



Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, Alabama

Holy Communion of the Simple Presence:
The Feast of St. Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky
Wednesday, October 14, 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, who in your providence called Joseph Schereschewsky to the ministry of this church and gave him the gifts and the perseverance to translate the Holy Scriptures: Inspire us, by his example and prayers, to commit our talents to your service, confident that you uphold those whom you call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Psalm 90:1-12

Domine, refugium

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- ¹ Lord, you have been our **refuge** *
from one generation to **another**.
- ² Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were **born**, *
from age to age you are **God**.
- ³ You turn us back to the dust and **say**, *
“Go back, O child of **earth**.”
- ⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is **past** *
and like a watch in the **night**.
- ⁵ You sweep us away like a **dream**; *
we fade away suddenly like the **grass**.
- ⁶ In the morning it is green and **flourishes**; *
in the evening it is dried up and **withered**.
- ⁷ For we consume away in your **displeasure**; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- ⁸ Our iniquities you have set before **you**, *
and our secret sins in the light of your **countenance**.
- ⁹ When you are angry, all our days are **gone**; *
we bring our years to an end like a **sigh**.
- ¹⁰ The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even **eighty**; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are **gone**.
- ¹¹ Who regards the power of your **wrath**? *
who rightly fears your indignation?
- ¹² So teach us to number our **days** *
that we may apply our hearts to **wisdom**.

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 15:1-7

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

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

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.”

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. Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky.

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

Thomas Pavlecjko

(b. 1962)

O Sacrum Convivium

Mollie Adams, *soprano*

O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received,
the memory of his Passion is renewed,
the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of
future glory is given. Alleluia.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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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:

**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

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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

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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

The King of love my Shepherd is v. 6
And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

St. Columba
Hymnal 645

Dismissal



ST. SAMUEL ISAAC JOSEPH SCHERESCHEWSKY
(1831-1906)

SCHOLAR, TRANSLATOR, AND BISHOP

Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky was born in Lithuania in 1831. He went to Germany to study for the rabbinate and there became a Christian. He emigrated to America, trained for the priesthood, and in 1859 was sent by the Episcopal Church to China, where he devoted himself translating the Bible into Mandarin Chinese. In 1877 he was elected Bishop of Shanghai, where he founded St. John's University, and began his translation of the Bible into Wenli (the classical Chinese style of writing). He developed Parkinson's disease, was largely paralyzed, resigned his position as Bishop of Shanghai, and spent the rest of his life completing his Wenli Bible, the last 2000 pages of which he typed with the one finger that he could still move.

CATHEDRAL NOTES



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Sunday, November 1

Festival Eucharist begins at 10:00 a.m.

Celebrating all the Saints

Please give us the names of your loved ones.

On November 1, we will remember and celebrate the Communion of Saints, including all those we love but whom we see no longer. We pray with special intention for those who have died since the previous All Saints' Day. If you have a family member or friend who has died since November 2, 2025, their name will be included in a list published in the bulletin. If you have a loved one who might not be on our list, please make a note and include it in the alms basin or send an email to Melissa Hicks at mhicks@christchurchcathedralsmobile.org. A list of names of those prayed for this year, and those we have remembered in years past can be found on our website at: <https://www.christchurchcathedralsmobile.org/all-saints-Sunday>.



ALDOT

Places Sensors In Anticipation of the Mobile River Bridge Construction

The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) will install a vibration monitor in the ground on the south side of the church. The sensor is being installed prior to the start of construction on the new Interstate 10 Mobile River Bridge. The installation of the sensor was part of a court settlement between ALDOT and Christ Church when damage occurred during the construction of the Wallace Tunnels in the 1970's. The sensors are being placed in strategic locations throughout the city.

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O Sacrum Convivium: Words: Attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274). Music: Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1962).

Hymnal S-125: Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

Hymnal 645: Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody.



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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