



Mobile, Alabama  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 15, 2026  
The Holy Eucharist: Rite One  
Ten o'clock in the morning

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*We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is the Holy Eucharist: Rite One in The Book of Common Prayer. For ease of use, this leaflet 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. Unless requested, applause isn't necessary; please give quiet thanks to God for the elements of worship that are meaningful for you.*



*We extend a warm welcome to all visitors. Please complete a visitor card and place it in the alms basin so that we can know you better.  
A nursery is available. A gentle reminder: please turn off all electronic devices before the service.  
Sound enhancement receivers for the hearing impaired are available. Please see an usher.*

## Prelude

*A Trumpet Rondo*

Alfred V. Fedak  
(b. 1953)

## Welcome

**Children's Chapel** (*Ages 4 to Grade 3*) Children will gather at the back and process behind their crucifer. They will return at the time of the Peace.

## Processional Hymn

*I'll praise my Maker while I've breath*

*Old 113th*  
Hymnal 429

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in death,  
praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne'er be past  
while life and thought and being last, or immortality endures.

How happy they whose hopes rely on Israel's God, who made the sky  
and earth and seas with all their train; whose truth for ever stands secure,  
who saves the oppressed, and feeds the poor. And none shall find his promise vain.

The Lord pours eyesight on the blind; the Lord supports the fainting mind  
and sends the laboring conscience peace. He helps the stranger in distress,  
the widowed and the fatherless, and grants the prisoner sweet release.

I'll praise him while he lends me breath; and when my voice is lost in death,  
praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne'er be past  
while life and thought and being last, or immortality endures.

## The Word of God

BCP 323

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People:* **His mercy endureth forever.**

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

*Celebrant:* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.  
 Lord, have mercy upon us.  
 Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
 Christ, have mercy upon us.  
 Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.  
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

## The Collect of the Day

BCP 167

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

## First Reading:

*1 Samuel 16:1-13*

*Reader:* A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 23

*Dominus regit me*

*Please read responsively by whole verse.*

BCP 612

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures \***  
**and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**  
**I shall fear no evil; \***  
**for you are with me;**  
**your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

## Second Reading: *Ephesians 5:8-14*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn

*I want to walk as a child of the light vv. 1, 2*

*Houston*  
Hymnal 490

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

**Refrain:** In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. **Refrain**

## The Holy Gospel: *John 9:1-41*

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

*People:* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that

this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## Sequence Hymn

*Houston*  
Hymnal 490

*I want to walk as a child of the light v. 3*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

**Refrain:** In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

## The Sermon

## The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

# The Prayers of the People

*The leader and people pray responsively.*

*Deacon:* Compassionate and ever-loving God, you are always more ready to forgive than we are to confess, and you yearn to celebrate our return to your joyful presence: Receive with gladness the prayers of your people as we come to you in confident hope, saying: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away.

*Intercessor:* Gracious One, everything has become new in Christ, and you have entrusted to your Church the ministry of reconciliation: Endue with the power of your forgiving love all who serve in Christ's Name, that we may share in your work of reunion and celebration.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
**and whose sin is put away.**

Eternal One, in Christ you have proclaimed God's Reign among us and showed loving compassion as the true path of leadership: Be with our nation and all in authority, that we may work in harmony with you to create a world of welcome, feasting and reconciliation.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
**and whose sin is put away.**

Compassionate One, you welcome sinners and feast with them; you restore the prodigal and embrace the elder: Find all who are lost and return them home; protect those who work in dangerous, dirty or disrespected jobs; give security and joy to all who labor and yet are poor and hungry; and expand the hearts of those who are dutiful and proud, that the whole human race may celebrate together with music and dancing.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
**and whose sin is put away.**

Gracious One, unite all of us in this community and bind our divisions with your compassionate love, that we may welcome all as sisters and brothers to feast on the goodness of our inheritance.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
**and whose sin is put away.**

We pray for those who are in need; may your new creation bring them hope. We embrace gratefully the abundance of your gifts to us. We entrust to your compassionate affection all who have died.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
**and whose sin is put away.**

