



Christ Church Cathedral

Mobile, Alabama

Holy Communion of the Simple Presence

Wednesday, November 9, 2025

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 235

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Psalm 112

Beatus vir

Please read in unison.

BCP 755



- ¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the **Lord** *
and have great delight in his **commandments**!
- ² Their descendants will be mighty in the **land**; *
the generation of the upright will be **blessed**.
- ³ Wealth and riches will be in their **house**, *
and their righteousness will last for **ever**.
- ⁴ Light shines in the darkness for the **upright**; *
the righteous are merciful and full of **compassion**.
- ⁵ It is good for them to be generous in **lending** *
and to manage their affairs with **justice**.
- ⁶ For they will never be **shaken**; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting **remembrance**.
- ⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil **rumors**; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the **Lord**.
- ⁸ Their heart is established and will not **shrink**, *
until they see their desire upon their **enemies**.
- ⁹ They have given freely to the **poor**, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with **honor**.
- ¹⁰ The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine **away**; *
the desires of the wicked will **perish**.

Silence.

Phos hilaron

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 14:25-33*

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

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

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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.

BCP 385

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.

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

Silence.

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Celebrant and People:

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. 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 Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Solo

Richard Farrant or John Hilton

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

(16th century)

Mollie Adams, *soloist*

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives:
to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart,
before thee now and forevermore, Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I

EOW 57

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**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: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with James Hannington and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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

EOW 69

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

EOW 70

Celebrant: God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Closing Hymn

Vater unser im Himmelreich

Hymnal 575

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel v. 1
Before thy throne, O God, we kneel:
give us a conscience quick to feel,
a ready mind to understand
the meaning of thy chastening hand;
whate'er the pain and shame may be,
bring us, O Father, nearer thee.

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CATHEDRAL NOTES



BLESSING BOX APPEAL

In anticipation of increased need for food in our Blessing Box, we are asking everyone to increase their food donations, or to sign up for a day next month to fill the box. There is a sign-up sheet for each day of November on the ministry table, or you can find the link for the sign-up on our website.



TELL OUT MY SOUL: ANNUAL GIVING 2026



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Be a pledging member of the Cathedral Family in 2026.

Our stewardship campaign this year focuses on the stories we tell—the ones living inside us, the ones we are still writing, the ones we tell about those who have gone before us. We are all part of this ongoing narrative, the ongoing creation. As you pray about how you will share your gifts with the Cathedral Family this year, please consider how God is calling you to tell out your soul, to spread the Good News far and wide, serving God and loving your neighbor.

OUR LEADERSHIP

We give thanks to Richard and Terri Gaal who have shared the message that being good stewards of our time, talents, and treasure is a year-long venture. If you did not hear their message, it is posted on the annual giving page of our website.

STEWARDSHIP INGATHERING 2026

Please return your completed pledge cards by Sunday, November 23. Pledge cards were mailed this week, you may find one on the ministry table, or you may complete your pledge on our website at www.christchurchcathedralsmobile.org.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

At the Parish Meeting you will receive an update on giving for 2026.



Ministers For Today

Celebrant..... The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson
OrganistJosh Coble
Cantor Mollie Adams
Altar GuildBarbara Archer, Skip Archer, Linda Grill



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The Right Reverend J. Russell Kendrick, *Bishop*
The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson, Ph.D., *Rector and Dean*
The Reverend Thomas K. Heard, *Priest Associate*
The Reverend Deacon Pratt Paterson, *Deacon*
Dr. Joshua H. Coble, *Organist and Music Director*
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