



Mobile, Alabama
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2016

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

We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is the Holy Eucharist: Rite One 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

Canzonetta
Gosia Leska, violinist

E. Heuser
(1863-1942)

The Word of God

Processional Hymn

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton
Hymnal 686

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

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

BCP 323

People: **His mercy endureth for ever.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

Kyrie

Hymnal S-91

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

BCP 167

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

Music at Communion

Hymn

St. Agnes

Hymnal 343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

Anthem

God So Loved the World
The Cathedral Choir

J. Stainer

(1840-1901)

Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Beecher

Hymnal 470

BCP 339

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,

we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us,

in these holy mysteries,

with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and

Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;

and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,

the blessed company of all faithful people;

and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.

And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,

so to assist us with thy grace,

that we may continue in that holy fellowship,

and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom,

with thee and the Holy Ghost,

be all honor and glory,

world without end. Amen.

Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Children's Sunday School Procession

Recessional

Jerusalem, my happy home

Land of Rest

Hymnal 620

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Praeludium in d-moll

J. Pachelbel

(1653-1706)



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

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-158

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

The Lessons

First Reading: *Joshua 5:9-12* (See Insert)

Psalms 32 Please read responsively by whole verse. BCP 624

- ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- ² **Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- ³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- ⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- ⁶ **I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**
- ⁷ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- ⁸ **You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- ⁹ “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- ¹⁰ **Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”**
- ¹¹ Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- ¹² **Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 5:16-21* (See Insert)

Sequence Hymn *St. Thomas (Williams)*
O bless the Lord, my soul! v. 1-3 Hymnal 411

The Holy Gospel: *Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32* (See Insert)

Sequence Hymn *St. Thomas (Williams)*
O bless the Lord, my soul! v. 4-6 Hymnal 411

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed BCP 327

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People - Form IV BCP 388

The leader and people pray responsively.
Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live
together in thy love, and reveal thy glory in the world.

Lord, in thy 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 thy mercy

Hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in thy 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 thy 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 thy salvation.

Lord, in thy mercy

Hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in thy mercy

Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin BCP 330

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People:

**Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.**

**Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised
forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him,
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and
strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the
righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the
sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion

The Offertory

Chant *Jesus dulcis memoria* C. R. Downs
Cathedral Soloists (b. 1947)

*Jesus, how sweet the very thought, giving true joy to the heart,
But sweeter than honey and all else is His presence.*

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

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer I* BCP 333

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. *People:* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

The Celebrant continues: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all
times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty,
everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we
are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live
no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with
Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy
glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus Hymnal S-114

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts; Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender
mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our
redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect,
and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and
did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of
that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given
thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body,
which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to
them, saying, “Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is
shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly
beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make
here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee,
the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed
passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering
unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.