Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, Alabama

Service of the Simple Presence:
The Feast of St. Hilda of Whitby

Wednesday, November 18, 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
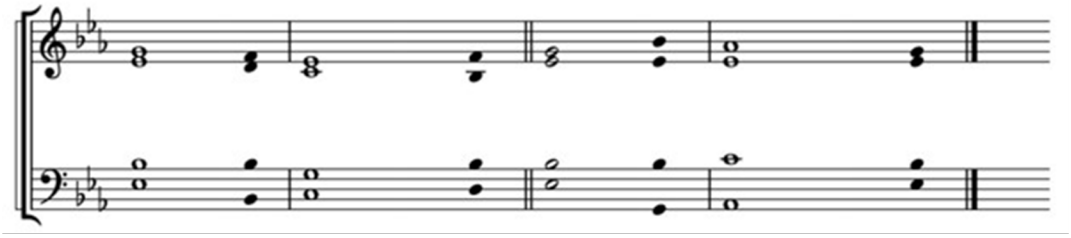
The Collect of the Day

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

O God of peace, by whose grace the abbess Hilda was endowed with gifts of justice, prudence, and strength to rule as a wise mother over the nuns and monks of her household: Raise up these gifts in us, that we, following her example and prayers, may build up one another in love to the benefit of your Church; 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 122 *Lætatus sum* BCP 779



1 I was glad when they said to **me**, *
"Let us go to the house of the **Lord**."
2 Now our feet are **standing** *
within your gates, O **Jerusalem**.
3 Jerusalem is built as a **city** *
that is at unity with it**self**;
4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the **Lord**, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the **Lord**.
5 For there are the thrones of **judgement**, *
the thrones of the house of **David**.
6 Pray for the peace of **Jerusalem**: *
"May they prosper who love **you**.
7 Peace be within your **walls**, *
and quietness within your **towers**.
8 For my brethren and companions' **sake**, *
I pray for your pros**perity**.
9 Because of the house of the Lord our **God**, *
I will seek to do you **good**."

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 19:27-30***

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

Then Peter said in reply, "Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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. Hilda of Whitby.

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 — Martin How (1931-2022)

Yours, Lord, is the greatness
Mollie Adams, *soprano*

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor,
and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, your own do we give, we give you.

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

St. Clement
Hymnal 24

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended
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.

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.

Dismissal

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St. Hilda of Whitby (18 November 680)

Abbess, Peacemaker

Hilda was the grandniece of King Edwin of Northumbria, a kingdom of the Angles. She was born in 614 and was baptized in 627 when the king and his household became Christians. In 647 she decided to become a nun, and under the direction of Aidan she established several monasteries. Her last foundation was at Whitby. It was a double house: a community of men and another of women, with a chapel in between. Hilda as the governor of both. It was a great center of English learning, one which produced five bishops.

Hilda's influence was considerable; kings and commoners alike came to her for advice. She was urgent in promoting the study of the Scriptures and the thorough education of the clergy. She died 17 November 680.

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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 is 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, their message is posted on the Annual Giving page of our website.

Stewardship Ingathering 2027

Pledge cards were mailed this week. They are also placed in your chair this evening, or you may pledge electronically using the link 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 Reverend Thomas K. Heard

Organist..... Josh Coble

Cantor..... Mollie Adams

Altar Guild ..... Barbara Archer, Skip Archer, Linda Grill

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