

Alma Thomas, *The Eclipse*, 1970

A Diocesan Celebration of  
The Feast of The Reverend Absalom Jones  
The First Episcopal Priest of African Descent

Saturday, February 15, 2026, 4:00 p.m.  
The Cathedral Church of St. Paul  
Detroit, Michigan

## Absalom Jones

**Absalom Jones** was born enslaved to Abraham Wynkoop, a wealthy Anglican planter in 1746 in Delaware. He was working in the fields when Abraham recognized that he was an intelligent child and ordered that he be trained to work in the house. Absalom eagerly accepted instruction in reading. He also saved money he was given and bought books (among them a primer, a spelling book, and a bible). Abraham Wynkoop died in 1753 and by 1755 his younger son Benjamin had inherited the plantation. When Absalom was sixteen Benjamin Wynkoop sold the plantation and Absalom's mother, sister, and five brothers. Wynkoop brought Absalom to Philadelphia where he opened a store and joined St. Peter's Church. In Philadelphia Benjamin Wynkoop permitted Absalom to attend a night school for black people that was operated by Quakers following the tradition established by abolitionist teacher Anthony Benezet.

At twenty, with the permission of their masters, Absalom married Mary Thomas who was enslaved to Sarah King who also worshipped at St. Peter's. The Rev. Jacob Duche performed the wedding at Christ Church. Absalom and his father-in-law, John Thomas, used their savings, and sought donations and loans primarily from prominent Quakers, in order to purchase Mary's freedom. Absalom and Mary worked very hard to repay the money borrowed to buy her freedom. They saved enough money to buy property and to buy Absalom's freedom. Although he repeatedly asked Benjamin Wynkoop to allow him to buy his freedom Wynkoop refused. Absalom persisted because as long as he was enslaved Wynkoop could take his property and his money. Finally, in 1784 Benjamin Wynkoop freed Absalom by granting him a manumission. Absalom continued to work in Wynkoop's store as a paid employee.

Absalom left St. Peter's Church and began worshipping at St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church. He met Richard Allen who had been engaged to preach at St. George's and the two became lifelong friends. Together, in 1787, they founded the Free African Society a mutual aid benevolent organization that was the first of its kind organized by and for black people. Members of the Society paid monthly dues for the benefit of those in need. At St. George's, Absalom and Richard served as lay ministers for the black membership. The active evangelism of Jones and Allen, greatly increased black membership at St. George's. The black members worked hard to help raise money to build an upstairs gallery intended to enlarge the church. The church leadership decided to segregate the black worshippers in the gallery, without notifying them. During a Sunday morning service a dispute arose over the seats black members had been instructed to take in the gallery and ushers attempted to physically remove them by first accosting Absalom Jones. Most of the black members present indignantly walked out of St. George's in a body.

Prior to the incident at St. George's the Free African Society had initiated religious services. Some of these services were presided over by The Rev. Joseph Pilmore an assistant St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The Society established communication with similar black groups in other cities. In 1792 the Society began to build the African Church of Philadelphia. The church membership took a denominational vote and decided to affiliate with the Episcopal Church. Richard Allen withdrew from the effort as he favored affiliation with the Methodist Church. Absalom Jones was asked to provide pastoral leadership and after prayer and reflection he accepted the call.

The African Church was dedicated on July 17, 1794. The Rev. Dr. Samuel Magaw, rector of St. Paul's Church, preached the dedicatory address. Dr. Magaw was assisted at the service by The Rev. James Abercrombie, assistant minister at Christ Church. Soon thereafter the congregation applied for membership in the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania on the following conditions: 1) that they be received as an organized body; 2) that they have control over their own local affairs; 3) that Absalom Jones be licensed as layreader, and, if qualified, be ordained as minister. In October 1794 it was admitted as the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. The church was incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1796. Bishop William White ordained Jones as deacon in 1795 and as priest on September 21, 1802.

Jones was an earnest preacher. He denounced slavery, and warned the oppressors to "clean their hands of slaves." To him, God was the Father, who always acted on "behalf of the oppressed and distressed." But it was his constant visiting and mild manner that made him beloved by his congregation and by the community of St Thomas Church

grew to over 500 members during its first year. The congregants formed a day school and were active in moral uplift, self-empowerment, and anti-slavery activities. Known as “the Black Bishop of the Episcopal Church,” Jones was an example of persistent faith in God and in the Church as God’s instrument. Jones died on this day in 1818.

