CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Mobile, Alabama

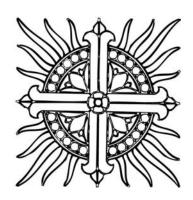


Sunday of the Passion:
Palm Sunday
March 20, 2016

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two Ten o'clock in the morning

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL PRAYER

Gracious God, today we give thanks for the ministry you have entrusted to us as the cathedral church of our diocese. Help us to be faithful in answering the sacred calling to be ministers of hospitality for your people and leaders of worship to your honor and glory. May this place be a beacon of your light and love for the world. All this we ask through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL MISSION

The Cathedral is the spiritual center of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. The Cathedral is a dynamic and evolving church that serves as a liturgical, educational, and pastoral center for Diocesan life. It serves as a visible symbol of unity and promotes growth, hope, and a deepening trust in the Lord. The Cathedral is a place where the Gospel of Jesus Christ will be faithfully preached and responded to, and it will model new concepts and ideas for education, evangelism, and outreach to which the Gospel calls us.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Ten o'clock in the morning

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 leaflet 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 Book of Common Prayer for those wishing to use it. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, unless otherwise noted.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors. A nursery is available.

A gentle reminder: please mute or turn off cell phones before the service.

Sound enhancement receivers for the hearing impaired are available. Please see an usher.

The Liturgy of the Palms

The Liturgy begins in the garden.

BCP 270

Cantor: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gospel

Luke 19:29-40

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Cantor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Congregation: Hosanna in the highest.

The Procession

Children will gather at the garden gate to process with their palms behind their crucifer. All others, please join the procession into the Cathedral.

Cantor: Let us go forth in peace.

Congregation: In the name of Christ. Amen.



The Word of God

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Children's Chapel Procession

(Ages 3 to Grade 3) Children will process with the leader to the Chapel and return at the peace.

Collect of the Day

BCP 272

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16

Please sing refrain after each stanza.

BCP 623

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O Lord.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; * my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

Refrain

- I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
 when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; * I am as useless as a broken pot.

Refrain

- For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; * they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
- But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
 I have said, "You are my God.

Refrain

- My times are in your hand; *
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- Make your face to shine upon your servant, * and in your loving-kindness save me."

Refrain

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

My song is love unknown v. 1-2, 7

Love Unknown

Hymnal 458

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

Narrator: The passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

Jesus: I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled

in the kingdom of God.

Narrator: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

Jesus: Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine

until the kingdom of God comes.

Narrator: Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

Jesus: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Narrator: And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

Jesus: This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has

been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!

Narrator: Then the apostles began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also

arose among the apostles as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them,

Jesus: The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so

with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among

you as one who serves.

You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a

kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the

twelve tribes of Israel.

Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own

faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

Narrator: And Peter said to Jesus,

Peter: Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!

Narrator: Jesus said,

Jesus: I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.

Narrator: Jesus said to his apostles,

Jesus: When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?

Narrator: They said,

Disciple: No, not a thing.

Narrator: Jesus said to them,

Jesus: But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his

cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, "And he was counted among the

lawless"; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.

Narrator: They said,

Disciple: Lord, look, here are two swords.

Narrator: Jesus replied, Jesus: It is enough.

Narrator: Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he

reached the place, he said to them,

Jesus: Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

Narrator: Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

Jesus: Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.

Narrator: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly,

and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he

came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

Jesus: Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

Narrator: While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was

leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

Narrator: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

Disciple: Lord, should we strike with the sword?

Narrator: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

Jesus: No more of this!

Narrator: And he touched the slave's ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple

police, and the elders who had come for him,

Jesus: Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the

temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!

Narrator: Then the crowd seized Jesus and led him away. The crowd brought Jesus into the high priest's house. But Peter

was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together,

Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

Servant 1: This man also was with him.

Narrator: But Peter denied it, saying,

Peter: Woman, I do not know him.

Narrator: A little later someone else, on seeing Peter, said,

Servant 2: You also are one of them.

Narrator: But Peter said,

Peter: Man, I am not!

Narrator: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

Servant 3: Surely this man also was with the prisoner; for he is a Galilean.

Narrator: But Peter said,

Peter: Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

Narrator: At that moment, while Peter was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then

Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him,

Jesus: Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.

Narrator: And Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept

asking him,

Soldier 1: Prophesy!

Soldier 2: Who is it that struck you?

Narrator: They kept heaping many other insults on Jesus. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both

chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

Elder 1: If you are the Messiah, tell us.

