

Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 16, 2026, 10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two



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Services:

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The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 15, 2026, 10:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE Aria Alan Viner

Please stand as you are able and join us in singing.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* 460 Hymnal

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 *2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
 *5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sca.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
 People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.*
Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY.....BCP 355

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE: *Glory to God* S280 Hymnal

sung by all

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

***Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.***

***Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.***

***For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY.....BCP 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant

to 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

Please be seated for the readings.

THE LESSONExodus 24:12-18

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader The Word of the Lord

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

THE RESPONSE Psalm 2*Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

The Psalm is read responsively by verse.

1 Why are the nations in an uproar? *

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

2 ***Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together, ****

against the Lord and against his Anointed?

3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; *
"let us cast off their bonds from us."

**4 *He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
the Lord has them in derision.***

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
and his rage fills them with terror.

**6 *"I myself have set my king *
upon my holy hill of Zion."***

7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: *
he said to me, "You are my Son;
This day have I begotten you.

**8 *Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your
inheritance *
and the ends of the earth for your possession.***

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod *
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

**10 *And now, you kings, be wise; *
be warned, you rulers of the earth.***

11 Submit to the Lord with fear, *
and with trembling bow before him;

**12 *Lest he be angry and you perish; *
for his wrath is quickly kindled.***

13 Happy are they all *
who take refuge in him!.

THE EPISTLE..... 2 Peter 1:16-21

Reader A reading from the Second Letter to Peter

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the

prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader The word of the Lord.

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

Please stand as you are able for the singing of the Sequence Hymn and reading of the Gospel.

SEQUENCE HYMN *I Love to Tell the Story*L64 LEVAS

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
2. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

1. Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love.
2. Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it, like the rest.

1. I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;
2. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

1. It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.
 2. 'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry.

To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

Words: A. Katherine Hankey (1831-1911). Music: William G. Fisher (1835-1912).

THE GOSPEL..... Matthew 17:1-9

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched

them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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

Please be seated for the sermon.

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Candine E. Johnson

THE NICENE CREED.....BCP 358

Please stand as you are able and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.***
***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven***

*and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,*

*and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

Celebrant Let us pray to God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness and whose glory is like a devouring fire, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Intercessor That the church may be continually uplifted by the vision of the king in all his beauty, be rescued from all fear, and in confidence face the future, together with Archbishop Sarah, Presiding Bishop Sean, Bishop Sally, and our clergy, Candine and Art: Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor That the church may be conformed to Christ the Son of God, share his sufferings, become like him in his death and know the power of his resurrection: Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor That your people may hear the prophets' testimony, see you clearly in the records of those who were eyewitnesses of your majesty, and do your will,

preparing for your glorious coming on the Last Day:
Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor That the nations of the earth may more and more perfect the rule of law and administer justice after the example of Moses, the lawgiver and judge of your people: Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor That the church may heed the call of God in Christ Jesus to descend from the heights of vision and to serve those who are needy, desolate, and forgotten: Lord, in your mercy.

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor That the suffering, the lonely, the disconsolate, the dying, and those who mourn, especially Frances, Heather, Win, Julie, Pat, Nicole, Yolanda, Sharit, Alison, Maureen, Hildred, Keith, Ian, Hariett, Wayne, Mandisa, Christien, Paul, Clive, Matt, Pamela, Khalif, Peggy, Roddy, Christine, Jaime, Carol, Jim, Brady, and all those in need of long-term prayers may know the transforming light of your presence: Lord in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor That the whole church may persevere in the proclamation of the gospel until the day dawns and Christ, the morning star who knows no setting arises, that all the world may walk in his light: Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Arise, O Morning Star, and in your rising lift us to behold with all the saints the majestic glory of God, so that through the shadows and darkness of this world we may ever press toward the glory of the world to come, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you may live and reign, God forever.

People ***Amen.***

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Anyone with a recent birthday and couples celebrating anniversaries this week are invited to come forward for a blessing.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All ***Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

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

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE BCP 360

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE.....BCP 376

OFFERTORY SOLO *The Lord is My Light* Frances Allitsen

THE DOXOLOGY 380 v. 3 Hymnal

Sung by all.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host:

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A.....BCP 361

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

PROPER PREFACE.....BCP 361

The Celebrant says the Proper preface.

Celebrant

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:

Sung by all.

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER.....BCP 363

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

All ***Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.***

*For thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD.....BCP 364

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive communion.

Please let us know if you need gluten-free communion.

If you are unable to come to the altar,

let the usher know and we will bring communion to you.

COMMUNION SOLO *Let us Break Bread Together* David Hurd

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYERBCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

Said by all in unison

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Please join in saying:

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

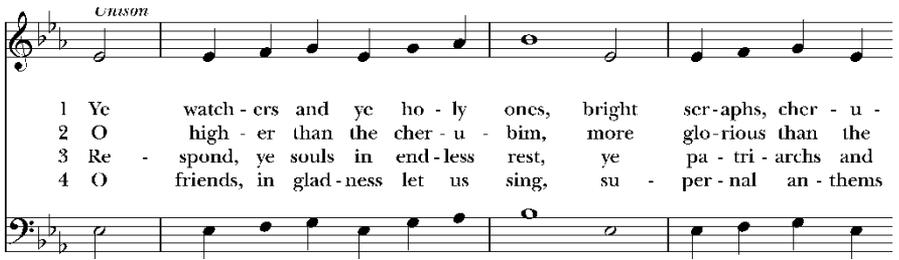
THE BLESSING.....BCP 366

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Please stand and join in singing.