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### Today’s Preacher The Right Reverend Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows

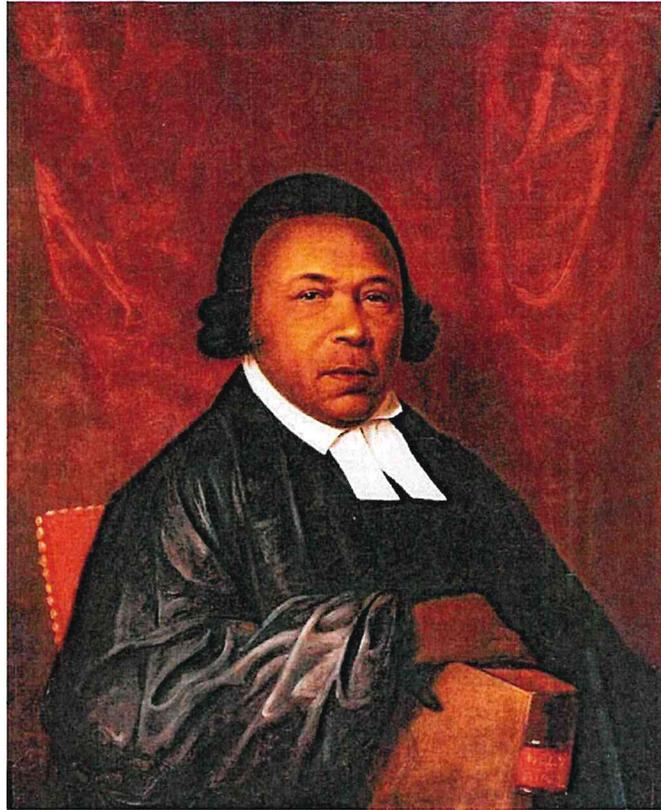


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Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, a native of New York City, holds a bachelor’s degree in architecture with a minor in urban studies from Smith College, an M.A. in historic preservation planning from Cornell University, and an M.Div. degree from Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP) in 1997. Before being elected bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis 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. In addition to serving the Diocese of Indianapolis, Bishop Jennifer serves as the Vice President of the House of Bishops and sits on several boards including Indiana Landmarks and Partners for Sacred Places.

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 on 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.



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Organ

Lift ev'ry voice and sing

Wayne Wold (b. 1954)

*At the bell, please stand. All sing.*

Hymn at the Procession

Revive us again



- 1 We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love, for Je - sus who died and is now gone a - bove.
- 2 We praise thee, O God, for thy spir - it of light, who has shown us our Sav - ior, and scat - tered our night.
- 3 All glo - ry and praise to the Lamb that was slain, who has borne all our sins and has cleansed ev - 'ry stain.
- 4 Re - vive us a - gain, fill each heart with thy love; may each soul be re - kin - dled with fire from a - bove.



Hal - le - lu - ia! Thine the glo - ry, hal - le - lu - ia! A - men. Hal - le - lu - ia! Thine the glo - ry. Re - vive us a - gain.



*Words* William P. MacKay (1837-1885)

*Music* John H. Husband (1760-1825)

*Bishop* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* Glory to God for ever and ever.

*All sing*  
Song of Praise



1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and hea - ven ring, ring with the  
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening rod, felt in the  
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who hast

har - mon - ies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening  
days when hope un - born had died; yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry  
brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the  
feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed? We have come o - ver a  
light; keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the

faith that the dark past has taught us; sing a song full of the  
way that with tears has been wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our  
pla - ces, our God, where we met thee; lest our hearts drunk with the

hope that the pres - ent has brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new  
path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we  
wine of the world we for - get thee; sha - dowed be - neath thy hand may we for -

day be - gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.  
stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

*Words* James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)  
*Music* J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954)

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Bishop* Let us pray.

