



Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, Alabama  
Holy Communion of the Simple Presence:  
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist  
Wednesday, September 21, 2022  
12:00 noon

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*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 booklet 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.*

Prelude

Welcome

The Word of God

The 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.**

The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# The Lessons

Psalm 119:33-40

*Legem pone*

BCP 766

- <sup>33</sup> Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.
- <sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- <sup>35</sup> Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.
- <sup>36</sup> Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and not to unjust gain.
- <sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me life in your ways.
- <sup>38</sup> Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.
- <sup>39</sup> Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgements are good.
- <sup>40</sup> Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.

## First Reading of the Gospel

*(followed by silence)*

## Gospel Acclamation

*All sing refrain; a verse is sung by the cantor.*



The law of the Lord is perfect; it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted; it gives wisdom to the simple. **Antiphon**

The precepts of the Lord are right; they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear; it gives light to the eyes. **Antiphon**

The fear of the Lord is holy; abiding forever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **Antiphon**

## The Holy Gospel:

**Matthew 9:9-13**

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

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Meditation

## The Prayers of the People

*The leader and people pray responsively.*

*Celebrant:* Let your justice go forth into all the earth, O God, to confront the dishonest and greedy, and to hearken to the cry of the poor: We bring our intercessions on behalf of the whole earth, saying: Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name.

*Intercessor:* Holy One, you have called the Church to be faithful in little and faithful in much, and you have appointed us as heralds and apostles, teachers in faith and truth: Entrust to us the true riches of your grace, that we may fulfill your desire that everyone be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

Help us, O God our Savior,

**for the glory of your Name.**

Infinite One, with compassion and tears you call us to work for healing and justice: Hear our supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings for leaders and all who are in high positions, that they may defend the poor and weak and empower all people to lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

Help us, O God our Savior,

**for the glory of your Name.**

Generous One, you call all humanity to serve God above wealth: Disarm those who shed innocent blood and those who create violence in the world; bring to justice those who are corrupt, predatory or deceitful in their businesses; relieve all who are burdened by unreasonable debt; and protect any who are unemployed or threatened in their work, that all may find suitable and honest employment, and receive just payment for their labor.

Help us, O God our Savior,

**for the glory of your Name.**

Loving One, let your compassion be swift to meet us and heed the cry of those who suffer in this community: Be our balm and our light bringing healing and justice, and let us never be a reproach to our neighbors.

Help us, O God our Savior,

**for the glory of your Name.**

Compassionate One, we pray for the children of this age and the children of light, that your mercy and justice may bring healing and grace to all. Hear our thanksgiving for all your many blessings. Welcome into their eternal homes those who have died.

Help us, O God our Savior,

**for the glory of your Name.**

*Celebrant:* God of mercy and justice, honor our prayers on behalf of your creation, and bring your integrity to confront corruption and oppression; lift up the weak and relieve the burdened, until all humankind turns to you and serves goodness, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

BCP 359

*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 the Lord be always with you.

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

## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory

Solo Hugo Wolf  
(1860-1903)

*“Prayer” from Morike-Lieder No. 28*  
Mollie A. Adams, soprano

Lord, give me what is best;  
From Thee comes joy or sorrow,  
For I now know that both are the gifts of loving hands.  
Yet I desire that joy and sorrow shall never overwhelm me,  
For in between them lies Thy gracious wisdom.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer C*

BCP 369

*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:* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People:* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant:* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People:* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant:* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People:* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant:* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People:* **By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant:* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## *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:* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

*People:* Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant:* Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People:* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Celebrant:* Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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

*Christ our Passover*

Hymnal S-155

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, 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.

# 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

Closing Hymn

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*  
LEVAS II 136

*I have decided to follow Jesus*  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
no turning back, no turning back!

Though no one join me, still I will follow,  
though no one join me, still I will follow,  
though no one join me, still I will follow,  
no turning back, no turning back!

The world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me,  
no turning back, no turning back!

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# CATHEDRAL NOTES

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## A Conversation with Frye Gaillard and Cynthia Tucker

Thursday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Frye Gaillard and Cynthia Tucker brought their journalistic experience and historical insight to *The Southernization of America: A Story of Democracy in the Balance*, published in February 2022. The book is an examination of the last four decades of American history and an exploration of why and how the rest of the country has become more like the South, rather than vice versa. Join us for an evening of conversation with the authors.

Presented by the Commission on Racial Justice and Reconciliation of the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast



## DEAN'S BIBLE STUDY

Acts of the Apostles

Again this year Dean Beverly Gibson will lead a Bible Study on Tuesdays in the Chapel at noon. You may attend in-person or via Zoom. The entire syllabus and the Zoom link will be sent in a Monday email.



## THE CATHEDRAL READ

*The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality  
Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe* by Richard Rohr

Sunday, October 2

11:30 a.m. in the Huger Meeting Room

Come for a discussion lead by Dean Beverly Gibson on the book we read this summer.  
Everyone is invited to attend—whether you read the book or not.



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 2 at 4:00 p.m.

Cathedral Courtyard



## Ministers For Today

Celebrant.....The Reverend Eric J. Zubler  
Organist .....Elizabeth A. Bemis  
Cantor ..... Mollie Adams  
Altar Guild ..... Robbie Lynn Irvine



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The Reverend Eric J. Zubler, *Clergy Associate to the Dean*  
Elizabeth Bemis, *Organist and Music Director*  
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