



Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, Alabama

Holy Communion of the Simple Presence:  
The Feast of St. Damien and St. Marianne Cope of Hawai'i  
Wednesday, April 15, 2026  
5:15 p.m.

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*We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is Enriching Our Worship. For ease of use, this booklet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in bold. Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. This year, when appropriate, the lessons for this service will commemorate Saints of the Episcopal Church.*

Prelude

Welcome

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Bind up the wounds of your children, O God, and help us to be bold and loving in service to all who are shunned for the diseases they suffer, following the example of your servants Damien and Marianne, that your grace may be poured forth upon all; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# The Lessons

Psalm 32:7-12

*Beati quorum*

BCP 624



- 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**.

*Silence.*

## Phos hilaron

*The Eighth Tune*  
Hymnal 25

O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father’s glory shone.  
Immortal, holy, blest is he, and blest are you, his holy Son.  
Now sunset comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night.  
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God who dwells in the eternal light.  
Worthy are you of endless praise, O Son of God, Life-giving Lord;  
wherefore you are through all the earth and in the highest heaven adored.

## The Holy Gospel:

*Matthew 11:1-6*

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

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

Now when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and proclaim his message in their cities. When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Meditation

*Silence.*

## The Prayers of the People: Form II

*The leader and people pray responsively.*

BCP 385

*Celebrant:* I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Russell; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence.*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence.*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence.*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence.*

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence.*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially Damien and Marianne Cope of Hawai'i.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence.*

## Confession of Sin

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*Celebrant:* 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 Christ be always with you.

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

# The Holy Communion

## The Offertory

Solo

Thomas Pavlechko

*O Sacrum Convivium*

(b. 1962)

Mollie Adams, *soprano*

O sacrum convivium. In quo Christus sumitur:  
recolitur memoria passionis ejus:  
mens impletur gratia: et future gloriae nobis pignus  
datur. O sacrum convivium!  
Alleluia!

O sacred banquet. In which Christ is received,  
the memory of his passion is renewed,  
the mind is filled with grace,  
and a pledge of future glory is given.  
Alleluia!

## 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.**

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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.**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

## Fraction Anthem

BCP 364

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

*Celebrant:*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

**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

## Dismissal

*We walk by faith, and not by sight v. 1*  
We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
no gracious words we hear  
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke;  
but we believe him near.



## DAMIEN OF MOLOKAI (1840–1889)

### PRIEST AND LEPER

Jozef De Veuster was born in Belgium and took the name “Damien” (after a fourth-century physician and martyr) during his preparation for the priesthood. Answering a call for a missionary in Hawaii, Damien made the long journey and was ordained a priest in Honolulu in 1864. The Kingdom of Hawai’i had recently opened contact with the outside world and was struggling with a public health crisis. Thousands of native Hawaiians were dying from infectious diseases to which they had no immunity. Damien was assigned to minister in a leper colony in Moloka’i. He wholly committed himself to the sick and dying, as he lived and ate with them, cared for their wounds, repaired their buildings, tended to their spiritual needs, and dug their graves. After 11 years, Damien too contracted leprosy but continued to work during his infection. Damien died of the disease in 1889 at age 49. “My greatest pleasure,” Damien said, “is to serve the Lord in His poor children rejected by other people.”

## MARIANNE COPE (1838–1918)

### NUN AND MISSIONARY TO LEPER PATIENTS

Barbara Koob (now Cope) worked, lived and died for the lepers on the island of Moloka’i in Hawai’i. She was not herself afflicted by the disease, a fact arguably declared to be miraculous considering her close contact with the patients over the course of several years.

At the age of three her family moved from Germany to the United States, settling in Utica, New York. After joining the Franciscans, she spent nearly a decade as a teacher and then principal in newly established schools for German immigrants. She was also a founding member of two of the first Catholic hospitals in the United States.

In November 1883, Mother Marianne, then Provincial Mother, traveled from Syracuse to Honolulu with six other nuns to answer a call for aid to the Hansen's disease sufferers. In 1888, she moved to Kalaupapa to help the ailing Father Damien of Moloka’i. When the famed priest died, Mother Marianne Cope took over the care of the patients of Kalaupapa. She remained there until her death in 1918.

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# CATHEDRAL NOTES



## 21ST ANNUAL CATHEDRAL CELEBRATION, CONFIRMATION, & PAROCHIAL VISIT

Sunday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m.

The Right Reverend Russell Kendrick will be at Christ Church Cathedral for the Cathedral Celebration and his annual parochial visit. Please join us to celebrate our ministry together. Following the service we will have a Cathedral picnic in the garden.



## WILMER HALL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 25 from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Join the fun on the front lawn of Wilmer Hall, 3811 Old Shell Road for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast. Enjoy pancakes, music by the Excelsior Band, jumpies for the kids, and more! Get your tickets at [wilmerhall.org/events/pancake-breakfast](http://wilmerhall.org/events/pancake-breakfast). Cash check, Venmo are accepted at the event! Tickets are \$6/per person or \$20/per car for the drive thru. Christ Church Cathedral is a sponsor of the event.



## YOUTH AND SENIOR SUNDAY

Sunday, April 26

Our youth will plan, prepare, and lead worship on this Sunday. This day offers our youth an different opportunity to actively participate in church life, share their faith, and develop leadership skills. On this Sunday we will also celebrate our graduating seniors. If you have a graduating senior please let the cathedral office know.

After church any interested youth are invited to grab a ride to Beckwith for lunch and a swim in the newly dedicated pool. Everyone will return before 5:00 p.m.



## ORGAN RECITAL

Sunday, April 26 at 5:00 p.m.

We welcome Joel Gregory to celebrate the conclusion of our concert season this Eastertide with an afternoon of breathtaking organ mastery. The program features triumphant seasonal favorites, concluding with the grandeur of Widor's Toccata from Symphony No. 5. Joel Gregory is the Organist and Choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Church in Montgomery.



## DIACONATE ORDINATION

Saturday, May 2 at 11:00 a.m.

As the Cathedral Church of the Diocese it is our privilege to host the ordination service on May 2 for three candidates to the Diaconate. We are asking for volunteers to assist that morning greeting the ordinands and their families, serving light hospitality before and after the service, and to act as ushers for the service. To volunteer you may use the sign-up sheets on the ministry table or you may use the sign-up link in our weekly emails or on the website.



## FORWARD DAY BY DAY

Daily devotionals for May, June, July are available on the ministry table.



## Ministers For Today

Celebrant .....The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson  
Organist.....Josh Coble  
Cantor.....Mollie Adams  
Altar Guild ..... Barbara Archer, Skip Archer, Linda Grill



## CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL CATHEDRAL OF THE DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST

The Right Reverend J. Russell Kendrick, *Bishop*  
The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson, Ph.D., *Rector and Dean*  
The Reverend Thomas K. Heard, *Priest Associate*  
The Reverend Pratt Paterson, *Deacon*  
Dr. Joshua H. Coble, *Organist and Choirmaster*  
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