SET us free, O 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.*

*Please be seated.*

**The Lesson**

Isaiah 42:5-9

**T**HUS 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. *People Thanks be to God.*

*The Choir sings*

Psalm 126

*In convertendo*

chant: *The St. Michael's Psalter*, John Cantrell

(b. 1971)

**W**HEN 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.

**The Epistle**

Galatians 5:1-5

**F**OR 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. *People Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand as you are able and sing*

**Sequence Hymn**

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

*Cherponi*

*Refrain*



Je - su, — Je - su, — fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,  
2 Neigh - bors are rich — and poor, neigh - bors are black — and white,  
3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love.  
4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were slaves;



Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.  
All — are neigh - bors to us and you.  
this is the way we should live with you.

*Repeat Refrain*

*Words and Music* Ghanaian folk song, trans and arr. Thomas Stevenson Colvin (1925-2000)

*Deacon* 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."

*Deacon* The Gospel of our Savior.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Right Reverend Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows  
*Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis*

*Please stand. All sing three times*

Hymn

Take me to the water

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Take me to the water". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Take me to the wa - - ter, take me to the wa - - ter, take me to the wa - - ter to be bap - tized." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with many ties and rests to accommodate the lyrics.

*Words and Music* Traditional Spiritual, arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (1935-2009)

### The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*Bishop* Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic Church.

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* I do.

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

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

*People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

*People* 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.

*Bishop* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

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

*Bishop* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

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

*Bishop* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

*Bishop* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

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

*Bishop* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

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

*Bishop*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor*

**G**OD of all, restorer of every good thing, we pray for the work of your church in the world. Fill us with your spirit of justice and mercy, and give us hearts audacious and unafraid to imagine a new and unbroken future.

*People* O God, make of us a people who will fulfill your dream.

O God, our world is sorrow-filled; we remember before you all people whose laughter has been silenced, all places where children are not safe to play, and every place where nights and days are bound by fear.

*O God, raise us up to be peacemakers and restorers of joy.*

O God, we pray for all in authority throughout the world and here at home; open our minds to your good will, open our hearts to your deep compassion, and lead us to act for the well-being of all creation.

*O God, work in us great things so that we may be glad indeed.*

O God, we remember before you all who are unwell, who find themselves in desert places of the body, mind or spirit; ease their suffering, and bless and strengthen those who care for them.

*O God, living water, restore them to wholeness and health.*

O God, we pray for all who have died; we remember, too, all who are in grief or mourning any loss. Give us grace to live in the blessed assurance of your gift of abundant life.

*O God, bring us to that shore where songs of joy ring out for all eternity.*

*The Bishop concludes*

**G**OD of all who weep and yet see through their tears the promise of your dream; keep alive in us the good life and holy work of blessed Absalom Jones that what he sowed may be reaped in joy, and that we may continue to bend the arc of our history toward justice and peace. *Amen.*

*Bishop*

The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to Christ, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*The Bishop blesses the water.*

We pray you, O God, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

*The People are sprinkled with this water.*

**Motet at the Sprinkling**

Norah Duncan (b.1952)

**L**ORD, I've just come from the fountain, his name's so sweet.  
O brother, do you love Jesus? Yes, yes, I do love Jesus.  
O sister, do you love Jesus? Yes, yes, I do love Jesus.  
O sinner, do you love Jesus? Yes, yes, I do love Jesus.  
O preacher, do you love Jesus? Yes, yes, I do love Jesus.

*Jhané Perdue, soprano*

**The Peace**

*Bishop* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Please be seated for*

**The Greetings and Announcements**

*Today's offering will go to the Stew and Kristin Wood Fund for Racial Justice, to support the ongoing work of racial justice and repair in the diocese. Please make checks out to "Diocese of Michigan" with Absalom Jones in the memo line or give online using the QR code and write "Absalom Jones" in the notes on the payment page.*



*Communion is offered at the High Altar and at stations in Grace Chapel and Nativity Chapel. Gluten-free bread is available. Prayers for Healing and Anointing are also offered in the chapels.*

The Choir sings  
At the Offertory, Anthem

from *St. Paul*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

HOW lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace! To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Romans 5:15-16

