



Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, Alabama

Holy Communion of the Simple Presence:

The Feast of St. Jerome

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

5:15 p.m.

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*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 gave us the holy Scriptures as a light to shine upon our path: Grant us, after the example of your servant Jerome, so to learn of you according to your holy Word, that we may find the Light that shines more and more to the perfect day; even Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. **Amen.**

# The Lessons

Psalm 19:7-14

*Caeli enarrant*

BCP 607



- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the **soul**; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the **innocent**.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the **heart**; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the **eyes**.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for **ever**; \*  
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous **altogether**.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine **gold**, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the **comb**.
- 11 By them also is your servant **enlightened**, \*  
and in keeping them there is great **reward**.
- 12 Who can tell how often he **offends**? \*  
cleanse me from my secret **faults**.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over **me**; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great **offense**.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your **sight**, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my **redeemer**.

## 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:

*Luke 24:44-48*

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

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

Then Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

*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. Jerome.

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 Johannes Brahms  
(1833-1897)

*Create in Me, O God*  
Mollie Adams, *soprano*  
Create in me, O God, a pure heart, and grant anew,  
grant a right spirit within me.

### 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

*Sicilian Mariners*  
Hymnal 344

*Lord dismiss us with thy blessing v. 1*  
Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, thy love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace:  
O refresh us, O refresh us  
traveling through this wilderness.

## Dismissal



## ST. JEROME

(420)

### SCHOLAR, TRANSLATOR, AND THEOLOGIAN

Jerome was a fourth-century scholar and monastic. His translation of the Bible into Latin, along with his commentaries and homilies on the biblical books, have made him a major intellectual force in the Western Church.

Jerome was born in about 347. He converted and was baptized as a student in Rome. On a visit to Trier, he found himself attracted to the monastic life, which he tested in a brief but unhappy experience as a hermit in the deserts of Syria. At Antioch, he continued his studies in Hebrew and Greek. In 379, he went to Constantinople where he studied under Gregory of Nazianzus. From 382 to 384 he was secretary to Pope Damasus I. Damasus set him the task of making a translation of the Bible into Latin. After the death of Damasus, Jerome returned to the East, and established a monastery at Bethlehem, where he lived and worked until his death on 30 September 420.

# CATHEDRAL NOTES



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Courtyard

We bless pets on St. Francis' feast day because of his love for animals. Please bring your pets—on a leash or in a carrier—for their annual blessings. This year, we will be collecting donations for the Mobile Humane Society. Donations may include pet food, collars, leashes, beds, toys, and towels. A table will be set up where you can decorate a bowl for your pet! Each pet will receive a St. Francis medal after their blessing. Pet treats will be served.



## LOAVES AND FISH

Every Sunday morning in the servery from 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. we will make 100 sack lunches. As we continue providing much needed food to our friends and neighbors through our Blessing Box on Church Street and through the Victims Services Unit at the courthouse, we are beginning a weekly feeding program for the students at Bishop State Community College. We have recently learned that this is a great need. Each Sunday we will be making 100 sack meals per week right before church. If you have questions or need information, please contact Deacon Pratt.

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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



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

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