



Mobile, Alabama  
Wednesday in Holy Week  
April 1, 2026  
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two  
5:15 P.M.

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*We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two in The Book of Common Prayer. For ease of use, this booklet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy. Congregational responses are printed in bold. Page numbers refer to the Prayer Book for those wishing to use it. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.*

## Prelude

## Welcome

## The Word of God

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:* **His mercy endures for ever.**

## Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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.**

## *Kyrie*

BCP 356

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

## The Collect of the Day

BCP 220

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### First Reading: *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm 70

*Deus, in adiutorium*

*Please read responsively by whole verse.*

BCP 682

- 1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*  
O Lord, make haste to help me.
- 2 **Let those who seek my life be ashamed  
and altogether dismayed; \***  
**let those who take pleasure in my misfortune  
draw back and be disgraced.**
- 3 Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back, \*  
because they are ashamed.
- 4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \***  
**let those who love your salvation say for ever,  
“Great is the Lord!”**
- 5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  
come to me speedily, O God.
- 6 **You are my helper and my deliverer; \***  
**O Lord, do not tarry.**

### Second Reading: *Hebrews 12:1-3*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Hebrews.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

### Sequence Hymn

*Detroit*

*“Forgive our sins as we forgive” vv. 1, 2*

Hymnal 674

“Forgive our sins as we forgive” you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

## The Holy Gospel: *John 13:21-32*

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

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

At supper with his friends, Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night. When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sequence Hymn

*Detroit*

*"Forgive our sins as we forgive" vv. 3, 4*

Hymnal 674

In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew,  
how small the debts men owe to us, how great our debt to you.

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease;  
then, reconciled to God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

## Meditation

### The Prayers of The People

*Celebrant:* Gracious and loving God, you have shown us that the way of the cross is the way of life, and through your Son Jesus you have taken upon yourself all of the evil, sin and violence of the world, even death itself: Take into your divine heart the needs and concerns of your children, and hear us as we pray: Make your face to shine upon your servants, and in your loving-kindness save us.

*Intercessor:* As Jesus emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, humbling himself and being obedient to the point of death, so inspire your Church to follow faithfully in the way that he has led us, that we may share in his exaltation and resurrection.

Make your face to shine upon your servants,

**and in your loving-kindness save us.**

As Jesus confronted the powers and principalities of the world—the kings and emperors and authorities of religion and state—so empower us to unmask all injustice, envy, violence, and greed, and greet your divine light which casts out all darkness.

Make your face to shine upon your servants,

**and in your loving-kindness save us.**

As Jesus became one with the poor, the criminal, the outcast, and the dying, so send your resurrection grace unto all who suffer, that we may be comforted by the promise of your heavenly kingdom.

Make your face to shine upon your servants,

**and in your loving-kindness save us.**

As Jesus carried his cross with compassion and humility for all of the sin and brokenness of the world, so let us reach out to our neighbors in steadfast love and willing service.

Make your face to shine upon your servants,

**and in your loving-kindness save us.**

As Jesus accepted pain, humiliation, contempt, and powerlessness with patient strength and steadfast hope, be present in your divine glory with those for whom we pray. As Jesus gave himself to the Father in thankful surrender, hear our grateful hearts in our prayers of thanksgiving. As Jesus humbled himself to the point of death, even death on a cross, so that his Name may be exalted above every name, so bring into his eternal glory those who have died.

Make your face to shine upon your servants,  
**and in your loving-kindness save us.**

*Celebrant:* Through the humble trust of Jesus on the cross you have showed us the path of eternal life, O God: Give us courage and grace to follow his example of obedient love, to walk in the way of the cross, and to share in his glorious resurrection, that we may live in the power of his Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

BCP 360

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

John Abdenour  
(b. 1962)

*Bread of the World*  
Mollie Adams, *soprano*

Bread of the world, in mercy broken, wine of the soul, in mercy shed,  
by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart, by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;  
and be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

BCP 361

*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 unto our Lord God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. 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-130

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

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.**

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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

## *Agnus Dei*

Hymnal S-161

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

*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.

## Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

**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

BOS 14

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## Closing Hymn

*Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

*O sacred head, sore wounded v. 3*

Hymnal 168

In thy most bitter passion my heart to share doth cry,  
with thee for my salvation upon the cross to die.  
Ah, keep my heart thus moved to stand thy cross beneath,  
to mourn thee, well-belovéd, yet thank thee for thy death.

## Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

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



## MID-WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

The Mid-Week Holy Eucharist service will not meet on Wednesday, April 8.

The service resumes on Wednesday April 15.

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT THE CATHEDRAL

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*From the earliest times Christian pilgrims have followed the path of Jesus in his last days. From this beginning evolved the rites we observe today. These services provide a liturgical experience of the last days of Jesus' earthly life, as well as the time and events leading up to his resurrection. There are special liturgies for each of these days. The three holy days, or Triduum, of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and The Great Vigil of Easter are at the heart of the Holy Week and Easter observance.*



## THE EASTER TRIDUUM

### MAUNDY THURSDAY EUCHARISTS

Maundy Thursday, April 2 at Noon in the Church \*  
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing in the Chapel



### GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

Good Friday, April 3 at Noon in the Church \*



### THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

Saturday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. beginning in the Garden



### THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER SUNDAY

FESTIVAL EUCHARIST April 5 at 10:00 a.m. \*<sup>o</sup>

### FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

Please remember to come a few minutes early on Easter Sunday and to bring flowers for the Easter Cross.  
The annual parish photo will be taken at the end of the service.

### ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Following the service in Mardi Gras Park.

Our Children's Easter Egg hunt for toddlers through grade 2 will take place in Mardi Gras Park.  
Please bring a dozen stuffed, plastic eggs (no nuts, chocolate) for each child by Friday, April 18.

*\* Indicates which services will be live-streamed.*

*<sup>o</sup> Indicates the nursery will be available.*

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## Ministers For Today

Celebrant.....The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson

Altar Guild..... Barbara Archer, Skip Archer



## CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL CATHEDRAL OF THE DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST

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