*Deacon:* Protect us from presumption and judgment, O God, and lead us into the joyful celebration of your new creation on earth, that we may share in the generous banquet of your victory and enjoy the reconciliation of all people within your forgiving compassion by the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

BCP 320

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Deacon and People:*

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant:*

BCP 332

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

## The Peace

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

## Welcome and Announcements

## The Holy Communion

## The Offertory

Edward C. Bairstow  
(1874-1946)

*The King of Love my Shepherd is*

Cathedral Choir

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living waters flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth:  
And oh what transport of delight, from thy pure chalice floweth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
And gently on his shoulder laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

## At the Presentation

*Old 100<sup>th</sup> v. 3*

Hymnal 380

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*America v. 4*

Hymnal 717

**Our father's God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing; long may our land  
be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by thy might, great God, our King.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer I*

BCP 333

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People:* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*The Celebrant continues:* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious

Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Sanctus*

Hymnal S-114

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

**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,  
deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**but**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

## *Agnus Dei*

Hymnal S-158

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.**

*Celebrant and People:*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*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.

## Music at Communion

Natalie Sleeth  
(1930-1992)

### *Hymn of Promise*

Cathedral Choir

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise: Butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow and winter, there's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity.  
In our doubt, there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

## Hymn

*Resignation*  
Hymnal 664

### *My Shepherd will supply my need*

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name;  
in pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;  
one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows, thy oil anoints my head.  
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
oh, may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

## Lay Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## Blessing

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ or Lord. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

*Azmon*

Hymnal 493

*O for a thousand tongues to sing*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim  
and spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.

Jesus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,  
the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold, your Savior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

## Dismissal

*Deacon:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Trumpet Voluntary*

John Stanley  
(1712-1786)

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Hymnal 717: Words: Samuel Francis Smith (1808-1895). Music: *America*, from *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1745.

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Hymnal S-158: Setting: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

*Hymn of Promise:* Words: Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992). Music: Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992).

Hymnal 664: Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23. Music: *Resignation*, American folk melody.

Hymnal 493: Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

*Trumpet Voluntary:* Music: John Stanley (1712-1786).

# CATHEDRAL PRAYERS

## WE PRAY FOR:

### Members:

Patti Biel, Valrie Vanek, Lynn Betbeze Yankie, George Seymour, Patsy Seymour, Lisa Williams, Linda Dann-LeBlanc, Bill Butler, Ricky Bradford, Betty Reniewicz, Bill Christian, Emily-Marie Butler, Melvin Koger, Craig Pittman, Nancy Bryan, Jane Inge, Ed Crowson, Martha Adams

### Friends & Family:

The Reverend Dennis Brown, Mary Rose Snider, George & Mary Ester Hall Bollis, Elizabeth Berry, Karla Geiger, Lloyd Shearer Smith, Kathy Thurber, David Barnett, David Morgan, John Baylor, Sr., Erma Clark, Dorothy Queenan, Kelly Clark, Lanier Faircloth, Vivian "Cookie" Rich, Hunter Hale, James Bloodworth, Dennis Knizley, Missy Foose, Curran Foose, Malcolm Warren, Hallie Inge Baker, Bennett Stenger

### For Those Serving in the Military:

Marlin Brutkiewicz, Blake Hickey, Gray Stephens, Dylan Butler, Tripp Bennett, Jacob Hester-Heard, Cameron Morrisette, Dylan Thompson, Connor Roy, Charles Lewis, Richard Graham

### Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

We pray for the Anglican Church in Kenya.

### Cathedral Cycle of Prayer:

St. James' Episcopal Church, Fairhope; Commission on Cursillo

### Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer:

We pray for the Church in Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands; and Providence Baptist Church, Mobile

### Prison Ministry Cycle of Prayer:

Graceville Correctional Facility, Graceville



## EASTER MEMORIAL DESIGNATIONS

Deadline for Designations is Monday, March 30

Traditionally gifts are given at Easter to offset the cost of the Easter flowers, music, and for seasonal planting in the garden. Gifts may be given as a thanksgiving or as a memorial. Please use the form on our website [christchurchcathedralmobile.org/easteratthecathedral](http://christchurchcathedralmobile.org/easteratthecathedral), or you may use the cards found in your pew, and on the ministry table. Donations are \$15 each.



