

Trinity NOTES

February 13, 2011

Dear Sisters and Brothers

I have heard some comments regarding our impromptu congregational dialogue after the sermon last week. Let me offer you a few thoughts.

First, be assured that none of the comments offered by those who spoke were directed at any specific individual. Second, the fact that different perspectives were expressed which spoke to different experiences of Trinity during the transition process was a good thing. It is reflective of what I have been saying in recent columns of the Trinity NOTES regarding the type of community we want to be.

We want to be a community made up of different individuals and perspectives. The fact that we are such a community was evidenced on Sunday. Our next step is to continue to foster opportunities where our differences are heard and appreciated; which of course is not the same as meaning we must agree with each other.

There are almost no models in our broader church or in our society where we see people being able to disagree with one another in a civil manner. That is why what happened on Sunday was good and important. That is why we must continue to perfect our listening and sharing abilities. The fundamental theology here is that God is present not only in OUR experience but also in the experience of the "other." This is an integral part of our journey as reconcilers and ambassadors for Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Cass

EPIPHANY WORSHIP

We have two remaining special worship experience planned during the Epiphany Season. The next is on February 20th. We will incorporate some Spanish as a part of our worship and look at some of the ways that a different cultural lens can enrich our experience of God.

We will be joined by the Reverend Canon Susan Goff. Canon Goff is the Canon to the Ordinary. Come to the Adult time to find out what that means. She will also be the preacher.

LAST WEEK'S VITALS TITHES & GIFTS

1. Last Sunday's attendance:	73
2. Last Sunday's offering:	
Pledge	\$4,613.34
Gifts & Plate	280.22
Flower Fund	190.00
Diocesan Aid	2,802.50*
Breakfast Ministry	75.25
Other	10.00
Total	\$7,971.31

*For January & February

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The Episcopal Church

February 13, 2011 – Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

This Week in the Episcopal Church

February 13: On this day in 1818, the Rev. Absalom Jones, the first African-American ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church, died. Jones was born into slavery in Delaware in 1746. While a slave, he married Mary King, another slave, in 1770. He worked for eight years to buy his wife's freedom so that their children would be free, and seven years later he was able to purchase his own freedom.

Jones became an active member of St. George's Methodist Church in Philadelphia, serving as lay preacher for the black members of the congregation. A gifted orator, Jones increased black membership in the church at such a remarkable rate that white parishioners began trying to segregate the congregation; black parishioners were told by church officials that they would have to sit in the balcony.



Absalom Jones

After a Sunday service in November 1786, when ushers tried to force all black parishioners, including Jones, to the balcony, Jones and his followers left St. George's. Jones and Richard Allen, who had been a fellow member of St. George's, founded the Free African Society in 1787, a nondenominational mutual aid society designed to assist freed slaves. By 1791, the African Society had evolved into the African Church, which was received into the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania in 1794. The diocese renamed the church St. Thomas' African Episcopal Church, and it became the first black Episcopal parish in the United States. In 1804 Jones became the first ordained priest of African descent in the Episcopal Church.

Jones died at his home in Philadelphia in 1818, and first appeared on the Episcopal calendar of saints in the Book of Common Prayer in 1979.

February 14: On this day the Episcopal Church celebrates Saints Cyril and Methodius, two Byzantine Greek brothers, who were missionaries to the Slavic peoples of Great Moravia and Pannonia. Known as the "Apostles to the Slavs," they helped create the Glagolitic alphabet to transcribe the Old Church Slavonic language. Cyril died on this day in 869.



James Pike

Also on this day in 1913, James A. Pike, Bishop of California, was born in Oklahoma City. Pike became a highly controversial figure for his television appearances in the 1950s and '60s as an early proponent of racial desegregation, the ordination of women, and the open acceptance

of LGBT people within mainline American churches.



Joseph Parry

February 17: On this day in 1903, Joseph Parry, music scholar and composer, died. Parry is perhaps best-known for writing the music to the hymn "Jesus, lover of my soul" (Hymn 699).

Also on this day in 1977, Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, was executed. Luwum was arrested and shot for his open criticism of the excesses and corruption of the regime of Idi Amin, the military leader and president of Uganda. Luwum protested Amin's human rights abuses, particularly the arbitrary killings and unexplained "disappearances" of citizens during the regime.

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 13, 2011

8:45 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Parish Hall
9:15 a.m.	Christian Formation For Children	Upstairs Classrooms
	Christian Formation For Youth	Library
	Christian Formation For Adults	Library
	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
10:30 a.m.	Worship*	Sanctuary (Holy Eucharist)

**Childcare for infants and toddlers will continue during the service (10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)*

*** Childcare will soon be offered during the liturgy of the Word for children 11 and below for parents who wish it for their children. Children will join the service for communion.*

DON'T FORGET

NEW WORSHIP TIME

Sundays, 10:30 am

NEW SMALL GROUP

**First Meeting:
Friday
February 18th
@ 8:30 am**

**Please contact
Pastor Cass
For more info**

Trinity Leadership

Lay Ministers: The Congregation

Bishops: The Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston

The Rt. Rev. David C. Jones

Vicar: Pastor Cass Bailey

Senior Warden: TBD

Junior Warden: Mary Newton, 2013

Vestry: Mark Bell, 2012

Lauren Fleischmann, 2013

Amy Griffith, 2013

Nick Garber 2014

Deborah Gille

Jenny Holmes, 2012

Diane Sampson, 2012

Treasurer: Beverly Bivins

Music Minister: Carlton Dickerson

Please NOTE:

The Prayer Request Box in the chapel is checked regularly and prayer is offered for any requests that are present.

Prayer List

Please pray for:

- Hazel Clave (Kristin Szakos' grandmother who is 106 years old).
- Joe Cochran and family as they journey through seminary.
- David, Margaret Ann, and Jenna



Altar Flowers for February 13 are given in Celebration of the Birthday of Stephanie & Joe Commander.

Lay Ministers Scheduled:

Sunday, February 13, 2011

Lectors: Kendra Hamilton & Fred Schmidt

Intercessor: Ayuko White

Chalice Bearers: Gloria Johnson & Cheryl Kasper

Altar Guild: Betty Jones, Mary Blair & Helen Plaisance

Acolyte: Amy Griffith

Ushers: Gretchen Ellis & Jay Schlothauer

Counter: Amy Griffith

Home Communion: Cheryl Kasper

Hospitality Hour: Patricia Bailey

Breakfast: Team 1 (Carroll Hill & Elizabeth Hill)

If you are unable to serve, please get a substitute.