gospel of Christ.

**People** Amen. Glory to you O Christ.

## THE SERMON

THE RIGHT REVEREND JENNIFER BASKERVILLE-BURROWS

Bishop Diocesan, The Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis



## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH & THE RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

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*Presider* Dear people of God, we are the body of Christ and the inheritors of the apostles teaching and fellowship. We stand in the shadow of the prophets crying out for justice and peace in our own time and place. God calls us to be a voice of generous-spirited Christianity, a people of reconciliation, serving a world in need. Throughout our history courageous women and men have taken the risk of standing up and speaking out for the least and the lowest. We now stand in their place seeking to create sacred communities of hope for generations to come. This work involves risking ourselves for the sake of God's love, moving beyond ourselves in order to seek and serve Christ and one another. I invite you therefore, following the example of the One who welcomed the outcast and gave sight to the blind, to renew your commitment to the work and ministry of social justice.

*Deacon* Do you believe in God the Almighty?

*All* **I believe in God, the Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Deacon* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*All* **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Deacon* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*All* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Presider* Will you persevere in prayer and fellowship, seeking strength in our common life?

*All* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you proclaim the good news of the risen Christ, God's word of hope and reconciliation in word and deed, to those to whom Christ will send you?

*All* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you care for God's creation with wisdom and reverence, sharing freely of the gifts God has given?

*All* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you serve Christ in all persons, in those with whom you agree and disagree, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*All* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you strive to build God's reign, the beloved community of justice and righteousness, working to bring peace to the human family?

*All* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you be the voice of those who have no voice, the spirit of those whose spirit is broken and the messenger of hope for those sitting in despair?

*All* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you seek to mend what is broken by human sin and greed, and look for Christ present in those who suffer at the hand of others?

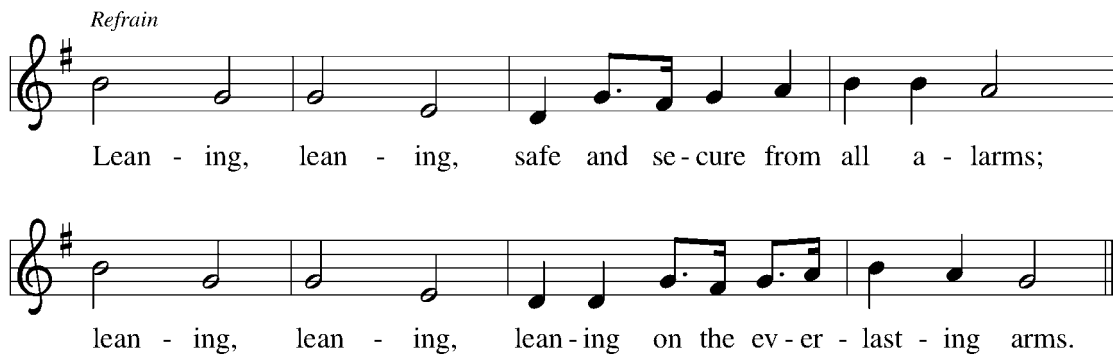
*All* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* May the God of Justice and Peace, who in love has called us to follow in the Way, pour out upon the blessings of the Holy Spirit to accomplish these things; May you go forth into the world to stand up, speak out and live into the reign of Christ our Savior. In peace let us pray to the Lord. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

*The prayers of the people are led by multiple voices.*

*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;  
lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

**Voice 1** We are God's servants, God's field, God's people, God's prophets, God's promise. In thanksgiving for all we've been given to do and to be, let us pray for the Church and the world.

**Voice 2** For the Jesus Movement everywhere, that we might be deeply, bravely faithful to the Christ we would follow and proclaim.

*Please pray in silence for disciples near and far, for Christians suffering persecution; for congregations in distress; for those in spiritual deserts, for your own faithful witness, and whatever is in your heart. Refrain*

**Voice 1** For all deacons who bring the world to you, and you to the world, that they would be signs of the servanthood we each share with Jesus.

**Voice 2** For all priests who strengthen and serve your people, that they would be signs of the priesthood of any who guide others to the border of the holy.

