



Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, Alabama
Holy Communion of the Simple Presence:
The Feast of St. Catherine of Siena
Wednesday, April 29, 2026
5:15 p.m.

We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is Enriching Our Worship. 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who kindled the flame of your love in the heart of your servant Catherine of Siena: Grant unto us the same strength of conviction and power of love that, as we rejoice in her triumph, we may profit by her example; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Psalm 36 *Dixit injustus*

BCP 632



- 1 There is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart of the **wicked**; *
there is no fear of God before his **eyes**.
- 2 He flatters himself in his own **eyes** *
that his hateful sin will not be found **out**.
- 3 The words of his mouth are wicked and **deceitful**; *
he has left off acting wisely and doing **good**.
- 4 He thinks up wickedness upon his bed
and has set himself in no good **way**; *
he does not abhor that which is **evil**.
- 5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the **heavens**, *
and your faithfulness to the **clouds**.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great **deep**; *
you save both man and beast, O **Lord**.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O **God**! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your **wing**.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your **house**; *
you give them drink from the river of your **delights**.
- 9 For with you is the well of **life**, *
and in your light we see **light**.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know **you**, *
and your favor to those who are true of **heart**.
- 11 Let not the foot of the proud come **near me**, *
Nor the hand of the wicked push me **aside**.
- 12 See how they are fallen, those who work **wickedness**! *
they are cast down and shall not be able to **rise**.

Silence.

Phos hilon

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 12:22-31

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

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

He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Meditation

Silence.

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. Catherine of Siena.

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

Silence.

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

Arlen Clarke
(b. 1954)

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Mollie Adams, soprano

Jesus the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far Thy face to see and in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the memory find
a sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall how kind thou art, how good to those who seek.

Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize will be:
Jesus be thou our glory now and through eternity. Amen.

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.**

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, but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; Because you are greatly glorified in the assembly of your saints. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of your only Son. 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

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.**

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

Dismissal

Closing Hymn

*Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen v. 1**Adoro devote*
Hymnal 314

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen,
 who thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean;
 lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed,
 tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

(1347-1380)

MYSTIC AND SPIRITUAL WRITER

Caterina Benincasa was born in Siena, Italy. She joined the Third Order of the Dominicans when she was sixteen. She gave her life to serving the poor and converting sinners. In 1376 she went to Avignon, where the papacy was in "Babylonian Captivity," and begged the Avignon Pope, Gregory XI, to return to Rome. She is recognized for her Christocentric spirituality. Catherine was especially devoted to the Precious Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. She lived an extremely austere life and wore an iron chain around her waist. Catherine was especially gifted in reconciling opponents, including political leaders. Catherine wrote *The Dialogue* in 1377-1378. She died in Rome. She was canonized by Pope Pius II in 1461. In 1939 Pope Pius XII named her and St. Francis of Assisi the chief patron saints of Italy. In 1970 she was named a Doctor of the Church. Catherine is commemorated in the Episcopal calendar of the church year on April 29.

CATHEDRAL NOTES



DIACONATE ORDINATION

Saturday, May 2 at 11:00 a.m.

As the Cathedral Church of the Diocese it is our privilege to host the ordination service on May 2 for three candidates 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.



SERVICE OF THE SIMPLE PRESENCE

SUMMER HIATUS

The final spring service will be held on Wednesday, May 20.

The service will resume on Wednesday, August 19.

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Jesus, the Very thought of Thee: Words: St. Bernard (d. 1153). Music: Arlen Clarke (b. 1954).

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

Hymnal 314: Words: Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274); sts. 1-3, tr. *Hymnal 1940*; st. 4, tr. *Hymnal 1982*. Music: *Adoro devote*, French church melody, Mode 5, *Processionale*, 1697.



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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