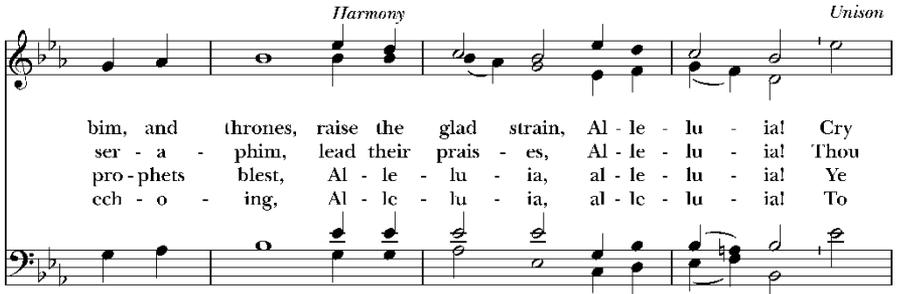
POST COMMUNION HYMN *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*.. 618 Hymnal

Unison

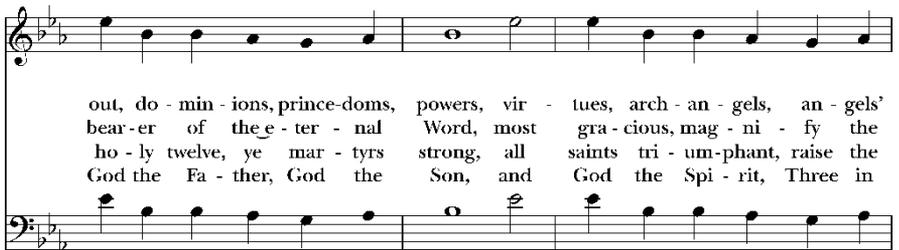


1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - aphs, cher - u -
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

Harmony *Unison*



bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ial Cry
ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ial Thou
pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ial Ye
ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ial To



out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the
God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

Harmony



choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Unison

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945). By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Ausewlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE DISMISSALBCP 339

Celebrant We have just received the body of Christ. Now let us be the body of Christ as we go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE Improvisation on Final Hymn



If you experience a **Pastoral Emergency**, sudden hospitalization, or end of life needs, please call **Candine** on her cell: (856) 739-5343.

Prayer List

Those with immediate needs: Francess, Heather, Win, Julie, Pat, Nicole, Yolanda, Sharot, Alison, Maureen, Hildred, Keith, Ian, Hariett, Wayne, Mandisa, Christien, Paul, Clive, Matt, Pamela, Khalif, Peggy, Roddy, Christine, Jaime, Carol, Jim, Brady

Those with long term needs: Joe, Carmella, Grace, John, Robert, Travis, Aimee, Jennifer, Jane, Carmen, Olivia, Laura, Morgia, Thelma, Elly, Stanley, those affected by the wars in the Middle East, the Sudan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Myanmar, the Philippines, Georgia, Armenia, China, Latin America and our troops at home and abroad.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Candine E. Johnson
Music Director Organist	William P. Fenimore III
Soloist	Kathleen Bandaruk
Choir	Bruce Barker, Valerie Barker, Catherine Clemons, Sharon Eggleston, Linda Horneff, Patrick Jjemba, Sarah Johnson, Elijah Mansaray, Monica Mundy, Emma Waring
Usher	Lisa Doherty
Acolyte	Patrick Trainor
LEM	Rob Williams
Old Testament Reader & Psalmist	Florence Pandit
New Testament Reader	Sharon Eggleston
Counters	Rod Bennett & Elijah Mansaray
Video Team	Ricky Rahming, The Rev. Dcn. Art Knight, Carolyn Gage, Lillie Kumar
Altar Guild	Gail Powers, Arlene Adams, Sidney Bacon, Christine Haliburton, Candi London
Flower Guild	Arlene Adams, Edie Bennett, Catherine Clemons, Laura DeRose, Lillie Kumar, Emma Waring
Fellowship	Jean Astmann, Tennyson Sobers, Laura DeRose, Emma Waring



Welcome to St. Bartholomew's!

We're so glad you're here—whether it's your first visit or your hundredth!

If you're new, please fill out a **Connect Card** (in the pews) and introduce yourself to **Candine** after the service.

We look forward to getting to know you and sharing this journey of faith together.



Choir Rehearsals

Love to sing? Speak to Bill Fenimore about our choir.

Rehearsals are **Sunday mornings promptly at 9:00 AM.**



Healing Service

Thursday, February 19th • 1:00 PM • Chapel

A quiet, 30-minute service of **laying on of hands** and **Holy Eucharist.**

Come as you are to seek renewal, peace, and spiritual healing.



