



Mobile, Alabama  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 2, 2020  
Service of the Simple Presence  
Ten o'clock in the morning

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*You are invited to join in the worship of God. This service uses the Book of Common Prayer as a form for entering the Presence of God and making ourselves present to God through stillness, reflection, and prayer. This bulletin contains the prayers, scripture readings, and music for today's worship. Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer. Scriptural texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982. Other music sources are noted in the text.*

Prelude

*Poco allegretto*

César Franck  
(1822-1890)

Welcome

Opening Hymn

*Glorious things of thee are spoken vs. 1, 2*

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;  
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, when such a river ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

*Austria*  
Hymnal 522

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

*Celebrant:*

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.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP 79

*Celebrant:*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us keep silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*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 Collect of the Day

BCP 232

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Old Testament Reading      *Genesis 32:22-31*

*Reader:*    A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

*Reader:*    The Word of the Lord.

*People:*    **Thanks be to God.**

**Refrain: Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings.**



- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord; give heed to my cry; \*  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; \*  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, \*  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; \*  
I have heeded the words of your lips. **Refrain**
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; \*  
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; \*  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, \*  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise up against them.
- 16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; \*  
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness. **Refrain**

### The Holy Gospel

*Matthew 14:13-21*

*Celebrant:* A Reading from Matthew

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

*Celebrant:* The Word of the Lord.

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

### Meditation

## The Apostles Creed

BCP 96

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**  
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**  
**He descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again.**  
**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Prayers

*The people stand or kneel.*

### The Lord's Prayer

BCP 97

**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 Prayers of the People

*The leader and people pray responsively.*

Let us journey to the waters of God's refreshing kindness, offering our prayers and responding, "Hear us, good Lord."

That we may be prepared for the struggles of life, knowing that through suffering we receive grace, and that in the midst of trials Jesus is forming us in love; let us pray.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

That we may be satisfied beholding the likeness of others, seeing in them the face of Christ, especially through those who are poor and hardworking, homeless and destitute, imprisoned and alone, orphaned and afraid, grieving and lost; let us pray.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

That we may take responsibility for sharing our ideas and lending our support to those who lead the Church, government, and public institutions, that we may share in the building of the social and spiritual fabric of our society; let us pray.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

That we may trust the transforming power of Jesus to take even our meager offerings and create the resources that reveal the promises of the kingdom; let us pray.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

That we may honor the writers of the gospels and epistles, whose unique contributions form our sacred texts, and those in our own day who bring the light of God through books, articles, websites, and blogs; let us pray.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

That light perpetual may shine upon the faithful departed as they come into their true home in the unending joy of the saints; let us pray.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

In the fellowship of the One who is full of graciousness and compassion, let us continue our prayers.

In the parish Cycle of Prayer, we remember those on the Cathedral Prayer list. Today, we pray especially for Patti Biel, Happy Henson, Virginia Wilkins, Alec Armbricht, Megan Drane, Marolyn Kruse, Lara Sherer, Chuck McKay, Beth Schramm, Jane White-Spunner, Lucky White-Spunner, Jessie Koger, Mike Gibson, Leroy Roberson, Bradley Forster, Bill Stafford, Ed Stephens, Gaye Formanek, Bill Christian, Frances Fuller, Lisa Williams, Fr. Dennis Brown, The Rt. Rev. Sam Hulsey, Robert Hall, Ellie Tanner, Al Martin, Virginia Martin, Chris Haas, and all others on the Cathedral Prayer List.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Russell our Bishop; Beverly, our priest; and for all ministers in the church.

Today, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the new Province of Alexandria.

In the Cathedral Cycle of Prayer, we remember The Episcopal Church.

In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church in Burkina Faso, Chad, and Mali; and Oakdale Methodist Church, Mobile

The Prison Ministry Cycle of prayer, we pray for Barbour County Jail 24, Clayton.

Today we pray for the repose of the souls of Marion Salley Hudson and Kimberly Glynn Martin Robson.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant:* Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*Hebrews 13:15,16*

## The Offertory

Solo

César Franck

*Panis Angelicus*

(1822-1890)

Mollie A. Adams, *soprano*

The bread of angels has become the bread of humankind:

the Living Bread from heaven abolishes the old forms:

O wondrous gift! The poor and lowly

are nourished by their God.

St. Thomas Aquinas

(1225-1274)

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Let us bless the Lord.

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

*Celebrant:* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## The Holy Communion

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

St. Alphonsus de Liguori  
(1696-1787)

## Invitation to Silent Prayer and Music

### Blessing

### Closing Hymn

### Solo

*I am the bread of life vs 1, 2, 5*

Mollie A. Adams, *soprano*

*I Am the Bread of Life*

Hymnal 335

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,  
And I will raise them up on  
And I will raise them up on the last day.*

The Bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world,  
and they who eat of this bread, they shall live for ever,  
they shall live for ever. **Refrain**

Yes, Lord we believe that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God who has come into the world. **Refrain**

### Postlude

*Quasi allegro*

César Franck  
(1822-1890)

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