

Morning Prayer

The Fifth Sunday after The Epiphany, Year B

February 7, 2021

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Prelude

Announcements

Opening Sentence

The Presider says

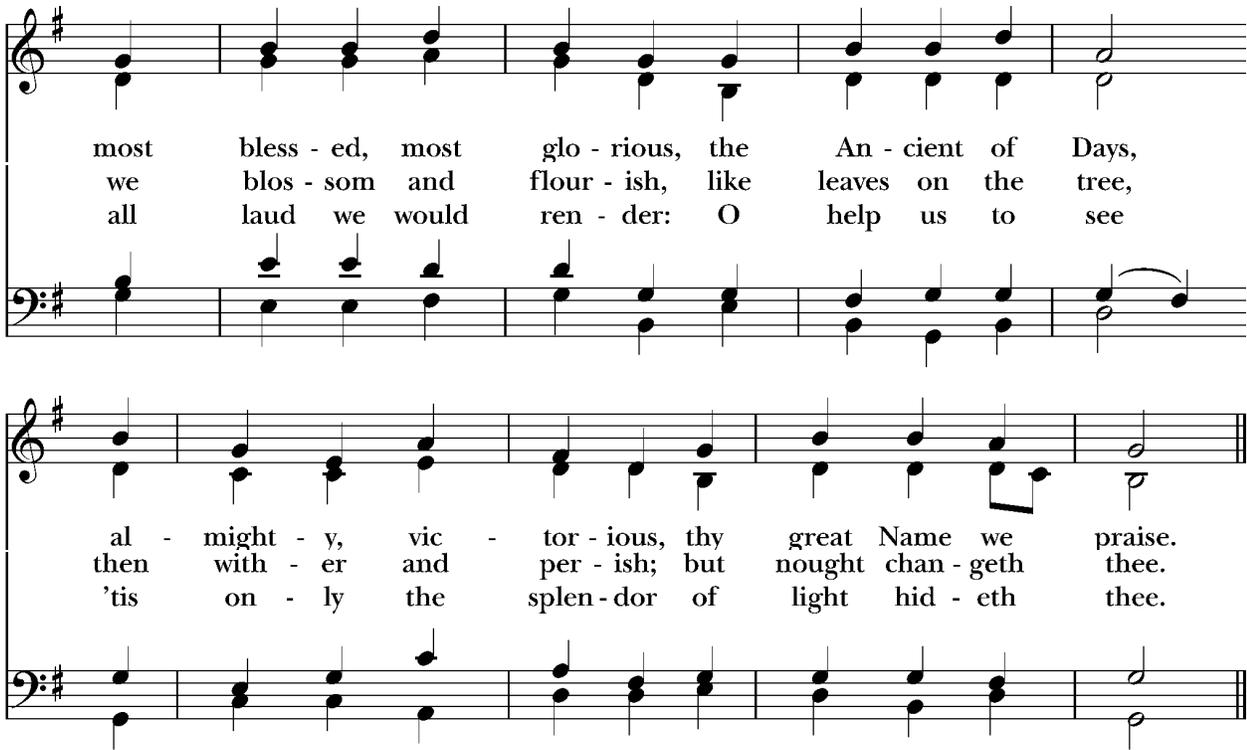
From the rising of the sun to its setting, my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the last two lines. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small; 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light, in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all; thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Confession of Sin

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept for a time.

The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the 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.**

A Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, † forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Presider O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People **And your glory all the day long.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Presider The Holy One is in our midst:

People **O come let us worship.**

Venite *Psalms 95*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving *
and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.**

For you are a great God, *

you are great above all gods.

**In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are yours also.**

The sea is yours, for you made it, *

and your hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For you are our God,

and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *

Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

Let us listen today to God's voice:

Harden not your hearts,

as your forebears did in the wilderness, *

**at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.**

They put me to the test, *

though they had seen my works.

Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *

**"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."**

So I swore in my wrath, *

"They shall not enter into my rest."

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

¹Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

²**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

³He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.

⁴**He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.**

⁵Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.

⁶**The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.

⁸**He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;**

⁹He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.

¹⁰**He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.**

¹¹He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

¹²**But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor. ^{21c} Hallelujah!**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Presider The Holy One is in our midst:

People **O come let us worship.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

²³who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.



Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 10: The Second Song of Isaiah

Quaerite Dominum

Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.

**Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;**

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

**For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.**

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,**

Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,

**So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;**

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law, but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Tune: *Resignation*

From thee all skill and science flow



From thee all skill and sci- ence flow, all pi- ty,
And ha- sten, Lord, that per- fect day when pain and



care, and love, all calm and cour- age,
death shall cease, and thy just rule shall



faith and hope: O pour them from a- bove!
fill the earth with health and light and peace;



Im- part them, Lord, to each and all, as each and
when ev- er- blue the sky shall gleam, and ev- er-



all shall need, to rise, like in- cense,
green the sod, and our rude work de-



each to thee, in no- ble thought and deed.
-face no more the han- di- work of God.

Third Reading

Mark 1:29-39

A Reading from Mark.

²⁹[When Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.



Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Prayers

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the People

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

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.**

Intercessions and thanksgivings

Presider You have no equal, God. We come before you humbled, asking for your healing presence. Heal us and raise us so that we may serve you.

Intercessor We are amazed at your creative genius—how you have stretched the heavens like curtains, and yet you bend to be with us. **We are amazed, God. We raise our hearts in awe.**

Silence is kept.

Our world and our lives are in need of healing and direction. We ask you to guide your church and heal it where it is worn out and self-centered. Direct those who lead the church. We pray for our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig. We pray for all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and for our brothers and sisters worshipping at St Aidan's, Michigan Center; and Holy Spirit, Carreras, and Holy Trinity, Santo Domingo, in the Dominican Republic. **We ask for direction. Raise them up, God.**

Silence is kept.

We ask you to heal the relationships between nations and neighbors. Give the leaders of the nations the courage to pursue justice, and speak peace, as an example for the world. **We ask for healing. Raise them up, God.**

Silence is kept.

We proclaim our gratefulness for all goodness and joy [especially _____]. **We raise up our thanks and praise, God.**

Silence is kept.

Many of us suffer from addiction, anxiety, and illnesses of many kinds. Break the chains that bind them, and heal them, God. We pray for [_____]. Surround them with supportive people, the resources they need, and a tangible sense of your love. **We ask for healing. Raise them up, God.**

Silence is kept.

We pray for those who have died, [especially _____], that they may know the fullness of your love in the life you have prepared for them. Comfort those who grieve their loss, and give them the confidence of your love that knows no limits of time or space. **We ask for assurance of your love. Raise them up, God.**

Silence is kept.

Presider

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayers for those celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries

The Presider then says

In February, we celebrate the birthdays of Kelly, Lynn, Henry, Joan, Georgie, Marion, Patty, and any others you wish to remember in prayer.

Prayer for a Birthday

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O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Kelly, Lynn, Henry, Joan, Georgie, Marion, and Patty, 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.**

Today we also celebrate the anniversaries of those you wish to remember in prayer.

Prayer for an Anniversary

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Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world you have made, and for which your Son gave his life, and especially upon *this/ese* couple/s. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may continue to grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. **Amen.**

The Presider then says

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts.

Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Presider then says

My sisters and brothers, I invite you- wherever you are- to take into your hands the gifts you offer today. Gifts of food, gifts of money, gifts of whatever form, and join me as we offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good our vows to the Most High.

Let us pray.

Loving God and merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: we come to you with thanksgiving and praise. We offer to you this day our gifts of time, talent, and possessions, knowing that all we are, and all we have, is a gift from you. **Please accept these gifts, and help us to reach out to others as you, our God, have reached out to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Concluding Hymn
O Christ the healer

Tune: *Pentecost*

O Christ, the heal- er, we have come to pray for
 From ev- ery ail- ment flesh en- dures our bod- ies
 In con- flicts that de- stroy our health we re- cog-
 Grant that we all, made in one faith, in your com-

health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to
 cla- mor to be freed; yet in our hearts we
 -nize the world's dis- ease; our com- mon life de-
 -mun- i- ty may find the whole- ness that, en-

be re- stored, when reached by love that nev- er ends?
 would con- fess that wholeness is our deep- est need.
 -clares our ills: is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
 -rich- ing us, shall reach the whole of hu- man- kind.

Blessing and Dismissal

A priest blesses the people, saying

Go into the world, and know how much a tired and hurting world needs your strength and gladness. For there are deeds of compassion and courage that will never be done, unless you do them; and words of hope and healing that will never be spoken, unless you speak them.

And the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Presider Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
People **Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

Postlude

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REGARDING OFFERINGS TO ST. BARNABAS CHURCH

To make an offering to St Barnabas, please mail your check to the church: 20500 W Old US-12, Chelsea MI 48118-1309. Mail is being collected daily.