Narrator: Jesus replied,

Jesus: If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man

will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

Narrator: All of them asked,

Elder 2: Are you, then, the Son of God?

Narrator: Jesus said to them,

Jesus: You say that I am.

Narrator: Then they said,

Elder 3: What further testimony do we need?

Elder 2: We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!

Narrator: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse Jesus, saying,

Elder 1: We found this man perverting our nation,

Elder 2: forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor,

Elder 3: and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.

Narrator: Then Pilate asked Jesus,

Pilate: Are you the king of the Jews?

Narrator: Jesus answered,

Jesus: You say so.

Narrator: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

Narrator: But they were insistent and said,

Elder 1: He stirs up the people

Elder 2: by teaching throughout all Judea,

Elder 3: from Galilee where he began even to this place.

Narrator: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that Jesus was under

Herod's jurisdiction, Pilate sent Jesus off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw

Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about Jesus and was hoping to see him perform some sign. Herod questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then Herod put an elegant robe on Jesus, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate: You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Narrator: Then the crowd all shouted out together,

Elder 2: Away with this fellow!

Elder 3: Release Barabbas for us!

Narrator: (Barabbas was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.)

Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

Congregation: Crucify, crucify him!

Narrator: A third time Pilate said to them.

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

Narrator: But the crowd kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that Jesus should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. Pilate released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led Jesus away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Jesus. Narrator:

(All stand.)

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his Narrator: right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus: Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, Narrator: saying,

He saved others: Elder 1:

let him save himself Elder 2:

if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one! Elder 3:

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, Narrator:

Soldier 1: If you are the King of the Jews,

Soldier 2: save yourself!

Narrator: There was also an inscription over Jesus that read, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who

were hanged there kept deriding Jesus and saying,

Criminal 1: Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

Narrator: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2:Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been

condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

Narrator: Then he said,

Criminal 2: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Narrator: Jesus replied,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Narrator: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light

failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Narrator: Having said this, he breathed his last.

(Silence may be kept.)

Narrator: When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion: Certainly this man was innocent.

Narrator: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned

home, beating their breasts. But all Jesus' acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from

Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Narrator: Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed

to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Joseph took the body down,

wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.

It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with Jesus from

Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices

and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Sermon

The Very Reverend Beverly Findley Gibson

The Prayers of the People - Form IV

BCP 388

The leader and people pray responsively.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in our truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin BCP 360

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.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

The Offertory

Anthem In tears of grief from St. Matthew Passion J. S. Bach
The Cathedral Choir (1685-1750)

Enen Yu, Gosia Leska, violinists; Guo-Sheng Huang, violoncellist

In tears of grief, dear Lord, we mourn Thee, Hearts cry to Thee, O Savior dear.

Rest Thou softly, softly, rest, Rest Thou softly, softly rest.

At the Presentation The Doxology Old 100th
America vs. 4 Hymnal 717

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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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 that 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.**

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,

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Agnus Dei Hymnal S-161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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.

All Baptized Christians are invited to receive communion.

Music at Communion

Hymn

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide

Eventide

Hymnal 662

Solo A. Llovd-We

A. Lloyd-Webber Pie Jesu (b. 1948)

Aaron Adams, treble; Enen Yu, Gosia Leska, violinists; Guo-Sheng Huang, violoncellist

Pious Jesus,

Who takes away the sins of the world,

Give them rest. Lamb of God,

Who takes away the sins of the world,

Give them rest, Everlasting

Rest.

Hymn

Toplady Hymnal 685 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

Stripping of the Altar

Music

Psalm 22 The Cathedral Choir C. W. Powell (b. 1990)

Enen Yu, Gosia Leska, violinists; Guo-Sheng Huang, violoncellist

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

And are so far from my cry

And from the words of my distress?

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;

By night as well, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One,

Enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

Surely I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

"He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;

Let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,

And kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

Woman, behold your son! Behold your mother.

Many young bulls encircle me;

Strong bulls of Bashan surround me

They open wide their jaws at me,

Like a ravening and a roaring lion.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Packs of dogs close me in,

And gangs of evildoers circle around me;

They pierce my hands and my feet;

I can count all my bones.

I thirst.

They stare and gloat over me;
They divide my garments among them
They cast lots for my clothing.
Be not far away, O Lord;
You are my strength;
Hasten to help me.

It is finished.

Save me from the lion's mouth,

My wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

I will declare your name to my brethren;

In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

My soul shall live for him;

My descendants shall serve him;

They shall be known as the Lord's forever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn

The saving deeds that he has done.

