



Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, Alabama  
Holy Communion of the Simple Presence:  
The Feast of St. Hadewijch of Brabant  
Wednesday, April 22, 2026  
5:15 p.m.

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*We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is Enriching Our Worship. 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.

Triune God of Love, overwhelming and all-encompassing: Visit us in our solitude and in our companionship, and draw us ever more deeply into union with you, who are ever present and ever mysterious; that we, like your servant Hadewijch, might know you ever more fully, even as we have been fully known. **Amen.**

# The Lessons

Psalm 57:6-11

*Miserere mei, Deus*

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- 6 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O **God**; \*  
and your glory over all the **earth**.
- 7 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is **fixed**; \*  
I will sing and make **melody**.
- 8 Wake up, my spirit;  
awake, lute and **harp**; \*  
I myself will waken the **dawn**.
- 9 I will confess you among the peoples, O **Lord**; \*  
I will sing praise to you among the **nations**.
- 10 For your loving-kindness is greater than the **heavens**, \*  
and your faithfulness reaches to the **clouds**.
- 11 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O **God**, \*  
and your glory over all the **earth**.

*Silence.*

## 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:

*John 19:31-37*

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

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

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Meditation

*Silence.*

## 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 Hadewijch of Brabant.

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

*Silence.*

## 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

Malcolm Archer  
(b. 1952)

### *Abide with me*

Mollie Adams, *soprano*

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change can decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee,  
In life, in death, O Lord abide with me.

## 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, but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:

### *Sanctus*

Hymnal S-125

**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

BCP 364

**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.**

## Post Communion Prayer

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*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

Dismissal

Closing Hymn

*Adoro devote*  
Hymnal 314

*Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen v. 4*  
Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold,  
what my soul doth long for, that thy word foretold:  
face to face thy splendor, I at last shall see,  
in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee.



## HADEWIJCH OF BRABANT (13TH C.) POET AND MYSTIC

Hadewijch of Brabant was a 13th-century poet and mystic, and probable Beguine. Hadewijch is one of the most original voices in Christian mysticism. Though little is known of her life, her surviving works include visionary prose, passionate letters, and lyrical poetry that blends courtly love language with theological depth. She described divine union with breathtaking emotional and spiritual intensity. Hadewijch's writings influenced later mystics like Meister Eckhart and John of Ruusbroec, even though her name faded for centuries.

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*Abide with me*: Words: Henry Lyte (1793-1847). Music: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952).

Hymnal S-125: Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

Hymnal 314: Words: Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274); sts. 1-3, tr. *Hymnal 1940*; st. 4, tr. *Hymnal 1982*. Music: *Adoro devote*, French church melody, Mode 5, *Processionale*, 1697.

# CATHEDRAL NOTES



## WILMER HALL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 25 from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Join the fun on the front lawn of Wilmer Hall, 3811 Old Shell Road for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast. Enjoy pancakes, music by the Excelsior Band, jumpies for the kids, and more! Get your tickets at [wilmerhall.org/events/pancake-breakfast](http://wilmerhall.org/events/pancake-breakfast). Cash check, Venmo are accepted at the event! Tickets are \$6/per person or \$20/per car for the drive thru. Christ Church Cathedral is a sponsor of the event.



## YOUTH AND SENIOR SUNDAY

Sunday, April 26

While we include our youth and children in weekly worship throughout the year, this Sunday is an opportunity for our Cathedral youth to share their faith in front of the congregation. In the planning process early in the school year, they were asked to help plan the year. This Youth Sunday is the result of their desire and willingness to lead in what we hope will be an annual tradition.



## ORGAN RECITAL

Sunday, April 26 at 5:00 p.m.

We welcome Joel Gregory to celebrate the conclusion of our concert season this Eastertide with an afternoon of breathtaking organ mastery. The program features triumphant seasonal favorites, concluding with the grandeur of Widor's Toccata from Symphony No. 5. Joel Gregory is the Organist and Choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Church in Montgomery.



## DIACONATE ORDINATION

Saturday, May 2 at 11:00 a.m.

As the Cathedral Church of the Diocese it is our privilege to host the ordination service on May 2 for three candidates to the Diaconate. We are asking for volunteers to assist that morning greeting the ordinands and their families, serving light hospitality before and after the service, and to act as ushers for the service. To volunteer you may use the sign-up sheets on the ministry table or you may use the sign-up link in our weekly emails or on the website.



## FORWARD DAY BY DAY

Daily devotionals for May, June, July are available on the ministry table.



## Ministers For Today

Celebrant .....The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson  
Organist.....Josh Coble  
Cantor.....Mollie Adams  
Altar Guild ..... Barbara Archer, Skip Archer, Linda Grill



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The Right Reverend J. Russell Kendrick, *Bishop*  
The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson, Ph.D., *Rector and Dean*  
The Reverend Thomas K. Heard, *Priest Associate*  
The Reverend Pratt Paterson, *Deacon*  
Dr. Joshua H. Coble, *Organist and Choirmaster*  
Mollie A. Adams, *Cantor*  
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