**CONTINUING OUR DONATIONS OF FOOD AND FUNDS
TO FAITH IN ACTION**

Faith in Action is continuing to provide leadership in collecting donations to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They will be in need of our continuing help in the weeks of winter still to come.

Needed right now: *boxed/shelf-stable milk, cooking oil, salt/pepper, spices, coffee, tea bags, sugar, flour, canned tuna, crackers, cake mix, canned frosting, dish soap, women's hygiene products.* You may bring your donations to FIA, or to Nancy who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. **The next Food Drive at the church** will be on February 21, the date of the next BC meeting. The building will be open for you to leave your donations.

Financial donations to help us combat the continuing effects of the pandemic can be made by PayPal at www.faithinaction1.org, by [Facebook](#), or by mailing a check to *Faith in Action, 603 S. Main Street, Chelsea MI 48118.* **If you need help, please call FIA at (734) 475-3305**

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Enrichment for Our Spiritual Journey

Join St Barnabas' twice-weekly Zoom check-in! Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Contact Marion if you need the link.

Watch Washington National Cathedral's live-streamed Eucharist and Daily Office services, <https://cathedral.org/calendar/>

Join in a short, weekly, meditation with Presiding Bishop Curry here: <https://episcopalchurch.org/habits-of-grace>

Watch our Diocesan Cathedral's services for Bishop Bonnie Perry's sermons, <https://www.edomi.org/whatsheaid/sermons/>

Upcoming Commemorations

- Feb 7 Cornelius the Centurion
- 8 Josephine Margaret Bakhita, Monastic, 1947
- 10 Scholastica, Monastic, 543
- 11 Theodora, Empress, c.867; and,
Frances Jane (Fanny) Van Alstyne Crosby, Hymnwriter, 1915
- 12 Charles Freer Andrews, Priest and "Friend of the Poor" in India, 1940
- 13 Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818

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February 7, 2021 – Epiphany 5B

Absalom Jones Offering

In honor of Black History Month and Blessed Absalom Jones, the first African American priest in The Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has invited Episcopalians everywhere to deepen our participation in Christ’s ministry of reconciliation by engaging with and supporting Episcopal Historically Black Colleges and Universities, known as HBCUs.

Congregations and individuals are urged to dedicate the offering from their observance of the Feast of Absalom Jones (February 13) to support the two Episcopal HBCUs: St. Augustine’s University in Raleigh, N.C., and Voorhees College in Denmark, S.C. “These schools bring educational, economic, and social opportunity to often resource-poor communities, and they offer many blessings into the life of the Episcopal Church,” Bishop Curry said. Donations to the HBCUs will provide much needed help to offer competitive scholarships and financial aid, attract and retain exceptional faculty, support cutting-edge faculty research, install new and upgraded technology campus-wide, and provide state-of-the-art classroom and athletic equipment.

“In light of our renewed covenant and commitment to the work of racial justice and reconciliation, I hope you will join me in supporting the Absalom Jones Fund this year,” the Presiding Bishop said.

Jones was an African American abolitionist and clergyman, and the first African American ordained a priest in The Episcopal Church. He was born enslaved to Abraham Wynkoop in 1746 in Delaware. Jones moved to Philadelphia after his master sold his plantation along with Absalom’s mother and six siblings. Jones bought his wife Mary’s freedom and later was granted his own emancipation in 1784. In 1787, with his friend Richard Allen, they founded the Free African Society, a mutual aid benevolent organization that was the first of its kind organized by

and for Black people. Jones was ordained a priest on September 21, 1802, faithfully serving the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas in Philadelphia, which remains a vibrant congregation.



“As we commemorate Blessed Absalom Jones, the first African American priest in The Episcopal Church, we have a unique opportunity to celebrate his memory, and to honor the witness of two schools that continue to form new leaders,” Bishop Curry said. “In honor of Jones’ commitment to advancing the education of African Americans and promoting the development of African American leaders in all areas of life, The Episcopal Church is delighted to designate Saint Augustine’s University and Voorhees College as the beneficiaries of the 2021 Feast of Absalom Jones offerings.”

Donations are accepted at episcopalchurch.org/givehbcus. You can also text GIVEHBCU to 41444. For more information, contact Cecilia Malm, Senior Development Officer, at cmalm@episcopalchurch.org or (212) 716-6062.

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Our Mission:

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ,
and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world,
guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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