



Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, Alabama
Holy Communion of the Simple Presence
Wednesday, March 10, 2021
12:00 noon

Rebekah Atkinson, *harpist*
Guest Artist

We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two in The Book of Common Prayer. 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. Service music not otherwise credited is composed by Christopher W. Powell.

Prelude

Amazing Grace
Rebekah Atkinson, *harpist*

arr. Diane Bish
(b. 1941)

Welcome

The Word of God

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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

The Collect of the Day

BCP 357

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Give ear to our prayers, O Lord, and direct the way of your servants in safety under your protection, that, amid all the changes of our earthly pilgrimage, we may be guarded by your mighty aid; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

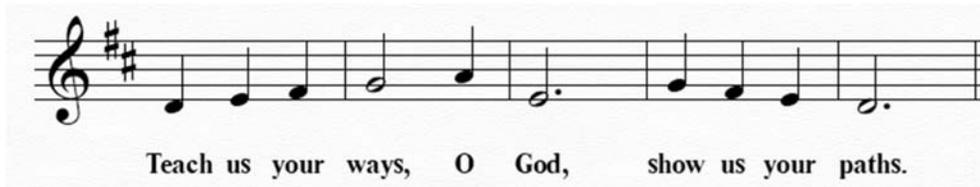
The Lessons

Psalm 78: 1-6

Attendite, popule

BCP 694

Teach us your ways, O God, show us your paths.



- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done. **Refrain**
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
And established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know,
And the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children **Refrain**

First Reading of the Text *(followed by silence)*

Gospel Acclamation *All sing refrain; a verse is sung by the cantor.*

Help us to keep your laws, O God, and teach us your ways.



The Holy Gospel: ***Matthew 5:17-19***

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

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

Jesus said, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Meditation

The Prayers of the People, Form II

BCP 385

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.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for the justice and peace.

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.

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.

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

I invite your prayers of intercession, either silently or aloud.

I invite your thanksgivings for life's blessings, either silently or aloud.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling.

Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

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

arr. McDonald/Wood

Fairest Lord Jesus
Rebekah Atkinson, *harpist*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight**

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: **By his blood, he reconciled us.**

By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: **We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 363

**And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-161

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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

Dismissal

Closing Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus vs. 1
Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou God of man the Son;
thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

St. Elizabeth
Hymnal 383

Postlude

Andante cantabile
Rebekah Atkinson, *harpist*

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

LENT 2021 AT THE CATHEDRAL



A LENTEN DISCIPLINE

We encourage you to keep a holy Lent. Here are some of the ways Christ Church Cathedral can be a part of that time for you. Some of our familiar formation and worship opportunities take on new dimensions during Lent. These offer ways to make regular weekly worship a part of your Lenten discipline. The Reverend Marshall Craver is leading a contemplative prayer group on Mondays at noon. The Dean's Bible Study continues on Tuesdays at noon. This Wednesday noon service (available in recorded version later in the day) features musical guests to add another dimension to this time of quiet reflection and worship.

Of course, you may also decide to commit to a daily discipline of reading and praying the Daily Office during Lent, engaging in regular physical exercise as a spiritual discipline, practicing Sabbath-keeping, journaling, or reading meditatively. This might be the year to develop a new discipline that you can call upon when needed throughout the year. We did not expect a second Lent of social distancing and covid protocols, but thoughtful planning for keeping a holy Lent may be a way to reflect upon and appreciate the hidden grace emerging from a challenging year.



LENTEN SERVICE OF THE SIMPLE PRESENCE

Wednesdays at Noon

Add the Service of the Simple Presence to your spiritual practice for Lent. The Wednesday noon services are live-streamed and they are available afterward to watch on Facebook or YouTube.

The beautiful music presented each week by Christopher Powell and Mollie Adams is enhanced by special artists who join them each week.



UPCOMING GUEST ARTISTS

Wednesday, March 17

Xavier Johnson, *tenor*

Wednesday, March 24

Guo-Sheng Huang, *violoncellist*



Ministers For Today

Celebrant..... Dean Beverly Gibson
 Cantor Mollie Adams
 Guest ArtistRebekah Atkinson



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