



Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, Alabama
Holy Communion of the Simple Presence

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

5:15 P.M.

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.

Prelude

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 224

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Psalm 66:1-8

Jubilate Deo

Please read in unison.

BCP 673

- 1 **Be joyful in God, all you lands; ***
sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.
- 2 **Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! ***
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
- 3 **All the earth bows down before you, ***
sings to you, sings out your Name."
- 4 **Come now and see the works of God, ***
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.
- 5 **He turned the sea into dry land so that they went through the water on foot, ***
and there we rejoiced in him.
- 6 **In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; ***
let no rebel rise up against him.
- 7 **Bless our God, you peoples; ***
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 **Who holds our souls in life, ***
and will not allow our feet to slip.

First Reading of the Gospel

(followed by silence)

Gospel Acclamation

Lynn Trapp
(b. 1963)

Antiphon: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect; it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted; it gives wisdom to the simple. **Antiphon**

The precepts of the Lord are right; they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear; it gives light to the eyes. **Antiphon**

The fear of the Lord is holy; abiding forever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **Antiphon**

The Holy Gospel:

John 6:35-40

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

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

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Meditation

The Prayers of the People

The leader and people pray responsively.

Celebrant: Through the incarnation, death and resurrection of Jesus, God brings a new gift of peace into the world. Let us offer our prayers with thankful hope, saying: God has ordained the blessing; life forevermore.

Litanist: Breathe your Holy Spirit upon your Church, O Gracious One, that we may be of one heart and soul, live together in unity, and bring the light of your reconciling gospel of forgiveness and peace to the whole world.

God has ordained the blessing;

life forevermore.

Inspire the leaders of our nation and all in authority throughout the world with the breath of your peace, that they may share their possessions with the poor and bring justice and comfort to all who live in fear or need.

God has ordained the blessing;

life forevermore.

Be present to any who huddle fearfully behind closed and locked doors, and let the healing touch of the wounded Jesus come to comfort all who suffer anywhere on the earth.

God has ordained the blessing;

life forevermore.

Let this community walk in your light and do our work of reconciliation, revealing the eternal life that was with the Father and has been revealed to us.

God has ordained the blessing;

life forevermore.

Hear the cries of all who grieve like Thomas and of all who suffer from any form of anguish, illness or hurt, that they may touch the healing presence of the risen Christ. Complete our joy as we offer our words of thanksgiving to you. Receive into your eternal life all who have died, that they may have life in Christ's name.

God has ordained the blessing;

life forevermore.

Celebrant: Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity: Fill your people with the breath of your Holy Spirit, O God, and bring us the assurance of forgiveness, that we may be enlivened to participate in Christ's work of reconciliation on behalf of all the world, and share in his eternal life, here and now, and forevermore. **Amen.**

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

arr. Paul S. Jones

(b. 1969)

Come to the Waters
Mollie Adams, *soprano*

Come to the waters, whoever is thirsty;
drink from the Fountain that never runs dry.
Jesus, the Living One, offers you mercy,
life more abundant in boundless supply.

Come to the River that flows through the city,
forth from the throne of the Father and Son.
Jesus the Savior says, "Come and drink deeply."
Drink from the pure, inexhaustible One.

Come to the Fountain without any money;
buy what is given without any cost.
Jesus, the gracious One, welcomes the weary;
Jesus, the selfless One, died for the lost.

Come to the Well of unmerited favor;
stretch out your hand; fill your cup to the brim.
Jesus is such a compassionate Savior.
Draw from the grace that flows freely from Him.

Come to the Savior, the God of salvation.
God has provided an end to sin's strife.
Why will you suffer the Law's condemnation?
Take the free gift of the water of life.

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.**

The Celebrant continues: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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-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: 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.

The Celebrant continues: 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

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

I Am the Bread of Life
Hymnal 335

I am the bread of life v. 1

I am the bread of life;
they who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.

Refrain: And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the last day.

Postlude

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CATHEDRAL NOTES



DIACONATE ORDINATION

Saturday, May 4

As the Cathedral Church of the Diocese it is our privilege to host the ordination service on May 4 for six seminarians to the Diaconate. We are asking for volunteers to assist that morning greeting the ordinands and their families, serving light hospitality before and after the service, and to act as ushers for the service. To volunteer you may use the sign-up sheets on the ministry table or you may use the sign-up link in our weekly emails or on the website.



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5K RUN AND WALK

Save the Date for Saturday, May 18—Registration information to follow.

We are soliciting corporate sponsors at the following levels: Pacers for Life Sponsor--\$1,500, Going for the Goal Sponsor--\$500, Finish Line Sponsor--\$250, Thankful Givers—Donation of your choice. Sponsorship donations will be used to cover organizational expenses like acquiring t-shirts, awards, race snacks, water, sports drinks, and race setups. For any inquiries or further information, please feel free to contact Jill Showers-Chow at jillshowerschow@gmail.com. Thank you for your support! Please make checks payable to: Christ Church Cathedral/MOB Pacers Run.



DEAN'S SUMMER READ

Paul: A Biography by N. T. Wright

As we concluded our slow reading of Paul's Letter to the Romans, the Dean's Bible Study group wanted to continue their slow reading over the summer by learning more about Paul's life and ministry. We decided to read N. T. Wright's popular biography of Paul and to invite members and friends of the Cathedral Family to join us. We will begin reading *Paul: A Biography* in late May and conclude in August. Our group will meet for discussion together once a month, on Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m., both in person in the Huger Meeting Room and via Zoom. In between meetings, the Dean will post comments and questions online. On our website you will find an outline for our reading, along with information on ordering the book and downloading a free reader's guide.



FORWARD DAY BY DAY

Daily devotional booklets for May, June, July are available on the ministry table.



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