## THE CATHEDRAL CHAPTER 2026

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The Reverend  
Michael Ballard, 2028  
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Gary Moore, 2029  
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# LENT 2026 AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

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## CHORAL EVENSONG FEATURING THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 15 AT 5:00 P.M.

Among the many possible forms of Christian worship, the service of Evensong, also known as Evening Prayer, is remarkable both for the centuries-old liturgical tradition it represents and for the atmosphere of contemplative devotion enabling it to remain deeply meaningful for worshippers today. The liturgy traces its origins to the daily rites of the medieval church and has been said or sung regularly in its current form since the sixteenth century. All the words have been shaped and refined by long use and by renewed attempts to express the mysteries of God. For some people it is music, not words, that carries them into the presence of God: and for others it is silence. Most of us need all three—words, music and silence—to lead us into the spirit of worship.



## LOAVES AND FISH

Today, Sunday, March 15 and Monday, March 16

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.



## MONDAY MORNING PRAYER DURING LENT

MONDAYS, MARCH 16, 23, 30 AT 8:30 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL



## PALM CROSSES

Wednesday, March 25 at 1:00 p.m.

Join us to fold palm crosses in the Chapter House. No experience required. We'll have lunch, conversation and plenty of palms to fold for Palm Sunday. All are welcome—it's a fun way to help and meet some members of the flower guild.



## FORMATION

### ADULT INQUIRER'S CLASS: "CHRISTIANITY 101"

In the Chapel beginning on Sunday, February 22 at 11:30 and Wednesday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m. through Sunday, March 22 and Wednesday, March 25

### THE DEAN'S BIBLE STUDY: LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

Wednesdays at noon in the Huger Meeting Room or Via Zoom

## AFFIRM

Lenten Hangout today, March 15 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Youth in grades 8 through 12 are invited to hang for Compline, fellowship, food & fun. Special guest speakers each week! Details to follow. For more info text Lissa at 251-533-2224, Kate at 251-513-9785, or Mary Mac at 251-422-4638.

## FUN CLUB

Sundays, March 15 and March 22 after worship upstairs in the Fun Club Room

*Jesus began to teach them many things in parables.* This verse from Mark tells us what the Fun Club will be doing for the next three Sundays. The group will gather upstairs in the Fun Club Room after worship to learn from three parables. Margaret Andres will lead the class. Please let her know if you have any questions.



## MINISTERS FOR TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher..... The Reverend Thomas K. Heard  
 Psalmist and Intercessor .....Skip Archer  
 Chalice Bearers.....Carolyn Jeffers, Ginny Behlen  
 Lay Readers ..... Tony Brown, Laura McLeod  
 Crucifers ..... Mary Mac Watkins, Louise Slaton  
 Acolytes .....May Gamble, Burton Slaton  
 Altar Guild ..... Barbara Archer, Skip Archer, Ginny Behlen, Bill Haffner  
 .....Lucy Harrison, Robbie Lynn Irvine, Rosemarie McClure, Joan Myers  
 Flower Guild..... Janet Rich Pittman  
 Opening/Closing..... Tony Brown  
 Ushers ..... Mark Weeks, Bill Skinner  
 Lay Eucharistic Visitors.....Harwell Coale  
 Hospitality..... Janet Rich Pittman, Monica Beasley, Lucy Brady, Sadie Davis  
 ..... Erica McElhaney, Debbie Ramsey, Lara Sherer, Meg McGovern



## 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 Pratt Paterson, *Deacon*  
 The Reverend Thomas K. Heard, *Priest Associate*  
 Dr. Joshua H. Coble, *Organist and Choirmaster*  
 Mollie A. Adams, Myles Garver, *Cathedral Soloists*  
 Andy R. Palileo, *Audio-Visual Specialist*  
 Sabrina Evans, *Children's and Family Program Coordinator*

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