**Voice 1** For all bishops who look over and after your people, that they would be signs of your own fierce, shepherding love.

**Voice 2** For all lay ministers that together we might go forth in confidence and joy, and that we, would grow daily in humble service and love, for the sake of our Servant Savior.

*Please pray in silence for those in discernment; for all leaders of any faith, for any servant ministers in sorrow or need, for the waters of life to cover the world, for your own calling, whatever it may be, and whatever is in your heart. Refrain*

**Voice 1** For our wounded human family, suffering in hatred, want, and fear, that you would gather us under your vast, sheltering wings and lead us to healing and peace.

**Voice 2** For our baptismal ministry which really could bring this broken world home, one true word, gentle touch, courageous deed, generous gift, or honoring gaze at a time.

**Voice 1** For the renewal of our lives, that we might forgive and be forgiven our failures at love, and freed from the crippling sin of racism.

**Voice 2** For all who suffer in any way, especially from recent gun violence and natural disasters, that they might know your unfailing compassion, nearness, and help.

*Please pray silently for all who are in sorrow; for those unable to love or be loved, for those who can't forgive, for those in the grip of fear for your own woundedness, and whatever else is in your heart. Refrain*

*Refrain*

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;  
 lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Voice 1* For all who have died, cheering us on from their place of rest, that they might always grow in glory and grace.

*Voice 2* For all who seek new life, turning from shame, fear, humiliation or pride, that together we may be raised to a new life in Christ. **Refrain**

*The Presider concludes the prayers with the following collect.*

*Presider* Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

**EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE**

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The people greet each other with a sign of Christ's peace.*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

CREDO: "I BELIEVE"

ROBERT RAY'S MASS  
 DIOCESAN GOSPEL CHOIR

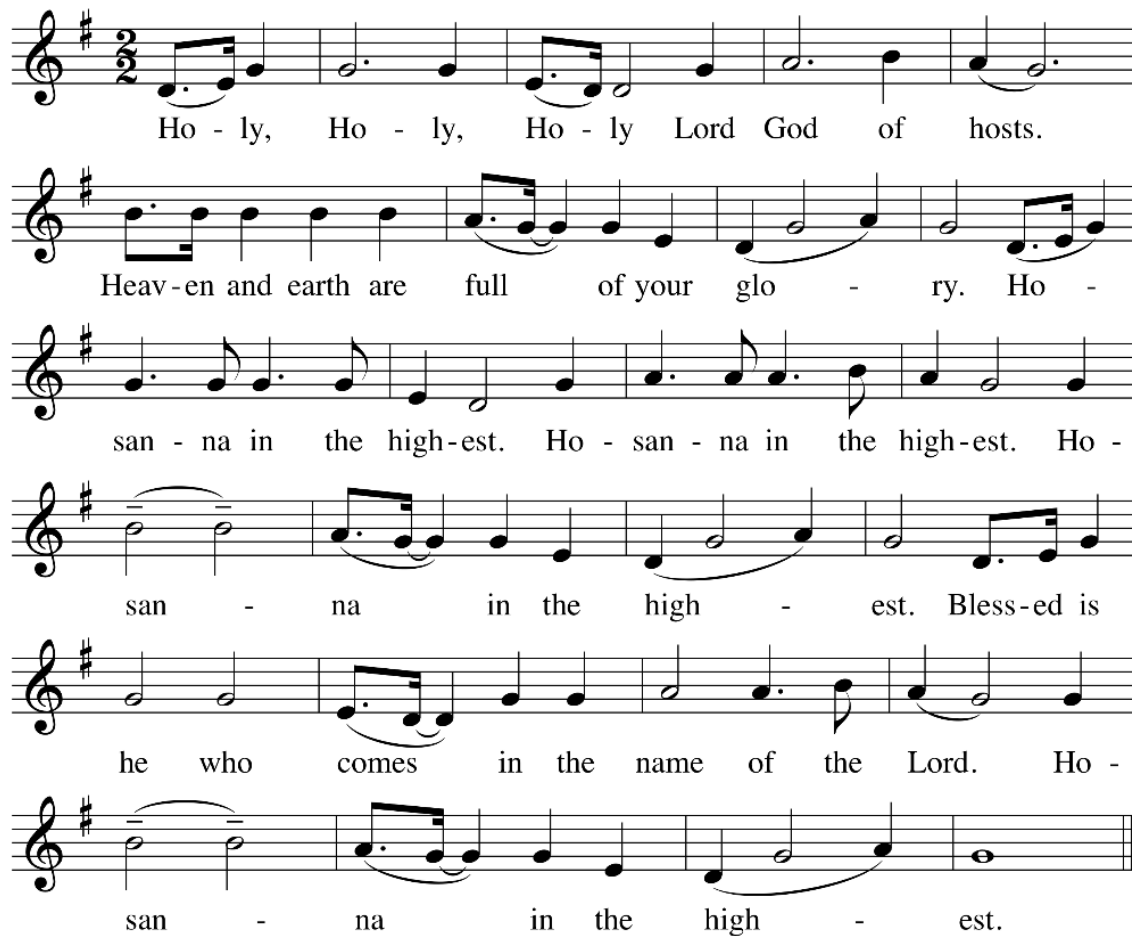
**GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

