

CATHEDRAL PRAYERS

December 20, 2015

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR:

Members:

Brink Brinkley, Butch Trawick, Alice Carwie, Katherine Deaton, Hank Cobb, Jordan Moore, Sonny Burchfield, The Rev. Ellis Wilkins

Friends & Family:

Peggy Naughton, Gary Davis, Harrison Leff, Michael Cameron, Nancy & Don Cameron, Rob & Amy Archer Ellis, Joyce Lee, Davis Nelson, Michael Sumrall, Gwen Cook, Alfred Showers, Jim Elia, Anne Brown, Mark Brown, Harriett Lillich, Dave Carlyn Block, Rachel McClanahan, Tom Cunningham, Norma Beazley, Curtis Bullock, Valerie Boatman, Ann Jones, Hank Wozniak, Lisa Thompson, Stella Phillips, James Thomas, Ted Fraiche, Mark Miles, Tot Swanson, Art Swanson, Hayden Jenkins, Maggie Jenkins, Carolyn Pryor, Merle Findley, Louise Douglas, Shirley & Dunlap Peeples, Steve Harris, Marian Macpherson Currie, Kit & Roger Geil and the Geil family, Angel & Larry Torres, Kathy Boucvalt, Bill Stevens, Ginger Simpson, Karen Sentilles, Lila Fisk, Tracey Johnson, Joe Lowrey, Temple Webber, Betty Browder, Allan Tucker, Kathy Sanders, Clarise Waters, Glenn Hill, Leslie Ellis Sharbel, Marian Hall, Homer Kemp, Jane Behlen, Dan Jones, Carolyn Graham, Ralph Neal, Mark Mason, Anita Stead, Tim Fulton, Bennett Stenger, Gladys Crowson, Billy Yost, Noel Fell, the Ward Family, Sybil Willis Rodgers, Hap Myers, Jr., Paul Vickers, Sr., George Robison, Georgia Dominick, Robin Wade, Randy Moore, Rick Nichols, Kate Heddrich, Julie Brinson, Ceaser Bryant, Moana Karstater, Icy Lee Neel, Frances Robison, Emily Hubbard, Mike Dowers, Jason Lockwood, Ainsely McNeely, Pat Fisher, Bubba Murray, Bernice Vickers, Jerry Collins, Grady McMillan, Bobby Moss, Kerry Goode, The Rev. John Rees, Chris Schnieder, Liz Charbonnet Talmadge, John Day Peake, Jr., A. J. Villars, Kay Koffler, Dorothy Fulton, Tay Morrisette, Robert L. Hatcher, Bob Williams, Dino Frangos, Mary Katzman, Raymond Faircloth, Jennifer Strong, David Keniston, Zaidee Galloney, Maggie Behlen, Evelyn and Bill McGeHee

For Those Serving in the Military:

Brian Caselton, Louis Coggin, Jonathan Duralde, Tyler Gamble, Sam Garcia, Darrien Gibson, Parker Hollinghead, Kelley Hood, Brian Hudson, Abby Hutchins, Randy Johnson, Ron Lansong, Jean-Michael Lemieux, Chris Marslender, Zack Miller, Todd & Jordana Mouthaan, Keith Moss, Michael Nassar, Jerry Olin, Brian Pennell, Josh Power, Daniel White-Spunner Reed, Susan Reniewicz, Evan Sizemore, John Snyder, Conner Thigpen, Ryan Anthony Thomas, Ryan Walker, The Rev. Bowen Woodruff, Tom Pearce, Colton Ulmer

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Diocese of Yewa, Nigeria

Cathedral Cycle of Prayer: Immanuel Episcopal Church, Bay Minette; the ministry of Sara Phillips, Pastoral Leader of St. Mary's, Coden

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer: The Church in Ghana and Nigeria, and Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Mobile

Prison Ministry Cycle of Prayer: Gulf County Jail, Port St. Joe, Florida

CATHEDRAL NOTES

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CHRISTMAS EVE

CONCERT PRELUDE AND FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

Thursday, December 24

4:15 p.m.

