

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER
THE EPIPHANY
7 FEBRUARY 2016



Mount Tabor: Church of the Transfiguration

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I
8:00 AM

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THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, P. 323

THE WORD OF GOD

The Voluntary

Fantasia in D Minor

Johann Pachelbel

The Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323

The Song of Praise: Glory be to God on high

p. 324

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of

Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99 (*Said by all*)

- 1 The Lord is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
 - 2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
 - 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
 - 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
 - 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
 - 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
 - 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
 - 8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
 - 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

About eight days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ of God, Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three

— PARISH NOTICES —

The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. As sponsor and host to Boy Scout Troop 43, and Cub Scout Pack 153, it is our pleasure to honor these young men and their families annually on this day. Following the service, there will be a ceremony honoring retiring Scoutmaster Phil Jacobs and the installation of Ray Polk. The Scouts will be serving a buffet breakfast in the parish hall following the 10:15 service. All are invited!

Lent is upon us, and this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday! There will be two services of Holy Communion with the distribution of Ashes, 9:00 am in St. Edmund's Chapel, and the Choral Service at 7:30 pm.

St. Peter's Parish will be hosting the Deanery Lenten Program this year. Please join us on Tuesdays, beginning February 16 and continuing through March 15. The evenings begin with Eucharist at 6 pm, followed by a light supper of soup and salad and the program. **This year's program is "The Christian Response to the Environment."** There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for volunteers to provide and serve the last soup supper on March 15. Please consider participating in our hospitality for this Deanery-wide event! See page 9 for details.

"The Art of Song" will be the next offering in our Music at St. Peter's Concert Series on Sunday, February 21, at 4:00 pm. Please see page 8 for more details.

Lifeline Health Screenings will be available in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, March 15. For detailed information and registration information, please pick up a flyer available in the narthex and in the hallway opposite St. Edmund's Chapel. Please note that you may make reservations by calling 1-866-579-5069, and that there is no co-pay with Medicare Part B.

Camp DeWolfe 2016 registration is now open! Families interested in a wonderful camp session this summer may get information from the flyers available in the narthex or online at www.campdewolfe.org.

— COMING EVENTS —

- Sunday, 2/7—Boy Scout Sunday
- Wednesday, 2/10—Ash Wednesday (9am and 7:30 pm)
- Sunday, 2/14—First Sunday in Lent
- Tuesday, 2/16—Deanery Lenten Series begins (6 pm)
- Tuesday, 3/15—Lifeline Health Screenings (8 am)

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2016

We pray for those seeking healing: Alice, Ann, Ann, Beryl, Bruce, Chet, Chris, David, Deron, Diane, Donald, Ellen, Ezra, Gary, Ginny, Irene, Jack, Jim, Jim, Jim, Kelly, Kevin, LaJune, Manuel, Nicole, Robert, Roger, Sarah Grace, Theo, Trey, the Reverend Robert J. McCloskey, Jr.;

We pray for those in military service, and especially for Eileen, John, Kyle, Robert, and Stephen;

We pray for those with special needs: the unemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who have AIDS and those who care for them;

We pray for lasting peace in the world, for refugees and the victims of the violence of war, and for those separated from their loved ones;

We pray for our companion dioceses of Torit & Ecuador-Central.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Grace Church, Brooklyn; Church of the Holy Apostles, Brooklyn; The Staff of the Diocese; Church of the Holy Spirit, Brooklyn; Staff & Board of Directors of Episcopal Ministries of Long Island; Church of the Nativity, Brooklyn; The Black Clergy Caucus;

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Canada, The Most Revd Frederick Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; and the dioceses of Argyll & The Isles (Scotland); Arizona (USA); Arkansas (USA); Armidale (New South Wales, Australia); Arochukwu/Ohafia (Nigeria); Asaba (Nigeria); Aru (Congo).

MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S
Presents
“THE ART OF SONG”



Victoria Wolfe, Soprano
Kathleen O'Rourke, Soprano
Christopher Reames, Tenor
Zen Kuriyama, Baritone



George England, Theorbo
Kanako Reames, Piano



Sunday, February 21, 2016
4 o'clock in the afternoon

*The four staff singers of the Parish Choir at St. Peter's join
Kanako Reames, piano and George England, theorbo to present a stunning
concert of unusual music for the voice: Spirituals, Showtunes, Opera Arias and MORE!*

Wine and Cheese Reception Immediately Following

Suggested Donation: \$20.00/\$15.00 students, seniors & AGO Members

Atlantic Deanery 2016 Lenten Program



Praise Be To You My Lord, Though Our Sister, Mother Earth
— St. Francis of Assisi

A Five Week Lenten Reflection on *Laudato Si* and The Stewardship of God's Creation

**Meeting Each Tuesday Night in Lent at 6:00pm
at St Peter's by-the-Sea**

Feb. 16 - Introduction to St. Francis' View of the Universe
Feb 23 - What is Happening to Our Common Home
March 1 - The Gospel of Creation
March 8 - Integral Ecology and Lines of Action
March 15 - Ecology Education and Spirituality

The Evening Schedule

6:00 PM Music Meditation at St. Peter's
6:15 PM Holy Eucharist
6:45 PM Soup Supper in the Parish Hall
7:30 PM Session Begins
8:30 PM Session Ends
8:30 PM Compline

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THE FEAST OF ABSALOM JONES

LACY BROEMEL



This famous image of Jones was rendered by Philadelphia artist Raphaele Paele in 1810.

On February 13, the church celebrates the Feast Day of Rev. Absalom Jones, who, in 1804, became the Episcopal Church's first African American ordained priest. The Archives of The Episcopal Church writes:

“Born into slavery in Delaware at a time when slavery was being debated as immoral and undemocratic, he taught himself to read, using the New Testament as one of his resources. At the age of 16, Jones was sold to a shopkeeper in Philadelphia where he attended a night school for blacks, operated by Quakers. Following the purchase of his own freedom in 1784, Jones served as lay minister **for the black membership at St. George's**

Methodist Episcopal Church.

The active evangelism of Jones and that of his friend, Richard Allen, **greatly increased black membership at St. George's.** Alarmed by the rise in black attendance, the vestry decided to segregate blacks into an upstairs gallery without notice. When ushers attempted to remove the black congregants, the resentful group exited the church. This exodus triggered the establishment of the Free African Society by Jones and Allen in 1787 to aid in the emancipation of slaves and to offer sustenance and spiritual support to widows, orphans, and the poor.

In 1794 Jones and Allen, with the assistance of local Quakers and Episcopalians, established the **“First African Church” in Philadelphia.** Shortly after the establishment that same year, the African

Church applied to join the Protestant Episcopal Church, laying before the diocese three requirements: the Church must be received as **an already organized body; it must have control over its own affairs;** and Jones must be licensed as lay-reader and if qualified, ordained as its minister.

Upon acceptance into the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the church was renamed the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. The following year Jones became a deacon but was not ordained a priest until 1804, nine years later. At 58 years old, he became the first black American priest. He continued to be a leader in his community, founding a day school (as blacks were excluded from attending public school), the Female Benevolent Society, and an African Friendly Society. In 1800 he called upon Congress to abolish the slave trade and to provide for gradual emancipation of existing slaves. Jones died in 1818.”

Collect

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.

Source: http://www.episcopalarchives.org/Afro-Anglican_history/exhibit/leadership/jones.php

— **St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church** —

A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island

The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry	<i>Presiding Bishop</i>
The Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano, DD	<i>Diocesan Bishop</i>
The Right Reverend GERALYN WOLF	<i>Assisting Bishop</i>
The Right Reverend Johncy Itty, DD	<i>Bishop-in-Residence</i>
Mark Engelhardt	<i>Associate for Administration, Liturgy, and Music</i>
Sara Merrigan	<i>Preschool Director</i>
Linda Ruggieri	<i>Financial Administrator</i>

The Wardens and Vestry of the Parish

Salvatore Basile, Senior Warden
Brian Clark, Junior Warden
Kathleen Malloy, Clerk of the Vestry
Roger Burmeister
William Crawford
Debbie Crawford
Joseph Goncalves
Jean Gunn
Kathleen Parks
Clyde Payne
Carl M. Siciliano



Praising God, Serving Neighbor

*We seek to worship the Lord as one loving family
by serving our parish and community
through prayer, music, education, and outreach*