

CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST
COMMEMORATING

THE CONSECRATION OF
THE RIGHT REVEREND BARBARA CLEMENTINE HARRIS
FIRST WOMAN BISHOP IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

AND

THE LIFE AND WITNESS OF
THE REVEREND ABSALOM JONES
FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN PRIEST OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



TRINITY CATHEDRAL
CLEVELAND, OHIO
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023

BARBARA CLEMENTINE HARRIS (1930-2020)

Barbara Clementine Harris was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 12, 1930. She was active in the civil rights struggles of the 1960s and continued as a powerful advocate for the civil enfranchisement of all people in the United States. Ordained as a priest in 1980, her ministry was in both the parish and the public square. She continued to address issues of civil injustice while also offering a prophetic critique of The Episcopal Church for its homophobia, racism, and sexism.

Although General Convention included the provision for electing and consecrating women to be bishops in 1976, no woman became a bishop until Barbara Harris was elected as bishop suffragan for the Diocese of Massachusetts on September 24, 1988. Her election and subsequent consecration were not without controversy, including threats on her life by those opposed to the inclusion of women in the House of Bishops. Despite these threats, she was consecrated bishop on February 11, 1989. Sixty bishops served as co-consecrators before a congregation of eight thousand people.

As a bishop, Harris shaped a generation of leaders through her powerful preaching as chief pastor at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston; her witnessing, preaching, and teaching in the Diocese of Massachusetts and beyond; her advocacy for, in her words, “the least, the last, and the lost”; and her joy in sharing her faith, especially through hymns. She said of her work as a bishop, “I certainly don't want to be one of the boys. I want to offer my peculiar gifts as a black woman . . . a sensitivity and an awareness that comes out of more than a passing acquaintance with oppression.”

Bishop Harris served the people of the Diocese of Massachusetts as their bishop suffragan for thirteen years, until her retirement in 2002. After her retirement, she served from 2003 to 2007 as an assisting bishop in the Diocese of Washington, D.C. and she continued to be in demand worldwide as a preacher until the end of her life.

The first woman ordained as a bishop in The Episcopal Church and the worldwide Anglican Communion, Barbara Harris has been joined by more than fifty women in the episcopate. She died on March 13, 2020.

ABSALOM JONES (1746-1818)

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 worshiped 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 worshiping 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 worshipers 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 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 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. In October 1794, it was admitted to the Diocese 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 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 February 13, 1818.

ORGAN PRELUDE

A Great Cloud of Witnesses (2023)

Buck McDaniel (b. 1994)

*Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us,
and let us run with patience the race that is set before us...*

Hebrews 12:1

HYMNS IN PROCESSION

Hymnal #609 - Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Gardiner

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed
3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the
4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -
4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.
2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.
3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.
4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;
5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

Words: Frank Mason North (1850-1935), alt. Music: *Gardiner*, from *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; arr. William Gardiner (1770-1853).

The first system of the piano accompaniment features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody in the treble clef begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass clef provides a steady accompaniment with quarter notes G2, A2, B2, and C3.

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, _____ And I
 (2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive _____ Till you
 (3. If you) say He saved you from your sin, _____ Now you're

The second system continues the piano accompaniment, featuring a repeat sign at the beginning of the treble clef line. The melody in the treble clef continues with quarter notes D5, E5, and F#5, followed by a half note G5. The bass clef accompaniment remains consistent with the first system.

1. know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord. _____ There are
 2. know Him in His full - ness, and be - lieve. _____ You're the
 3. weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, _____ you can

The third system continues the piano accompaniment. The melody in the treble clef continues with quarter notes G5, F#5, and E5, followed by a half note D5. The bass clef accompaniment remains consistent with the previous systems.

1. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, _____ And I
 2. one to pro - fit when you say, _____ "I am
 3. make it right if you will yield; _____ You'll en -

The fourth system continues the piano accompaniment. The melody in the treble clef continues with quarter notes D5, C5, and B4, followed by a half note A4. The bass clef accompaniment remains consistent with the previous systems.

1. know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
 2. going to walk with Je - sus all the way."
 3. joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel.

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,

Stay right here with us, fill - ing us with your love.

And for these bless - ings we lift our hearts in

praise; With-out a doubt we'll know— that we have

been re-vived when we shall leave this place. 1.-2. 3. There are 3. If you place.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and 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

LEVAS #130 – Glory, Glory Hallelujah

1. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
2. I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter,

1. _ Since I laid my bur - den down.
2. _ Since I laid my bur - den down,

1. _ Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
2. _ I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter,

1. _ Since I laid my bur - den down.
2. _ Since I laid my bur - den down.

3. Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" etc.
4. I am climbing Jacob's ladder. etc.

THE COLLECTS OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of the prophets, we give you thanks for calling Barbara Clementine Harris to the office of bishop. Open our eyes to behold the wondrous works you have prepared for your church in calling women to share in the ministry of the episcopate. May we, inspired by their example as faithful shepherds, wise teachers, courageous prophets, and guardians of the faith, proclaim the Good News and carry out the works of Jesus Christ in the world; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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 forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON

Isaiah 58:6-12

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 33:18-22

Sung by the Saint Paul's Youth Choir

David Hurd (b.1950)

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those fear him,
On those who wait upon his love,

To pluck their lives from death,
And to feed them in time of famine.

Our soul waits for the Lord;
He is our help and our shield.

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him,
For in his holy Name we put our trust.

Let your loving kindness, O Lord, be upon us,
As we have put our trust in you.

GRADUAL HYMN

LEVAS #44 - Blessed Absalom

Lauda Anima



1. Born in bond-age, born in shack - les, Born stripped of all dig - ni - ty,
2. When in Phi - la - del - phia set - tled, He sought per - sons in great need,
3. Foun - ded he Saint Tho - mas' Church for Af - ric's sons and daugh - ters blest;
4. Bles - sed Abs' - lom Jones, first priest of Af - ric's stock with - in our fold;



Abs' - lom Jones was bound, de - ter - mined, That he would one day be free.
Ded - i - ca - ted to em - pow'r - ment, His own peo - ple did he lead.
Full - fledged mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, They no long - er were op - pressed.
May we, in - spired by your wit - ness Raise up priests with hearts of gold!



Bles - ed Abs' - lom, leads us, guides us, In the bonds of u - ni - ty.
Bles - sed Abs' - lom, pray that we from All in - diff' - rence may be freed.
Bles - ed Abs' - lom, pray that we may Be the church at Christ's be - hest.
Bles - sed Abs' - lom, pio - neer, pro - phet May your sto - ry long be told!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

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

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

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all.

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 truly human. 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. 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

Let us turn our minds and hearts to the larger community of which we are a part, saying

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us mercy.

For the good earth and the created universe: Give us the will and the strength to protect and conserve the air, the water, the land, the space and all its creatures.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us mercy.

For all peoples of every race, nation and disposition: May your love so embrace us all, that its power overcomes our conflicts, our defenses and our fears. Quicken us to our true nature as your children that we may love one another.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us mercy.

For all the churches of the world: May we grow together in our understanding of mission, that we may be strengthened in unity and united in acts of service. Call us to the one discipleship with its many gifts.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us mercy.

For all Christian communities: Renew our vision and experience of Christian Community as ever birthing and transforming, ever young and open to risk, ever old and full of wisdom.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us mercy.

For those who live in fear and confusion, whether they be migrants or stateless people in refugee camps, or settled people in threatened communities: Give to the vulnerable strength and to the secure vulnerability, that our human compassion for one another may end injustice and give our societies a human face.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us mercy.

For the world community, especially for those who suffer most, for the emotionally and physically ill, for all who have died, especially for victims of gun violence and human rights abuses, for those who have died from Covid 19, for casualties of the war in Ukraine, for those who have perished in the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, and for those who grieve. May we all, out of our own suffering, give comfort and support.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us mercy.

For the larger community around us, especially for the newborn children, the homeless and the imprisoned: May we create a world where shelter, food and medical care are available for all and where the law protects people for a better chance and better choices.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us mercy.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Celebrant Holy God, creator of all that is, lover of the human family and helper of all in need, hear the prayers we offer in faith, strengthen us to follow the example of your faithful servants Barbara Harris and Absalom Jones and to join together in making no peace with oppression.
Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wendy Wilson Walker Midwest Regional Director, Union of Black Episcopalians
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens Dean, Trinity Cathedral
The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr. Bishop of Ohio

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

*This morning's offering will be sent to the Presiding Bishop's Fund
and will be forwarded to
the Historically Black Episcopal Universities:
St. Augustine's University in Raleigh, North Carolina
Voorhees University in Denmark, South Carolina.*

*Please make checks payable to NOCUBE
(Northern Ohio Chapter Union of Black Episcopalians)*

SOLO AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by Matthew Jones, tenor

Guide My Feet: In Tribute to Leontyne Price

Traditional Spiritual
Arr. Jacqueline B. Hairston (b.1932)

