

## The Lessons

### First Reading: *Proverbs 31:10-31*

*Reader:* A Reading from Proverbs

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: “Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.” Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

### *Psalm 1 Beatus vir qui non abiit*

*All chant in unison.*

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<sup>1</sup> *Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \**

*nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!*

<sup>2</sup> *Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \**

*and they meditate on his law day and night.*

<sup>3</sup> *They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \**  
*everything they do shall prosper.*

<sup>4</sup> *It is not so with the wicked; \**

*they are like chaff which the wind blows a-way.*

<sup>5</sup> *Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \**  
*nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.*

<sup>6</sup> *For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \**

*but the way of the wicked is doomed.*

### Second Reading: *James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Letter of James

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Sequence Hymn

*Slane*  
*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy* vs. 1-2 Hymnal 482

### The Holy Gospel: *Mark 9:30-37*

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

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

Jesus and his disciples and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sequence Hymn

*Slane*  
*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy* vs. 3-4 Hymnal 482

## The Sermon

### The Nicene Creed

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**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.**

## Welcome and Announcements

## The Holy Communion

*Baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion*

### The Offertory

Anthem *Whoever Would Be Great Among You* R. A. Nelson  
The Cathedral Choir (b. 1927)

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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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 *Maryton*  
*O Master let me walk with thee* Hymnal 660

Instrumental *Melody*  
Gosia Leska, violinist C. W. Powell  
(b. 1990)

Hymn *Abbot's Leigh*  
*God is Love, let heaven adore him* Hymnal 379

**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**

**Recessional**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*Lobe den Herren*

Hymnal 390

**Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude**

*Postlude in D*

E. L. Ashford

(1850-1930)



*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** ..... Lucy Moore

**Second Reading** ..... Tray Hamil

**Intercessor**..... Douglas Kearley

**Chalice Bearers** ..... Ginny Behlen, Bill Skinner

**Oblationer**..... Jex Luce

**Crucifers**..... Leland Moore, Mary Elizabeth Blankenship

**Acolytes**..... Jordan Moore, Sadie Ladd, Virginia Ladd,

..... Tré Mitchell, Charlie Ramo

**Children's Chapel**..... Corinne Betbeze, Kim Ellis, Tré Mitchell

**Altar Guild**..... Perrin Drew, Barbara Archer, Harriet Jean Boughton,

..... Shannon Harris, Lissa Watkins, Barry Weeks

**Flower Guild**..... Perrin Drew, Judy Henson

**Ushers** ..... Lewis Golden, Stephen Baker, Travis Russell,

..... Henry Seawell, Chip Tait

**Hospitality Team**..... Leslie Ladd, Lynne Davis, Robbie Lynn Irvine,

..... Corinna Luce, Barbara Mitchell, Hetty Newell



## 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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 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**

*Pastorale*  
Gosia Leska, violinist

J. G. Rheinberger  
(1839-1901)

## The Word of God

**Processional Hymn**

*All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine*

*Engelberg*  
Hymnal 477

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 234

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**