<i>Bishop</i> God is with you.	<i>Obispo</i> El Señor esté con ustedes.
<i>People</i> <b>And also with you.</b>	<i>Pueblo</i> <b>Y también contigo.</b>
<i>Bishop</i> Lift up your hearts.	<i>Obispo</i> Arriba los corazones.
<i>People</i> <b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>	<i>Pueblo</i> <b>Los tenemos con el Señor</b>
<i>Bishop</i> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	<i>Obispo</i> Démosle gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.
<i>People</i> <b>It is right to give thanks and praise.</b>	<i>Pueblo</i> <b>Es justo y necesario</b>

*Bishop* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: MASS OF SPIRITUALS



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est.

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- Bishop** 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.
- Bishop** 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.
- Bishop** 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.
- Bishop** 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. | "Tomen y coman. Este es mi Cuerpo, entregado por ustedes. Hagan esto como memorial mío."

**Bishop** 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. | "Beban todos de él. Esta es mi Sangre del nuevo Pacto, derramada por ustedes y por todos, para el perdón de los pecados. Siempre que lo beban, háganlo como memorial mío."

**Bishop** Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**Bishop** 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 Blessed Mary the Godbearer, Blessed Absalom Jones, Blessed James Thompson, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

**Bishop** 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. | Por Cristo, y con Cristo, y en Cristo, en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, tuyos son todo el honor y la gloria, ahora y por siempre. **AMÉN.**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER | LA ORACIÓN DEL SEÑOR

*You are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer slowly and quietly, listening to the others in the assembly, and to wait for those who speak in other languages to finish before saying "Amen."*

**Bishop** And now, in the languages of our heart, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray.

**Obispo** Y ahora, cada cual en su lengua materna, conforme nuestro Salvador Cristo nos ha enseñado, nos atrevemos a decir:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos, Santificado sea Tu Nombre. Venga Tu reino. Hágase Tu voluntad así en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, así como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en la tentación y líbranos del mal. Tuyos son el reino, el poder y la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni,  
Jina lako litukuzwe;  
Ufalme wako ufike,  
Utakalo lifanyike  
Duniani kama mbinguni.  
Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku,  
Utusamehe makosa yetu,  
Kama nasi tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea.  
Usitutie katika kishawishi,  
Lakini utuopoe maovuni.  
Amina.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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*The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread.*

**Bishop** Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Obispo** Aleluya! Cristo nuestra Pascua se ha sacrificado por nosotros;

**People** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

**Pueblo** Por lo tanto celebremos la fiesta. Aleluya!

Musical score for the hymn "The Breaking of the Bread". The score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace." The score includes first, second, and third endings. The first ending is marked "1., 2." and the second ending is marked "3.".

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## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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**Bishop** The Gifts of God for the People of God...

**Deacon** The table of Christ's body and blood is now made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus. It is the table of sharing with the poor and lowly of the world, with whom Jesus identified.