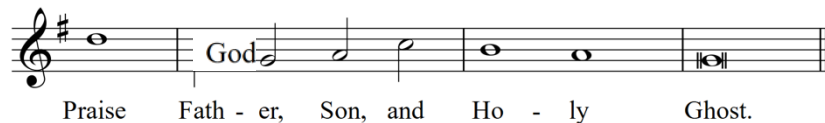
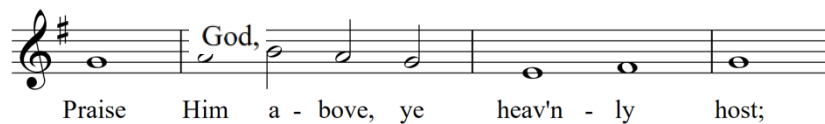
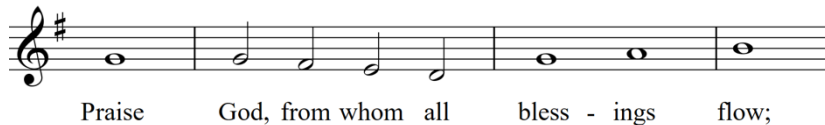
*Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race
For I don't want to run this race in vain.*

*Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race
For I don't want to run this race in vain.*

*Stan' by me, Lord, while I run this race
For I don't want to run this race in vain.*

Please stand.

DOXOLOGY



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 your sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the Mystery of Faith: Tune: We Shall Overcome

**Jesus Christ has died. Jesus Christ is risen. Jesus Christ will come again.
O deep in my heart, I do believe: Jesus Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

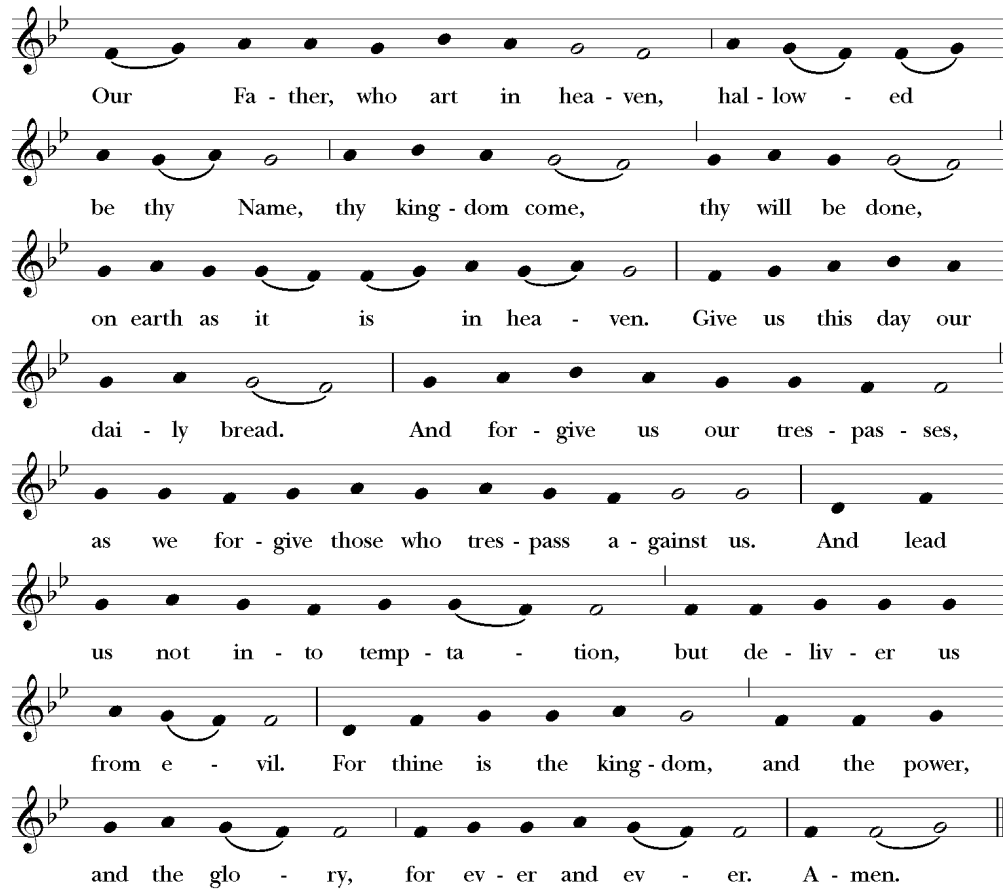
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and the 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 forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

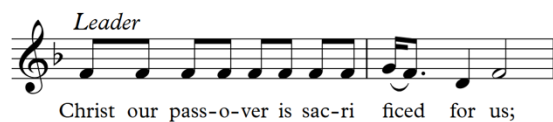
LEVAS #268 - *from* Eucharist of the Soul

