



Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, Alabama
Holy Communion of the Simple Presence
Wednesday, February 1, 2023
12:00 noon

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 215

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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 103:1-2, 13-18

Benedic, anima mea

Please read in unison.

BCP 733

- ¹ **Bless the Lord, O my soul, ***
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- ² **Bless the Lord, O my soul, ***
and forget not all his benefits.
- ¹³ **As a father cares for his children, ***
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.
- ¹⁴ **For he himself knows whereof we are made; ***
he remembers that we are but dust.
- ¹⁵ **Our days are like the grass; ***
we flourish like a flower of the field;
- ¹⁶ **When the wind goes over it, it is gone, ***
and its place shall know it no more.
- ¹⁷ **But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who fear him, ***
and his righteousness on children's children;
- ¹⁸ **On those who keep his covenant ***
and remember his commandments and do them.

First Reading of the Gospel

(followed by silence)

Gospel Acclamation

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



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:

Mark 6:1-6

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

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

Jesus left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching.

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: Gracious One, whose foolishness is wiser than human wisdom and whose weakness is stronger than human strength, pour out your blessing upon your creation as we pray: Lead us to do justice and to love kindness; and to walk humbly with our God.

Holy One, fill your Church with your blessing, that we may hunger and thirst for righteousness, and strengthen our mission to proclaim Christ crucified, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Lead us to do justice and to love kindness;

and to walk humbly with our God.

Eternal One, inspire our leaders with purity of heart that they may see with Godly vision and become peacemakers, children of God.

Lead us to do justice and to love kindness;

and to walk humbly with our God.

Merciful One, look with compassion upon the meek and poor in spirit and protect all who are persecuted falsely throughout the world.

Lead us to do justice and to love kindness;

and to walk humbly with our God.

Loving God, bless our community with your grace, that we may be compassionate peacemakers, pure in heart and willing to suffer for the sake of your healing and reconciling work.

Lead us to do justice and to love kindness;

and to walk humbly with our God.

Compassionate One, visit us with your grace, and strengthen those who call upon your help. We give you thanks for all the blessings you bestow upon us. Comfort all who mourn.

Lead us to do justice and to love kindness;

and to walk humbly with our God.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably upon your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **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

Solo

arr. Jack Schrader
(b. 1942)

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Mollie Adams, *soprano*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness

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Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love **Refrain**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with 10,000 beside **Refrain**

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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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-130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, 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.

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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

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

This is my Father's world vs. 1
This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees,
of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.

Mercer Street
Hymnal 651

CATHEDRAL NOTES



BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Sunday, February 5

Come celebrate Black History Month with Christ Church Cathedral! Join us for a service highlighting the rich tradition of music we enjoy from Black composers and cultures, including jazz, Afro-American hymns, and spirituals. We are honored to have Mobile's Excelsior Brass Band and baritone Devin Burton as featured artists for our celebration. Following there will be a Jazz Brunch to benefit the Mobile Kappa League, who will be worshipping with us that day.

We are combining the celebration with our annual brunch in support of the Mobile Kappa League. The funds are for preparation and fees for college entrance exams for members of the Mobile Kappa League. We are asking for sponsors willing to support the project for \$100 (sponsorship entitles you to 4 tickets). Brunch tickets are \$10. You may become a sponsor, or purchase tickets by signing-up at church—look for a sign-up in the vestibules or by using the Sign-Up link sent in the weekly email and on the website landing.

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