PRELUDE MUSIC

5:00 p.m.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Come early for our Christmas Eve service to hear beautiful Christmas carols, anthems, solos, and instrumental pieces. This intimate, yet grand, Cathedral service for the Nativity of the Lord is a wonderful Christmas tradition.

Nursery care will begin at 4:00 p.m.



CHRISTMAS DAY

HOLY EUCHARIST

Friday, December 25

10:00 a.m.

Join us for a serene morning service full of congregational carols, including solos by Katherine E. Powell, soprano.



CATHEDRAL OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Our offices will be **closed** Wednesday, December 23 through Friday, January 1.

- ◆ Dean Gibson will be on call for Pastoral Emergencies.
- ◆ Financial Secretary Brenda Stanton will be checking telephone messages and emails for end of the year financial needs.



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Mobile, Alabama

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2015

The Children's Christmas Pageant
and

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

Sursum Corda

J. Ireland
(1879-1962)

The Word of God

The children will gather at the back of the church.

Processional Hymn

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came
Lighting of the Advent wreath.*

Gabriel's Message
Hymnal 265

Introduction of the Pageant

The children process in when invited by the Dean.

Dean Gibson

Children's Hymn

Angels we have heard on high vs. 1
Cathedral Children

French Carol

Congregational Hymn

The first Nowell the angel did say vs. 1

The First Nowell
Hymnal 109

Children's Hymn

Away in a manger vs. 1
Cathedral Children

Traditional Carol

Mary and Joseph process in when invited by the Dean.

Congregational Hymn

Hark! The herald angels sing vs. 1

Mendelssohn
Hymnal 87

The Holy Gospel:

Luke 1:39-55

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favour on the

lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.”

The Homily

Children’s Hymn	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	J. Mohr
	Cathedral Children	(1792-1848)
	<i>The children go to sit with their families during the Congregational Hymn.</i>	
Congregational Hymn	<i>Cranham</i>	
	<i>In the bleak midwinter vs. 3-4</i>	Hymnal 112

Cathedral Prayers

Celebrant: Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin BCP 360

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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>Who At My Door is Standing?</i>	K.L. Scott
	The Cathedral Choir	(b. 1950)
At the Presentation	<i>The Doxology</i>	<i>Old 100th</i>
	<i>America vs. 4</i>	Hymnal 717

The Great Thanksgiving 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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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-130

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, 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.**

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	<i>Veni, veni, Emmanuel</i>	Hymnal 56
	<i>O come, O come, Emmanuel</i>	
Instrumental	<i>Gottes Sohn ist kommen</i>	J. S. Bach (1685-1750) BCP 365

Post Communion Prayer

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 *Stuttgart*
Hymnal 66

Come, thou long expected Jesus

Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Alla Marcia*
J. Ireland
(1879-1962)



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
Intercessor	Ginny Behlen
Chalice Bearers	Ron Snider, David Broome
Oblationers	Allison Gamble, Will Gamble
Crucifers	Rose Elliot, Walt Hamil
Acolytes	Lawson Hamil, Sadie Ladd, Virginia Ladd, Leland Moore, Jordan Chow
Baby Jesus	Wyatt Zarzour
Mary	Kate Watkins
Joseph	Talmadge Hines
Altar Guild	Perrin Drew, Barbara Archer, Harriet Jean Boughton, Shannon Harris, Lissa Watkins, Barry Weeks
Flower Guild	Sage Bolt, Lucy Brady
Ushers	Bob Forster, Cart Blackwell, Kennon Drew, Douglas Kearley, Alec Armbrecht
Hospitality Team	Tiny Spottswood, Susan Crowson, Janet Rich Pittman, Paula Watkins, Mary Jane Cobb, Cathy Taylor, Carol Rodgers



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