

## The Lessons

### First Reading: *Isaiah 43:1-7*

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

Now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

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

### *Psalm 29 Afferte Domino* All chant in unison BCP 620

- <sup>1</sup> *Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*
- <sup>2</sup> *Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.*
- <sup>3</sup> *The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.*
- <sup>4</sup> *The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.*
- <sup>5</sup> *The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;*
- <sup>6</sup> *He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.*
- <sup>7</sup> *The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Ka-desh.*
- <sup>8</sup> *The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.*
- <sup>9</sup> *And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, “Glory!”*
- <sup>10</sup> *The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for ever-more.*
- <sup>11</sup> *The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

### Second Reading: *Acts 8:14-17*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

## Sequence Hymn

*On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry vs. 1-2* *Winchester New Hymnal 76*

### The Holy Gospel: *Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

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

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” [...] Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

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

### Sequence Hymn *On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry vs. 3-5* *Winchester New Hymnal 76*

## 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 III BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Russell, our Bishop; Beverly and Dan, our Priests; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for Barak, our President; Robert, our Governor; Sandy, Our Mayor; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### Confession of Sins 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

*Baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion*

### The Offertory

Anthem	<i>Jesus is my joy forever</i>	J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
At the Presentation	<i>The Doxology</i> <i>America vs. 4</i>	<i>Old 100<sup>th</sup></i> Hymnal 717

### The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B* BCP 367

*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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People:* **We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues:* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 *St. Agnes*  
*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove* Hymnal 510

Hymn *Nova Vita*  
*Breathe on me, Breath of God* Hymnal 508

**Post Communion Prayer**

BCP 365

*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**

**Children's Sunday School Procession**

**Recessional**

*Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*  
*Hail to the Lord's Anointed* Hymnal 616

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**Postlude**

*Improvisation* C. W. Powell  
(b. 1990)



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



**Ministers For Today**

- Celebrant** .....Dean Gibson
- First Reading** .....Douglas Kearley
- Second Reading** .....Lucy Moore
- Intercessor**.....Bob Israel
- Chalice Bearers** ..... Rick Mitchell, Leland Moore
- Oblationers** ..... Rebecca and Chip Tait
- Crucifers**.....Anna Frances Weeks, Kate Watkins,
- Acolytes** ..... Elinor Gibson, Barton Elliott,  
.....Maria Napier, William Russell
- Children's Chapel** .....Skip Archer, Rose Elliott
- Altar Guild**.....Kathy Thurber, Robbie Lynn Irvine, Leslie Ladd,  
.....Lucy Lyons, Hetty Newell, Paula Watkins
- Flower Guild** ..... Ann Moody
- Ushers** .....Lewis Golden, Stephen Baker, Travis Russell  
.....Henry Seawell, Chip Tait
- Hospitality Team** .....Sage Bolt, Lucy and David Brady, Betsy McCafferty,  
..... Laura Rutherford, Carolyn Eichold, Shannon Reeves



**Christ Church Cathedral**

**Episcopal 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**

**First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord  
January 10, 2016**

**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**

*Aria* F. Rehfeld  
Gosia Leska, violinist (1842-1920)

**The Word of God**

**Processional Hymn**

*Salzburg*  
*Songs of thankfulness and praise* Hymnal 135

**The Magi Come to Bethlehem**

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 forever. 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 214

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**