

## The Lessons

### First Reading: *Proverbs 1:20-33*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Proverbs

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

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

### *Canticle: A Song in Praise of Wisdom*

*Please sing refrain after each stanza.*

#### **Refrain: Wisdom orders all things well.**

Wisdom is a reflection of eternal light,  
a flawless mirror of God’s activity,  
an image of divine goodness.

#### **Refrain**

Though Wisdom is only one,  
she can accomplish everything;  
remaining self-contained,  
she transforms all around her.

#### **Refrain**

In every generation  
Wisdom enlightens holy souls,  
making them friends of God,  
making them prophets.  
For God loves nothing so much  
as the person who lives with Wisdom.

#### **Refrain**

She is more radiant than the sun,  
and outshines every constellation.  
She excels daylight by far,  
for day is eclipsed by night;  
but evil does not overshadow Wisdom.  
She spans the earth from pole to pole  
and orders all things well.

#### **Refrain**

### Second Reading: *James 3:1-12*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Letter of James

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed

and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

### Sequence Hymn

*Be thou my vision* vs. 1 *Slane*  
Hymnal 488

### The Holy Gospel: *Mark 8:27-38*

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord. *People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### Sequence Hymn

*Be thou my vision* vs. 2-3 *Slane*  
Hymnal 488

### The Sermon

### The Nicene Creed BCP 358

**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:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**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 and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He 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 - Form VI BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Michael, our Presiding Bishop-elect; Russell, our Bishop; Beverly and Dan, our priests; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Leader and People:* **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

### Commissioning of Christian Formation Teachers

### Welcome and Announcements

## The Holy Communion

*Baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion*

### The Offertory

Anthem *You are the Christ, O Lord* R. W. Dirksen  
The Cathedral Choir (1921-2003)

At the Presentation *The Doxology* *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*  
*America* vs. 4 Hymnal 717

**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.**

*The Celebrant continues:* 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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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-125

**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.**

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.**

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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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.

**Music at Communion**

Hymn     *Summer*     Hymnal 654

*Day by day*

Instrumental     *Elevation II*     M. Duprè

Christopher W. Powell, organist     (1886-1971)

Hymn     *Aurelia*     Hymnal 525

*The Church's one foundation*

BCP 365

**Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**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**

**Recessional**

*Lift high the cross*

*Crucifer*  
Hymnal 473

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

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

**Postlude**

*Fugue in c minor "Arnstadt"*

J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)



*Please join us after the service for a time of hospitality in the Chapter House.*

## Ministers For Today

**Celebrant and Preacher**..... Dean Gibson  
**Assisting**..... Canon Wagner  
**First Reading** ..... Margaret Thigpen  
**Second Reading** ..... Henry Seawell  
**Intercessor**..... Gary Kohler  
**Chalice Bearers** ..... Rick Mitchell, Mark Weeks  
**Oblationers** ..... Carolyn and Richard Jeffers  
**Crucifers**..... Charlie Ramo, Annabelle Ramo  
**Acolytes**..... Julianna Ramo, William Russell, Jordan Chow,  
..... Yates Grehan, Elinor Gibson  
**Children's Chapel** ..... Corinne Betbeze, Skip Archer  
**Altar Guild**..... Kathy Thurber, Robbie Lynn Irvine, Leslie Ladd,  
..... Lucy Lyons, Hetty Newell, Paula Watkins  
**Ushers** ..... Kennon Drew, Will Gamble, Brooke Grehan,  
..... Steve Hall, Jubal Hamil, Jay Watkins



## Christ Church Cathedral

Cathedral of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

The Right Reverend J. Russell Kendrick, *Bishop*

The Very Reverend Beverly Findley Gibson, Ph.D., *Dean and Rector*

The Reverend Canon Daniel Andrew Wagner, *Canon Pastor*

Christopher William Powell, *Organist and Choirmaster*



## Mobile, Alabama

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2015

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 Prayer Book for those wishing to use it. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.*



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

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

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

**Prelude**

*Tientio from Suite Médiévale*

J. Langlais  
(1907-1991)

## The Word of God

**Processional Hymn**

*Austria*  
*Glorious things of thee are spoken*     Hymnal 522

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

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

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

**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.**

**Gloria in excelsis**

*Hymnal S-280*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day**

BCP 233

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.     *People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**