



Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, Alabama

Holy Communion of the Simple Presence

The Feast of Hildegard of Bingen

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

5:15 p.m.

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*We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is the 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. 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. 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.

God of all times and seasons: Give us grace that we, after the example of your servant Hildegard, may both know and make known the joy and jubilation of being part of your creation, and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# The Lessons

## Psalm 8

*Domine, Dominus noster*

BCP 592



- 1 O Lord our **Governor**, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the **world**!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and **children** \*  
your majesty is praised above the **heavens**.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your **adversaries**, \*  
to quell the enemy and the **avenger**.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your **fingers**, \*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their **courses**,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of **him**? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him **out**?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the **angels**; \*  
you adorn him with glory and **honor**;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your **hands**; \*  
you put all things under his **feet**:
- 8 All sheep and **oxen**, \*  
even the wild beasts of the **field**,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the **sea**, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the **sea**.
- 10 O Lord our **Governor**, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the **world**!

*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:

*John 3:16-21*

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

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

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light

because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Silence.*

## Meditation

### The Prayers of the People: Form III

*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 Alexander Crummell whom we remember today.

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

Henry Loosemore

(1607-1670)

*O Lord, Increase My Faith*

Mollie Adams, *soprano*

O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in thy true faith;  
endue me with wisdom, charity, chastity, and patience in all my adversities.

Sweet Jesus, say Amen.

## 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-124

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant:* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You 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 us 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 Hildegard of Bingen and 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

*Nicaea*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty v. 4*  
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Hymnal 362

All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.



## HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

(1098-1179)

VISIONARY

Abbess, mystic, scholar, composer, scientist, and physician. She was born in the Rhineland Valley of Germany and raised by the anchoress Jutta in a cottage near the Benedictine monastery of Disibodenberg. Hildegard experienced spiritual visions from early childhood. Other women came to live with Jutta and Hildegard, and a convent was organized with Jutta as abbess under the authority of the abbot of Disibodenberg. Hildegard became abbess in 1136 after Jutta's death. Hildegard later founded independent convents at Bingen and Eibingen, under the authority of the Archbishop of Mainz. Hildegard described her visions in Scivias. Music was essential to worship for Hildegard. The devil was condemned to live without music in Hildegard's The Play of the Virtues. Hildegard's influence and talents were wide-ranging. She was widely sought for her counsel, and she went on preaching missions in northern Europe. She corresponded with rulers and church leaders. Her writings included scientific and theological works. Hildegard is commemorated on September 17 in the Episcopal calendar of the church year.

# CATHEDRAL NOTES

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## DEAN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at noon in the Chapel or via Zoom  
This fall we will study the Pastoral Epistles beginning with 1 Timothy.



## LOAVES AND FISH

Sunday, September 21 and Monday, September 22  
On Sunday we will pack lunches in the servery immediately following worship.  
On Monday, we will distribute the lunches outside from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
If you would like to learn more or sign up to help,  
please contact Deacon Pratt at (251) 401-1003 or at [prattpaterson@gmail.com](mailto:prattpaterson@gmail.com).



## BAYLIGHTS 2025 AT BECKWITH

Friday, September 26 through Sunday, September 28  
A weekend of fun and fellowship in support of Beckwith.  
A fun-filled weekend with your friends and family in God's front yard!

### **Christ Church Cathedral is sponsoring the Friday night BayLights cookout.**

The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chair and relax outside under the stars with live entertainment. The cost for the evening is \$35 for everyone 13 and older, \$15 for youth ages 6 to 12, and children 11 and under are free. Leigh Rendfrey, a Board Member at Beckwith, has Draw Down tickets for sale and she can answer any questions. Want to help with meal prep or serving for Friday night?  
Please contact Carolyn Jeffers.



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 5 at 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral courtyard

We bless pets on or around St. Francis' feast day because of his love for animals as expressed in his Cantic of Creatures. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and the environment. Please bring your pets—on a leash or in a carrier—for their annual blessings. Pet treats will be served

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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

The Right Reverend J. Russell Kendrick, *Bishop*  
The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson, Ph.D., *Rector and Dean*  
The Reverend Thomas K. Heard, *Priest Associate*  
The Reverend Pratt Paterson, *Deacon*  
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