Please stand as you are able and sing

Presentation Hymn

Blessed Absalom

Lauda Anima

1 Born in bond-age, born in shack - les, born stripped of all dig - ni - ty,  
2 Seek - ing to ex - pand hor - i - zons, Bi - ble, pri - mer he did find,  
3 When in Phi - la - del - phia set - tled, he sought per - sons in great need,  
4 One fine morn - ing while at wor - ship, wrest - ed from his knees in prayer,  
5 Bless - ed Abs' - lom Jones, first priest of Af - ric's stock with - in our fold,

1 Abs' - lom Jones was bound, de - ter - mined, that he would one day be free.  
2 to each word he was at - ten - tive, learn - ing, lest he fall be - hind.  
3 ded - i - ca - ted to em - power - ment, his own peo - ple did he lead.  
4 he, his friends, were thus e - vic - ted: "You no more may praise God here."  
5 may we, guid - ed by your wit - ness, raise up priests with hearts of gold!

1 Bless - ed Abs' - lom leads us, guides us in the bonds of u - ni - ty.  
2 Bless - ed Abs' - lom lib - er - ates us from the pri - son of our mind.  
3 Bless - ed Abs' lom, pray that we from all in - diff - erence may be freed.  
4 Bless - ed Abs' lom, pray that we may stand stead - fast and per - se - vere.  
5 Bless - ed Abs - lom, pio - neer, pro - phet, may your sto - ry long be told!

Words Harold T. Lewis (1947-2021), alt.

Music Lauda Anima, John Goss (1800-1880)

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Bishop* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* We lift them to the Lord.  
*Bishop* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been the chosen vessels of your love, and the lights of the world in their generations. 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:

*All sing*

Sanctus

*Mass for a Soulful People, Grayson Warren Brown (b. 1948)*

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

*The People stand or kneel.*

**G**OD of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry: our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

*All*

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

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

*People* Come Lord Jesus!

Send your Holy Spirit, our comforter, upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

*People* Come Spirit of Freedom!

Joining our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

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

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

*All say together*

**O**UR 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.

*Bishop* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*All sing*

Agnus Dei

*Eugene Hancock (1929-1994)*

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

The Bishop says the following Invitation  
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

At the Communion,  
Organ

This little light of mine  
(from *Five Spirituals for organ*)

Calvin Taylor (b. 1948)

The Choir sings  
Motet

Nicholas White (b. 1967)

**S**TEAL away, steal away  
Steal away, to Jesus.  
Steal away, steal away home  
I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord he calls me,  
he calls me by the thunder;  
The trumpet sounds within my soul.  
I ain't got long to stay here.

Green trees are bendin',  
poor sinners stand a-tremblin;  
The trumpet sounds within my soul.  
I ain't got long to stay here.

All sing the following refrain as indicated.

Hymn

Taste and see

*Refrain*

The musical score is written for voice and organ. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and an organ accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.'

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall always be on my lips; my soul shall glory in the Lord; for He has been so good to me. *Refrain*

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise His name. I called the Lord and he answered me; from all my troubles He set me free. *Refrain*

Worship the Lord all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask. Taste and see that God os good; in Him we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

Words Psalm 34 Music James E. Moore, Jr. (1951-2022)

All say together

The Postcommunion Prayer

**G**OD of abundance,  
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
 Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
 and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Bishop Baskerville-Burrows then gives*  
**The Blessing**

*Please stand and sing*

**Hymn**

Great is thy faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther, there is no shad-ow of turn-ing with thee;  
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon and stars in their cours-es a-bove,  
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide;

thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.  
 join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love.  
 strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see.

All I have need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

*Words* Thomas O. Chrisholm (1866-1960)  
*Music* William M Runyan (1870-1957)

*The dismissal is given and all respond*  
Thanks be to God.

Organ

Flourish on *McKee*

V. Earle Copes (1921-2014)

*Following this afternoon's service, all are invited to a reception in Barth Hall.*

### In this afternoon's liturgy

Presider

The Right Reverend Dr. Bonnie A. Perry  
*Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan*

Preacher

The Right Reverend Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows  
*Bishop of the Diocese of Indianapolis*

Ministers of Ceremony

The Very Reverend Joseph C. Alsay  
*The Cathedral Church of St. Paul*  
The Reverend Anthony C. Estes  
*The Detroit Church Partnership*

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The Reverend Deacon Felicity Thompson  
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