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THIS WEEK AT ST. BART'S

<i>Sunday, February 15</i> 6 th <i>Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	9:00 am New Hope Church 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:00 am Fellowship 11:30 am Annual Meeting 3:00 pm Grace Community Church
<i>Monday, February 16</i> Monday of Epiphany 6 Presidents' Day	12:00 pm (Noon) AA – Primary Purpose 6:30 pm GPCS 7:30 NA
<i>Tuesday, February 17</i> Janani Luwum	10:00 am Overeaters Anonymous 12:00 pm (Noon) AA – Primary Purpose 4 pm – 6:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 7:30 pm Scouting
<i>Wednesday, February 18</i> The First Day of Lent: Ash Wednesday	12:00 pm (Noon) AA – Primary Purpose 12:00 pm Ashes & Holy Eucharist 6:30 pm South Jersey InterGroup 7:00 pm Ashes & Holy Eucharist
<i>Thursday, February 19</i> Agnes Tsao Kou Ying, Agath Alin Zhao & Lucy Yi Zhenmai	12:00 pm (Noon) AA – Primary Purpose 1:00 pm Healing Service 6:30 pm AA 6:30 pm South Jersey InterGroup Bookers
<i>Friday, February 20</i> Frederick Douglas	10:00 am Altar & Flower Guild 12:00 pm (Noon) AA – Primary Purpose
<i>Saturday, February 21</i> Saturday after Ash Wednesday	
<i>Sunday, February 22</i> 1 st Sunday in Lent	9:00 am New Hope Church 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:00 am Fellowship 11:30 am ECW Meeting 3:00 pm Grace Community Church

ASH WEDNESDAY

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A TIME FOR REFLECTION
AND RENEWAL

FEBRUARY 18, 2020



IMPOSITION OF ASHES
& HOLY EUCHARIST
NOON & 7 PM

As we begin this Lenten journey, May your heart find peace, Your spirit find strength, And your faith grow deeper in the love of Christ. Wishing you a blessed Ash Wednesday

Healing Service

Thursday
February 19, 2026
1:00 pm



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MARDI GRAS Pancake Supper



* Feb 17,
2026

4 pm - 6:30 pm

Adults \$10

Ages 5 - 12 \$5.00

Under 5 Free

Family Max \$20.00

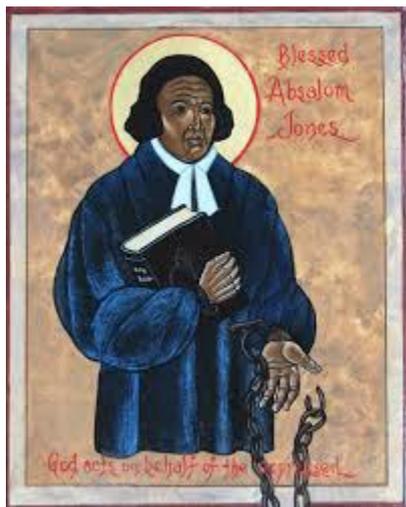
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the Door

Pancakes • Gluten Free Pancakes • Syrup • Sausage • Turkey Sausage
Bacon • Baked Apples • Fresh Fruit • King Cake
Coffee • Tea • Juice

Saint Bartholomew's Church
1989 Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003



LESSER FEASTS AND FASTS: FEBRUARY 13, 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 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 purchase 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 significantly increased Black membership at St. George's. The Black members worked hard to 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. The 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 at 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 would be received as an organized body; 2) that they would have control over their local affairs; 3) that Absalom Jones would be licensed as lay reader, and, if qualified, be ordained as a 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. 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 antislavery 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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❄️ WINTER WEATHER SERVICE UPDATES ❄️

Winter has arrived, and we want to ensure everyone stays safe and informed.

In the event of winter weather and the potential need to cancel services, updates will be communicated promptly through **Mailchimp**, **Realm**, **Facebook**, and **Realm announcements**.

- **If services are not cancelled** and you are unsure about traveling safely, we invite you to worship with us online via our YouTube channel: **@saintbartscherryhill**.
- **If services are cancelled**, we encourage you to join the **Washington National Cathedral** for worship on their YouTube channel: **@wncathedral**.

If you do not have access to these online platforms, please make arrangements with a friend, family member, or fellow parishioner to call you with service updates throughout the winter season. Please check for updates before leaving for church during inclement weather. Your safety is our priority, and we are grateful to remain connected in worship, wherever wherever you are.



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ST. BART'S FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Annual Budget Income for 2026	\$322,570.00
Annual Budget Expense for 2026	\$328,089.00
Income Year to Date	\$37,516.13 ¹
Expenses Year to Date	\$35,324.70
Income Last Week	\$7,057.30 ¹
Expenses Last Week	\$3,280.39
Difference Last Week	\$3,776.91

¹ Includes \$10,000 withdrawn from investments.

OUR STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Candine E. Johnson, Priest-in-Charge

The Rev. Art Knight, Deacon Ret.

William (Bill) Fenimore, III, Music Director/Organist

Elizabeth (Betsy) Murphy, Parish Administrator

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TREASURER: Patrick Jjemba

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