



Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, Alabama

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

5:15 p.m.

We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is The Holy Eucharist: Rite I. 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

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

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

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant:

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord our God, thou who didst sustain thy people of old in the wilderness with bread from heaven: Feed now thy pilgrim flock with the food that endureth unto everlasting life; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Psalm 145:8-19

Exaltabo te, Deus

BCP 802



- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of **compassion**, *
slow to anger and of great **kindness**.
- 9 The Lord is loving to **everyone** *
and his compassion is over all his **works**.
- 10 All your works praise you, O **Lord**, *
and your faithful servants **bless you**.
- 11 They make known the glory of your **kingdom** *
and speak of your **power**;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your **power** *
and the glorious splendor of your **kingdom**.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting **kingdom**; *
your dominion endures throughout all **ages**.
- 14 The Lord is faithful in all his **words** *
and merciful in all his **deeds**.
- 15 The Lord upholds all those who **fall**; *
he lifts up those who are bowed **down**.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O **Lord**, *
and you give them their food in due **season**.
- 17 You open wide your **hand** *
and satisfy the needs of every living **creature**.
- 18 The Lord is righteous in all his **ways** *
and loving in all his **works**.
- 19 The Lord is near to those who call upon **him**, *
to all who call upon him **faithfully**.

Silence.

Sequence Hymn

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended vv. 1, 2

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended, the darkness falls at thy behest;
to thee our morning hymns ascended, thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy Church, unsleeping while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping, and rests not now by day or night.

*St. Clement
Hymnal 24*

The Holy Gospel:

John 5:19-29

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

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the Jews, "Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomever he wishes. The Father judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son, so that all may honor the Son just as they honor

the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life. Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be astonished at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and will come out—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Meditation

Silence.

The Prayers of the People

The leader and people pray responsively.

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Celebrant: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Lord, in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Russell, our bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Lord, in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord, in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Lord, in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Lord, in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Lord, in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ’s sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

BCP 330

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto almighty God.

Celebrant and People:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Solo

Charles Dupree

What Wondrous Love

Mollie Adams, *soprano*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, What wondrous love is this, O my soul;
that caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM I will sing, I will sing.

While millions join the theme, I will sing. And when from death I'm free,

I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;

and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity,

I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity, I'll sing on.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying :

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
 Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
 Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
 Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant:

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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**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 337

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant: Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ or Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion Hymn

The day thou gavest vv. 3, 4
As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.
So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

St. Clement
Hymnal 24

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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EASTER MEMORIAL DESIGNATIONS

Deadline for Designations is Monday, March 30

Traditionally gifts are given at Easter to offset the cost of the Easter flowers, music, and for seasonal planting in the garden. Gifts may be given as a thanksgiving or as a memorial. Please use the form on our website christchurchcathedralsmobile.org/easteratthecathedral, or you may use the cards found in your pew, and on the ministry table. Donations are \$15 each.



PALM CROSSES

Wednesday, March 25 at 1:00 p.m.

Join us to fold palm crosses in the Chapter House. No experience required.

We'll have lunch, conversation and plenty of palms to fold for Palm Sunday.

All are welcome—it's a fun way to help and meet some members of the flower guild.

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