**Bishop** So come to this table you who have much faith or you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come. It is Christ who invites you to meet him here.

**People** Amen. As the bread and wine we now eat are transformed, may we be changed into the likeness of Christ; bone of his bone, flesh of his flesh, loving and caring for the world.

## A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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*Those joining in worship virtually are invited to offer the following prayer.*

Gracious and Loving God, on this day we are not able to gather around your table to celebrate your presence in the sacrament of bread and wine. We are not able to share your peace with one another. Nevertheless, we lift up our hearts, we join with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven as we proclaim you holy and receive you into our hearts by faith. Strengthen our love for you. Help us offer our sacrifice with all your faithful people, that we may restore health and wholeness to one another and to all your creation. Give us patience and hope as we long for the day when we can gather and break bread together again. Through Christ our Savior. Amen.

## SHARING THE SACRED MEAL

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*This is Christ's table and all are welcome, all are fed. Please follow the direction of the ushers to the communion station nearest you.*

**\*\*\*Please note that all consecrated bread is gluten free.\*\*\***

COMMUNION ANTHEM:

COMMUNION HYMN: JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?  
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;  
*Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,*

*D.C. for Refrain*

I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.  
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.  
*dai - ly walk - ing close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

LIFT EVERY VOICE & SING

*Once all have received communion the community stands and sings:*

1. Lift every voice and sing,  
Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of  
liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling  
sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that  
the dark past has taught us;  
Sing a song  
full of the hope that the present  
has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun  
Of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is  
won.

2. Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chast'ning rod,  
Felt in the days when hope  
unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our  
people sighed?  
We have come  
over a way that with tears has  
been watered;  
We have come,  
treading our path through the  
blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past,  
Till now we stand at last  
Where the bright gleam of our  
bright star is cast.

3. God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus  
far on the way;  
Thou who hast by the might  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path,  
we pray.  
Lest our feet  
stray from the places, our God,  
where we met thee;  
Lest our hearts,  
drunk with the wine of the  
world, we forget thee;  
Shadowed beneath thy hand,  
May we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our  
native land.

Text: 66 10 66 10 14 14 66 10; James W. Johnson, 1871-1938. Music: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873-1954

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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*At the invitation of the Presider all stand as able.*

*Presider* God is with you.

*Celebrante*

El Señor sea con ustedes.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Pueblo*

**Y con tu espíritu.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Celebrante*

Oremos.

*Silence is kept for a time.*

*People* **Blessed God, help us, whom you have fed and satisfied in this Eucharist, to hunger and thirst for what is right; help us, who here have rejoiced and been glad, to stand with those who are persecuted and reviled; help us, who here have glimpsed the life of heaven, to strive for the cause of right and for the coming of the kingdom of Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING & SENDING

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*Presider* May God bless you with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that you may seek truth boldly and love deep within your heart.

May God bless you with holy anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people.

May God bless you with the gift of tears to shed with those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you really CAN make a difference in this world, so that you are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.

And the blessing of God...

## CLOSING HYMN: "WE'RE MARCHING TO ZION" (REPRINTED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.)

*Deacon* Go forth into the world where people hunger and thirst, to share the bread of life and the wine of refreshment. Go forth into a world where people are abused and oppressed to be God's compassion and strength. Go forth into a world filled with wars and rumor of war, to be the reconciling waters of peace. Go in love, go in hope, go in peace.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



CLOSING HYMN: "WE'RE MARCHING TO ZION"

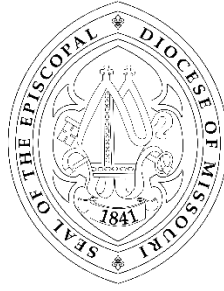
1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;  
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets  
4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - ery tear be dry;

join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with  
but chil - dren of the heav - en - ly King, but chil - dren of the  
be - fore we reach the heav - en - ly fields, be - fore we reach the  
we're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Em -

sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur - round the  
heav - en - ly King may speak their joys a - broad, may speak their joys a -  
heav - en - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en  
man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on

*Refrain*  
throne.  
broad.  
streets.  
high.  
We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on;

we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.



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Song: "God is Good"

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