



Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, Alabama

Holy Communion of the Simple Presence:

The Feast of St. Ninian

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

5:15 p.m.

We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is Holy Eucharist, Rite II. For ease of use, this booklet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in bold. Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. This year, when appropriate, the lessons for this service will commemorate Saints of the Episcopal Church.

Prelude

Welcome

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who by the preaching of your blessed servant and bishop Ninian caused the light of the Gospel to shine in the land of Britain: Grant, we pray, that having his life and labors in remembrance, we may show our thankfulness by following the example of his zeal and patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Psalm 97

Dominus regnavit

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- ¹ The Lord is King;
let the earth **rejoice**; *
let the multitude of the isles be **glad**.
- ² Clouds and darkness are round **about him**, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his **throne**.
- ³ A fire goes before **him** *
and burns up his enemies on every **side**.
- ⁴ His lightings light up the **world**; *
the earth sees it and is **afraid**.
- ⁵ The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the **Lord**, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole **earth**.
- ⁶ The heavens declare his **righteousness**, *
and all the peoples see his **glory**.
- ⁷ Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false **gods**! *
Bow down before him, all you **gods**.
- ⁸ Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah **rejoice**, *
because of your judgements, O **Lord**.
- ⁹ For you are the **Lord**,
most high over all the **earth**; *
you are exalted far above all **gods**.
- ¹⁰ The Lord loves those who hate **evil**; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the **wicked**.
- ¹¹ Light has sprung up for the **righteous**, *
and joyful gladness for those who are true**hearted**.
- ¹² Rejoice in the Lord, you **righteous**, *
and give thanks to his holy **Name**.

Phos hilaron

The Eighth Tune

Hymnal 25

O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father's glory shone.
Immortal, holy, blest is he, and blest are you, his holy Son.

Now sunset comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God who dwells in the eternal light.

Worthy are you of endless praise, O Son of God, Life-giving Lord;
wherefore you are through all the earth and in the highest heaven adored.

The Holy Gospel:

Matthew 28:16-20

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

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

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Meditation

Silence for reflection.

The Prayers of the People: Form II

The leader and people pray responsively.

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Celebrant: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Russell; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially St. Ninian.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

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

Celebrant and People:

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.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Solo

Kenton Coe
(1930-2021)

For The Beauty of the Earth

Mollie Adams, *soprano*

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
we sing this hymn of grateful praise, we sing this hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;
we sing this hymn of grateful praise, we sing this hymn of praise.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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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 every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been the chosen vessels of your grace, 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant:

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.

Celebrant :

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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

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**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.**

Fraction Anthem

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant:

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.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Ubi caritas (Murray)

Hymnal 577

God is love, and where true love is v. 1

Refrain: God is love, and where true love is
God himself is there.

Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling.

Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting.

Let us fear and love him, holy God eternal.

Loving him, let each love Christ in one another. **Refrain**

Dismissal



ST. NINIAN

(360-432)

BISHOP AND MISSIONARY TO SCOTLAND

Ninian was a Celt, born in Scotland around 360. He is regarded as the first preacher of the Gospel to the people living in England outside the territory under Roman rule. He studied in Rome but was chiefly influenced by his friendship with Martin of Tours. Ninian built a church at Galloway that archaeologists have excavated and partially restored. From his base at Galloway, Ninian preached throughout southern Scotland and in the Lake District of England. Like Patrick (a generation later) and Columba (a century and a half later), he was a principal agent in preserving the tradition of the old Romano-British Church and forming the character of Celtic Christianity. Some historians think that the number and extent of his conversions has been exaggerated, but throughout southern Scotland there are many and widespread churches that bear his name, and have traditionally been assumed to be congregations originally founded by him.

CATHEDRAL NOTES



DEAN'S MIDWEEK MEDITATION

Wednesdays at Noon via Zoom

Everyone is welcome to join this 30-minute midday pause, in the middle of the working week, to reflect on the Gospel and to pray together. Each week you will receive an email containing the text of the upcoming Sunday's Gospel, along with a Zoom link to our gathering. In our time of prayer, listening for how the Gospel is speaking to us in this moment, we will close with a brief sharing of our reflections. No preparation needed, and visitors are always welcome.



CATHEDRAL'S ORGAN FUND

Currently we cannot see or hear our organ because the console and organ chambers have been carefully covered during construction, but it will be tuned and cared for when the scaffolding comes down. As early fall is our traditional time to request donations to the Cathedral Organ Fund, we are again soliciting donations for the care and improvement of our organ. Please consider making a donation to our Cathedral Organ Fund by completing a card found on the ministry table and returning it with a donation, or by visiting our website to give electronically. We are deeply grateful for your support.

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