

## The Lessons

### First Reading: *Isaiah 43:16-21*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: “Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.”

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

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

### *Musical Response to the Reading*

Cathedral Musicians

### The Holy Gospel: *John 12:1-8*

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Homily

### The Nicene Creed

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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

*Celebrant:* In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers, saying, “Christ, have mercy.” For peace and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation of all, let us pray.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Russell our own Bishop, and for all the People of God, let us pray.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* For our President, Barack, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* For this city of Mobile, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*People:* **To you, O Lord our God.**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Celebrant and People:*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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

## Eucharistic Prayer 2

*Baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion*

### The Offertory

Hymn

Eventide

*Abide with me: fast falls the eventide*

**Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:  
when other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

*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:*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

## A Responsorial Sanctus

*Cantor:* Holy, holy, holy Lord,

*People:* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

*C:* God of power and might,

*P:* **God of power and might,**

*C:* heaven and earth are full of your glory.

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*P:* **heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*C:* Blessed is he who comes

*P:* **Blessed is he who comes**

*C:* in the name of the Lord.

*P:* **in the name of the Lord.**

*C:* Hosanna in the highest.

*P:* **Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus your holy child. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## The Lord's Prayer

**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:* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People:* **We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

## Music at Communion

Hymn

Jacques Berthier

*Jesus, Remember Me*

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

## Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Blessing

God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us bless the Lord.

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



## Ministers For Today

**Celebrant and Preacher**..... Dean Gibson

**Musicians** ..... Katherine E. Powell, Cantor

..... Christopher W. Powell, Organist and Choirmaster



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Mobile, Alabama

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2016

The Holy Eucharist

Enriching Our Worship

Four o'clock in the afternoon

*We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is the Holy Eucharist in Enriching Our Worship. For ease of use, this leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in bold. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.*



*We extend a warm welcome to all visitors.*

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

## The Great Litany

I. Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,  
**Have mercy on us.**  
Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,  
**Have mercy on us.**  
Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
**Have mercy on us.**  
Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,  
**Have mercy on us.**

VI. Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

**Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy on us.**

## The Holy Eucharist

*Celebrant:* Blessed be the God of our salvation.

*People:* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

## The Collect of the Day

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*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes the world, our hearts may surely there by fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**