Lena McLin



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. **Fine**

Leader



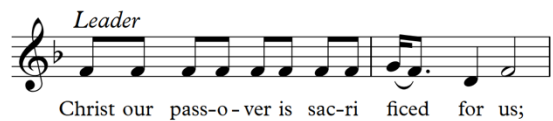
Christ our pass-o-ver is sac-ri ficed for us;

Response



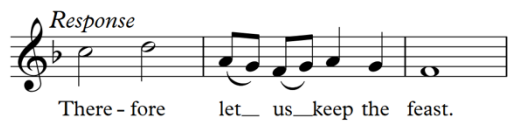
There - fore let_ us_ keep the feast.

Leader



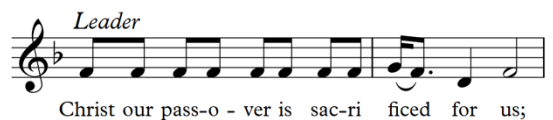
Christ our pass-o-ver is sac-ri ficed for us;

Response



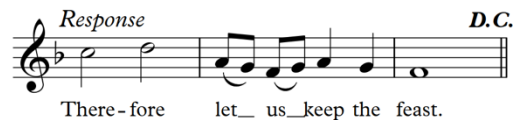
There - fore let_ us_ keep the feast.

Leader



Christ our pass - o - ver is sac-ri ficed for us;

Response **D.C.**



There - fore let_ us_ keep the feast.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ushers will direct the People to the Communion administration stations. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Simply let the priest know that you need one.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit

Traditional Spiritual
Arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

*Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit,
Moving in my heart, I will pray.*

*Up on the mountain my Lord spoke,
Out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looked so fine,
Asked my Lord if all was mine.*

*Jordan river chilly and cold,
Chills the body but not the soul.
There ain't but one train runs this track,
Runs to heaven and runs right back.*

St. Paul's Youth Choir

Give Me Jesus

Traditional Spiritual
Arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

*In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.*

*Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.*

*Oh when I come to die, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.*

Matthew Jones, *tenor*

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
 2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;
 2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,
 3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—
 4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.
 3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 4. scend, “E - ven so”— it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, It is well with my

— It is well, it is well with my soul.
 soul,

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.**

LEVAS #1 – Lift Every Voice and Sing

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - 'ning
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

1. ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
2. rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
3. tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

1. ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - 'ning
2. died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y
3. way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in - to the

1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
2. feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?
3. light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 2. We have come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 3. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thee;

1. Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 2. We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

1. brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
 2. slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
 3. get thee, Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for -

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

THE BLESSING

The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., adapted

Celebrant And now unto God who is able to keep us from falling and to lift us from the dark valleys of despair to the mountains of hope, from the midnight of desperation to the daybreak of joy; to God be power and authority, forever and ever.

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

RECESSIONAL

Voices Found #21 – God of the Women



1. God of the wo - men who an - swered your call,
2. God of the wo - men who walked Je - sus' way,
3. God of the wo - men long put to the test,
4. God of the wo - men who ran from the tomb,
5. O God of Phoe - be and min - is - ters all,



trust - ing your prom - ise giv - ing their all,
giv - ing their re - sour - ces, learn - ing to pray,
left out of sto - ries, for - got - ten, op - pressed,
who prayed with o - thers in that up - per room,
may we be joy - ful in answer - ing your call.



wo - men like Sar - ah and Han - nah and Ruth
Ma - ry, Jo - an - na, Sus - an - na, and more
qui - et ly ask - ing: "Who smiled at my birth?"
then felt your Spi - rit on Pen - te - cost Day
Give us the strength of your Spi - rit so near



give us their cour - age to live in your truth.
may we give free - ly as they did be - fore.
in Je - sus' dy - ing you show us our worth.
may we so glad - ly pro - claim you to - day.
that we may share in your min - is - try here.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing, in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Toccata improvisee sur la We Shall Overcome

Today's Preacher

The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Massachusetts, was born in Cleveland, Ohio and we are pleased to welcome her home to preach at this celebration.

Bishop Barbara Clementine Harris was present at her ordination to the priesthood and the chief consecrator at her episcopal ordination was The Rt. Rev. Arthur B. Williams, Jr., then Vice President of the House of Bishops. She is currently the convener of the Episcopal Bishops of African Descent in the House. In April she will become Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia.

The Banners

The banners in the procession were designed especially for this celebration by Jessica Rocha and The Rev. Brian Wilbert and are a gift from the Archives of the Diocese of Ohio.

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