Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, Alabama

Service of the Simple Presence:
The Feast of St. Martin of Tours

Wednesday, November 11, 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
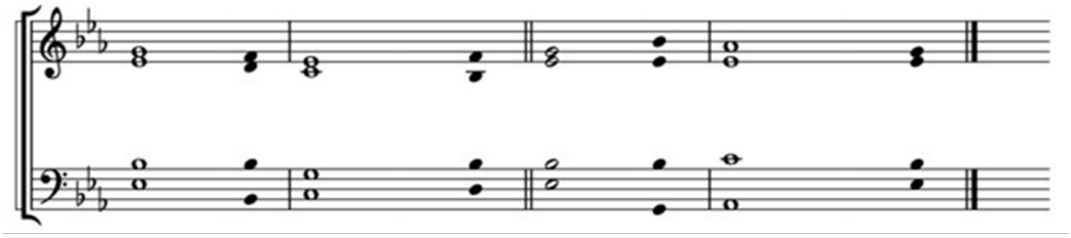
The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord God of hosts, who clothed your servant Martin the soldier with the spirit of sacrifice and set him as a bishop in your Church to be a defender of the catholic faith: Give us grace to follow in his holy steps, that, at the last, we may be found clothed with righteousness in the dwellings of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The Lessons

Psalm 11 *In Domino confido* BCP 596



1 In the Lord have I taken **refuge**, *
how then can you say to me,
"Fly away like a bird to the hill**top**;
2 For see how the wicked bend the bow
and fit their arrows to the **string**, *
to shoot from ambush at the true of **heart**.
3 When the foundations are being des**troyed**, *
what can the righteous **do**?
4 The Lord is in his holy **temple**; *
the Lord's throne is in **heaven**.
5 His eyes behold the inhabited **world**; *
his piercing eye weighs our **worth**.
6 The Lord weighs the righteous as well as the **wicked**, *
but those who delight in violence he **abhors**.
7 Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire and burning **sulphur**; *
a scorching wind shall be their **lot**.
8 For the Lord is righteous;
he delights in righteous **deeds**; *
and the just shall see his **face**.

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 25:31-46***

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something

to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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. Martin of Tours.

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

Mark Schweizer

Creator of Beauty and Giver of Light (1956-2019)

Mollie Adams, *soprano*

Creator of beauty and giver of light, who set the stars shinning in dark sacred night;
We offer our music with hearts full of praise, with joyful thanksgiving for all of our days.

In pastures of heaven, where green valleys sing, and high mountains echo,
each prayer to our King; may this song, a gift forever be found,
Now offered with grace, and eternity bound.

The journey of each soul remains in your care, your guidance and faithfulness,
always you share; your spirit, within us, each strength that you send,
Returned to your glory, a world without end.

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

Vater unser im Himmelreich
Hymnal 575

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel v. 1

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel:
give us a conscience quick to feel,
a ready mind to understand
the meaning of thy chastening hand;
whate'er the pain and shame may be,
bring us, O Father, nearer thee.

Dismissal

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St. Martin of Tours (c. 330–397)

Monastic, Missionary, Bishop

Martin was born around 330 of pagan parents. His father was a soldier, who enlisted Martin in the army at the age of fifteen. One winter day Martin saw an ill-clad beggar at the gate of the city of Amiens. Martin had no money to give, but he cut his cloak in half and gave half to the beggar. When in a dream that night, Martin saw Christ wearing the half-cloak, he was converted and was promptly baptized. At the end of his next military campaign, he asked to be released from the army, saying: "Hitherto I have faithfully served Caesar. Let me now serve Christ."

He became a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers. Returning to his parents' home in Illyricum, he was publicly scourged and exiled. He was subsequently driven from Milan, and eventually returned to Gaul where he founded the first monastery.

In 371 he was elected bishop of Tours. He died on or about 11 November 397 and his shrine at Tours became a sanctuary for those seeking justice.

The Feast of Martin, a soldier who fought bravely and faithfully in the service of an earthly sovereign, and then enlisted in the service of Christ, is also the day of the Armistice which marked the end of the First World War.

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God's Plenty:
Annual Giving 2027



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And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. *2 Corinthians 9:8*

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 shared the message that being good stewards of our time, talents, and treasure is a year-long venture. If you missed their talk in church, it is posted 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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