CATHEDRAL PRAYERS

March 20, 2016

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR:

Members:

Brink Brinkley, Sonny Burchfield, Alice Carwie, Katherine Deaton, Hank Cobb, Martha Middleton, Jordan Moore

Friends & Family:

Peggy Naughton, Gary Davis, Harrison Leff, Michael Cameron, Nancy & Don Cameron, Rob & Amy Archer Ellis, Joyce Lee, Davis Nelson, Michael Sumrall, Gwen Cook, Alfred Showers, Jim Elia, Anne Brown, Mark Brown, Harriett Lillich, Dave Carlyn Block, Rachel McClanahan, Tom Cunningham, Norma Beazley, Curtis Bullock, Valerie Boatman, Ann Jones, Hank Wozniek, Lisa Thompson, Stella Phillips, James Thomas, Ted Fraiche, Mark Miles, Tot Swanson, Art Swanson, Hayden Jenkins, Maggie Jenkins, Carolyn Pryor, Merle Findley, Louise Douglas, Shirley & Dunlap Peeples, Steve Harris, Marian Macpherson Currie, Kit & Roger Geil, Angel & Larry Torres, Kathy Boucvalt, Bill Stevens, Ginger Simpson, Karen Sentilles, Lila Fisk, Tracey Johnson, Joe Lowrey, Temple Webber, Betty Browder, Allan Tucker, Kathy Sanders, Clarise Waters, Glenn Hill, Leslie Ellis Sharbel, Marian Hall, Homer Kemp, Jane Behlen, Dan Jones, Carolyn Graham, Ralph Neal, Mark Mason, Anita Stead, Tim Fulton, Bennett Stenger, Gladys Crowson, Billy Yost, Noel Fell, Sybil Willis Rodgers, Hap Myers, Jr., Paul Vickers, Sr., George Robison, Georgia Dominick, Robin Wade, Randy Moore, Rick Nichols, Kate Heddrich, Julie Brinson, Ceaser Bryant, Moana Karstater, Icy Lee Neel, Frances Robison, Emily Hubbard, Mike Dowers, Jason Lockwood, Pat Fisher, Bubba Murray, Bernice Vickers, Jerry Collins, Grady McMillan, Bobby Moss, Kerry Goode, The Rev. John Rees, Chris Schnieder, Liz Charbonnet Talmadge, John Day Peake, Jr., A. J. Villars, Kaye Koffler, Tay Morrissette, Robert L. Hatcher, Bob Williams, Mary Katzman, Jennifer Strong, David Keniston, Zaidee Galloney, Maggie Behlen, Chrissie Irby, Adele Stuardi Gwatkin, Lydia Moore, Bill Betbeze, B. F. Paty Daves, Ralph Boudreaux, Tommy Roberson, Billy Bailey, Henry Trice, Pete and B.J. Cobb, Carolyn Shores Wright, Cathlene Quizon, Rip Nance, Shelley Carr Nightingale, Charlie Mae Moreé, Fred Bennett, John Houston Tatum, Jr., Mary Christine Wilson, Wayne Boudreaux, E. J. Boudreaux, Allison Robinson, Randy Batiste, Louise Batiste, Pink Mize

For Those Serving in the Military:

Brian Caselton, Louis Coggin, Jonathan Duralde, Tyler Gamble, Sam Garcia, Darrien Gibson, Parker Hollinghead, Kelley Hood, Brian Hudson, Abby Hutchins, Randy Johnson, Ron Lansong, Jean-Michael Lemieux, Chris Marslender, Zack Miller, Todd & Jordana Mouthaan, Keith Moss, Michael Nassar, Jerry Olin, Brian Pennell, Josh Power, Daniel White-Spunner Reed, Susan Reniewicz, Evan Sizemore, John Snyder, Conner Thigpen, Ryan Anthony Thomas, Ryan Walker, The Rev. Bowen Woodruff, Tom Pearce, Colton Ulmer, Margie Hall Malloy

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The peace of Jerusalem

Cathedral Cycle of Prayer: Nativity Episcopal Church, Dothan; Sara Phillips, Pastoral Leader, St. Mary's, Coden

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer: The Church in Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam, and St. Michael's, Mobile

Prison Ministry Cycle of Prayer: Graceville Correctional Facility, Graceville, Florida

Palms: The palms today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Martin Lyon Horst, Lucy Herndon Horst, Clyde Carlos Rouse, Clyde Carlos Rouse, Jr., James Herndon Rouse, George Douglas Cunningham, Hetty Horst Cunningham, and Lyon Cunningham Newell.

