



Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, Alabama
Holy Communion of the Simple Presence
Wednesday, January 14, 2026
5:15 p.m.

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: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Psalm 40:1-10

Expectans, expectavi

BCP 640



- ¹ I waited patiently upon the **Lord**; *
he stooped to me and heard my **cry**.
- ² He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and **clay**; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing **sure**.
- ³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our **God**; *
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the **Lord**.
- ⁴ Happy are they who trust in the **Lord**! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false **gods**.
- ⁵ Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for **us**! *
- ⁶ Oh, that I could make them known and tell **them**! *
but they are more than I can **count**.
- ⁷ In sacrifice and offering you take no **pleasure** *
(you have given me ears to hear **you**);
- ⁸ Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not **required**, *
and so I said, “Behold, I **come**.
- ⁹ In the roll of the book it is written concerning **me**: *
‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.’”
- ¹⁰ I proclaimed righteousness in the great **congregation**; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you **know**.

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:

Mark 1:29-39

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

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

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not

permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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.

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

Silence.

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Celebrant and People:

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you,

opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,

in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us

through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love

and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Solo

J. S. Bach

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

Mollie Adams, *soprano*

(1685-1750)

All who believe and are baptized shall see the Lord's salvation;
baptized into the death of Christ, they are a new creation;
through Christ's redemption they will stand among the glorious
heavenly band of every tribe and nation.

With one accord, O God, we pray, grant us your Holy Spirit;
help us in our infirmity through Jesus' blood and merit;
grant us to grow in grace each day that as is promised here
we may eternal life inherit.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I

EOW 57

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. Your formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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

EOW 69

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

EOW 70

Celebrant: God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Closing Hymn

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry v. 1

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Winchester New
Hymnal 76



FORWARD DAY BY DAY

Daily devotionals for February, March, April are available on the ministry table.

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CATHEDRAL NOTES



BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Sunday, February 1

Christ Church Cathedral is thrilled to host Trebled Soul, the Alabama State University Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and the Excelsior Band for our 5th Annual Black History Month Celebration. Join us for a service highlighting the rich tradition of music we enjoy from Black composers and cultures, including jazz, Afro-American hymns, and spirituals. We will also welcome that day The Reverend Bertice Berry, PhD, a sociologist, author, lecturer, storyteller, mother, and grandmother. She is a woman of science and faith. Ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church, Dr. Berry will be our preacher that day. Dr. Berry believes that every one of us has been given a unique purpose and it is our obligation to find it and use it to improve first our own self and then the lives of those we live and work with. She is a world renowned expert in corporate engagement, belonging, transformational leadership and internal wellness. She has enthralled our delegates as a speaker at our Diocesan Convention, and we are excited to have her speak here at Christ Church Cathedral.



KAPPA LEAGUE BRUNCH

We are combining the celebration with our annual brunch in support of the Mobile Kappa League. The funds are for preparation and fees for college entrance exams for members of the Mobile Kappa League. We are asking for sponsors willing to support the project for \$100 (sponsorship entitles you to 4 tickets). Brunch tickets are \$10. You may become a sponsor, or purchase tickets by signing-up at church—look for a sign-up in the vestibules or by using the link sent in the weekly email and on the website landing page.

CALLING ALL COOKS

We need a team of cooks to prepare brunch. The sign-up link to cook or assist is on our website landing page.



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday, January 25

The Parish Meeting for review of 2025 and looking forward to 2026 will take place immediately following the service.



CATHEDRAL PRAYER LIST

At Christ Church Cathedral we pray for one another in different ways, and invite you to request prayer by the clergy, or the parish. During our Sunday worship we pray silently and aloud for our own needs and those of others. If you have a prayer concern that you wish to be included in our prayers, please email Carolyn Jeffers at cjeffers@christchurchcathedralmobile.org to send a confidential request. This could be a prayer for yourself or for a loved one, friend, or colleague. Each year we ask that the names on the prayer list be resubmitted. Please let Carolyn Jeffers know if you have added a name to the prayer list and would like for it to remain. We will publish the new list on February 8. When requesting that someone be added to the printed prayer list that is included in our Sunday service bulletins, please ask their permission before adding names. If you will also send us their mailing address, we will mail a card letting them know we are keeping them in our prayers.



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Celebrant The Reverend Thomas K. Heard
Organist Josh Coble
Cantor Mollie Adams
Altar Guild Barbara Archer, Skip Archer, Linda Grill



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