

The Lessons

First Reading: *Joshua 5:9-12*

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Response to the Reading

Cathedral Musicians

The Holy Gospel: *Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

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

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

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So Jesus told them this parable: [...] “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers, saying, “Christ, have mercy.” For peace and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation of all, let us pray.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Russell our own Bishop, and for all the People of God, let us pray.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: For our President, Barack, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: For this city of Mobile, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People: **To you, O Lord our God.**

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 the grace of 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.**

Welcome and Announcements

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion

The Offertory

Hymn

Nettleton

Come, thou fount of every blessing

**Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God’s unchanging love.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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:

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



Mobile, Alabama
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2016

The Holy Eucharist
Enriching Our Worship
Four o'clock in the afternoon

We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is the Holy Eucharist in Enriching Our Worship. For ease of use, this leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in bold. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.



We extend a warm welcome to all visitors.

A gentle reminder: please turn off all wireless devices before the service begins.

The Great Litany

- I. Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth, **Have mercy on us.** Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world, **Have mercy on us.** Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful, **Have mercy on us.** Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God, **Have mercy on us.**
- VI. Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word. **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy on us.**

The Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People: **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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.**

Music at Communion

Hymn

Jacques Berthier

Wait For the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

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

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



Ministers For Today

Celebrant and Preacher..... Dean Gibson
Assisting.....Canon Wagner
Musicians Katherine E. Powell, Cantor
..... Christopher W. Powell, Organist and Choirmaster



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A Responsorial Sanctus

Cantor: Holy, holy, holy Lord,

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

C: God of power and might,

P: **God of power and might,**

C: heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

P: **heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

C: Blessed is he who comes

P: **Blessed is he who comes**

C: in the name of the Lord.

P: **in the name of the Lord.**

C: Hosanna in the highest.

P: **Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus your holy child. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

**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.