Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, Alabama

Holy Communion of the Simple Presence:
The Feast of St. Adeline Blanchard Tyler

Wednesday, November 4, 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.

Merciful God, who endowed Adeline and her companions with faith and courage, wisdom and humility, and called them to serve you as deaconesses, ministering to the sick, the oppressed, and the poor: By your grace, grant that we, following their example, may live to serve you as they did, revealing your steadfast love to the world, through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**.

The Lessons

Psalm 103:1-6 *Benedic, anima mea* BCP 733



1 Bless the Lord, O my **soul**, *
and all hat is within me, bless his holy **Name**.

2 Bless the Lord, O my **soul**, *
and forget not all his **benefits**.

3 He forgives all your **sins** *
and heals all your in**firmities**;

4 He redeems your life from the **grave** *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-**kindness**;

5 He satisfies you with good **things**, *
and your youth is renewed like an **eagle's**.

6 The Lord executes **righteousness** *
and judgement for all who are op**pressed**.

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 14:13-21***

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

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

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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. BCP 385

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. Adeline Blanchard Tyler.

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

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

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 — Thomas Pavlechko

O Taste and See (b. 1962)

Mollie Adams, *soprano*

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God.
Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.
The Lord is near to the broken hearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.
O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God.

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 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:

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 BCP 364

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

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

Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

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

Michael
Hymnal 665

All my hope on God is founded v. 3
God's great goodness e'er endureth,
deep his wisdom passing thought:
Splendor, light, and life attend him,
beauty, springeth out of nought.
Evermore from his store
newborn worlds rise and adore.

Dismissal

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St. Adeline Blanchard Tyler
(1805–1875)

Adeline Blanchard Tyler (1805-1875) was the first Episcopal deaconess. Along with Caroline (Carrie) Elizabeth Guild (1827-1880), Eveline Black (1825-1875), and Catherine Minard (1837-1917), she was admitted to the office of deaconess on the 4th of November 1856. They provided nursing care, religious and practical education, material support, and advocacy at the newly established St. Andrew's Infirmary in Baltimore. They cared for men, women, and children from all races, from near and far, and would become known as the United Deaconesses of Maryland.

The need for experienced nurses and hospital superintendents during the Civil War led Adeline to the Camden Street Hospital in Baltimore, where she ministered to both Union and Confederate soldiers with an evenhandedness that sparked accusations by some of being "a Rebel sympathizer." Shortly thereafter, at the request of Dorothea Dix, she was placed in charge of the military hospital in Chester, Pennsylvania, where her colleagues included volunteer nurses from Maine and Massachusetts. They often had 1,000 men under their care. By early 1863 Adeline was in charge of the military hospital at the former Naval Academy in Annapolis, again with members of the nursing cohort who had served at Chester. She died on January 9, 1875.

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God's Plenty:
Annual Giving 2027



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In my Father's house there are many dwelling places...John 14:2

This promise of abundance and welcome lies at the heart of our stewardship,
in which we acknowledge God's gracious gifts of plenty to us.
All through the year, we hear God's Word calling us to share our resources and nurture our relationships.
It will soon be time for your response. Stewardship is our faithful reply to God's generosity.
Make your faithful reply by becoming a pledging member of the Cathedral Family in 2027.

Our stewardship campaign this year invites us to recognize the abundance God has already entrusted to us. Even in uncertain times we are called to trust that there is enough: enough for our families, enough for our church, enough for our neighbors. As you pray about the resources God has placed in your care, please consider how you might share them joyfully in the year ahead.

Our Leadership

We give thanks for Francie and John Ruzic, our campaign chairs who will share the message that being good stewards of our time, talents, and treasure is a year-long venture. If you miss their talk in church, we will post their message in the weekly emails and on the annual giving page of our website.

Stewardship Ingathering 2027

Pledge cards will be mailed on November 16. They will also be placed in the chairs for Sunday morning worship, or you may pledge electronically using the link we will send in an email and that you may find on the Annual Giving page of our website. Please return your completed pledge cards by Sunday, December 6.

Annual Parish Meeting
and Stewardship Ingathering
Sunday, December 6

Return your pledge cards by placing them in the alms basin. After worship we will hold a short parish meeting with Vestry elections, then we will gather celebrate God's plenty with a Cathedral Family celebration.

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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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