CATHEDRAL NOTES

March 20, 2016

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STRIPPING THE ALTAR TODAY

Traditionally, the altar is stripped following the Maundy Thursday service, the last Eucharist in the church until Easter morning. Today we will strip the altar after Eucharist. The Maundy Thursday worship service will be held in the Chapel at 5:30 p.m.. Today, please depart in silence.

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Palms for Ashes

If you do not wish to save your palm crosses, please return them to the tables outside. We will use today's palms to make ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday.

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EASTER MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Envelopes for Easter memorial or thanksgiving donations are on the ministry table, in the Cathedral office, or online at www.christchurchcathedralmobile .org. Donations are \$15 each and can be designated for Easter lilies, music, or for seasonal planting in the garden. All designations received by **tomorrow**, Monday, March 21 will be noted in the Easter bulletin.

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EASTER EGG HUNT

Our Children's Easter Egg hunt for toddlers through grade 2 will take place following the Easter service. Please bring a dozen stuffed, plastic eggs (no nuts or chocolate) for each child who will hunt by this Friday, March 25.

*We will take our Annual Parish Photo in the garden following the Easter Egg Hunt.

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HOLY WEEK 2016

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MID-DAY HOLY EUCHARIST Monday, March 21, Tuesday, March 22, Maundy Thursday, March 24 Noon in the Chapel

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Wednesday, March 23 11:00 a.m.

Clergy Service for Renewal of Ordination Vows followed by lunch at Noon.

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TENEBRAE

Wednesday, March 23 5:30 p.m. in the Chancel

The name Tenebrae (the Latin "darkness" word for "shadows") has for centuries been applied to the ancient monastic night and early morning services (Matins and Lauds) of the last three days of Holy Week. The is known Service for its extinguishing of candles while Scripture is read or sung.

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Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing

Maundy Thursday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Gather for an intimate chapel service in remembrance of Christ's last supper. Feel the veil between earth and heaven stretched thin in remembrance of him who loves us.

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GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY WITH CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Good Friday, March 25 at Noon in the Church

During this prayer service, draw near to Christ as he suffers and dies on the cross out of love and as an example for us all.

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DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR EASTER EUCHARIST Saturday, March 26 at 9:30 a.m.

EASTER

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FLOWERING OF THE CROSS Please remember to come a few minutes early on Easter Sunday, March 27, and bring flowers for the Easter Cross.

FESTIVAL EUCHARIST Easter Sunday, March 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Rejoice in exultation and triumph during this jubilant Easter liturgy! Filled with joyous music and powerful prayers, this service is the high point of the Christian year.

Following service
EASTER EGG HUNT
11:30 a.m. in the garden
THE ANNUAL PARISH PHOTO
will follow the Easter Egg Hunt.

EASTER MONDAY Monday, March 28

The Cathedral office will be closed on Easter Monday.

THE MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT AND PREACHER

The Very Reverend Beverly Findley Gibson, Ph.D., Dean

ASSISTING

The Reverend Canon Daniel Andrew Wagner, Canon Pastor

CHALICE BEARERS
Rick Mitchell, Mark Weeks

LAY READERS

Old Testament
New Testament
Intercessor

John Ferguson
Perri McKay
Cleamon Downs

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Blake Ferguson, Virginia Ladd, Carson Russell, Jordan Moore, Anna Frances Weeks

OBLATIONERS

Ginny Behlen, Hamilton Behlen

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Corinne Betbeze, Barbara Mitchell, Jordan Chow, Julianna Ramo

Music

Christopher William Powell, *Music Director and Organist*Katherine Elaine Powell, *Choir Director*Christ Church Cathedral Choir
Enen Yu, Gosia Leska, violinist
Aaron Adams, treble
Guo-Sheng Huang, violoncellist

Altar Guild

Perrin Drew, Barbara Archer, Harriet Jean Boughton, Shannon Harris, Lissa Watkins, Barry Weeks

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Bob Forster, *Team Leader*Douglas Kearley, Brooke Grehan, Steve Hall, Jubal Hamil, Jay Watkins

HOSPITALITY TEAM

Erica McElhaney, *Team Leader*Jamie Davidson, Julie Hoffmeyer, Lisa Drew, Leigh Rendfrey, Meg McGovern

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