

# Christ Church



## SERVICE OF EVENSONG

*To commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of the first service of the Primary Convention for  
the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast*

**Thursday, 3 December 2020 + 6:00 PM**

*Christ Church Parish, Pensacola, FL*

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**The Prelude: The Peace may be Exchanged** – *Dan Locklair*  
*Paul Miller, Organist, Christ Church, Pensacola*

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## Announcements and Welcome

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*Officiant* The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *Isaiah 40:5*

**Confession of Sin** *BCP 116*

*Officiant* Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together*

***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.***

*The Bishop alone stands and says*

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 Invitatory and Psalter** *BCP 117*

*All stand*

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*People* ***O Lord, make haste to help us.***

*Officiant and People*

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.***

**O Gracious Light** *Phos hilaron*

BCP 118

*O gracious light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.*

**The Psalm Appointed: Psalm 96**

BCP 725

*Chanted by Christ Church Parish Choir, Pensacola  
Setting by David Hurd*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;\*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;\*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: “The LORD is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity.”
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the LORD when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## The First Lesson

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

*Exodus 14:10-15*

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Silence may be kept.*

**The Song of Mary** *The Magnificat* (Standing)

*BCP 65*

*Choir of Church of the Nativity, Dothan*

*Setting by John Rutter*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, \*

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded \*

the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth \*

all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, \*

and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him \*

throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; \*

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \*

and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, \*

and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, \*

as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**The Second Lesson** – *The People are seated.*

*Reader* A Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

*Matthew 28:16-20*

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Silence may be kept.*

**The Song of Simeon** *Nunc Dimittis* (Standing)

*BCP 120*

*Chanted by Choir of Holy Nativity, Panama City  
Pomeranian (Anglican Chant)*

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*

to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*

whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, \*

and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever, world without end. Amen.

**The Homily**

*The Rt. Rev. Russell Kendrick*

*Recitation of the sermon of the Primary Convention –*

*The Rt. Rev. Edward Hamilton West, Bishop of Florida*

**The Apostles' Creed**

*BCP 120*

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

## The Prayers

*The People stand or kneel*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

***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.***

*Officiant* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People* **And grant us your salvation.**

*Officiant* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People* **Let your people sing with joy.**

*Officiant* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People* **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Officiant* Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*People* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Officiant* Let your way be known upon earth;

*People* **Your saving health among all nations.**

*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*People* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*People* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## The Collect of the Day

Lord God of all creation, fill us with your grace as we remember your kindness and goodness towards us, through providence and through struggle; and let the trumpets proclaim the year of Jubilee, a year of the Lord's favor, as we dedicate ourselves to reorient our mission efforts to renew your Gospel in our midst. May your Spirit inspire us, we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A Collect for Peace

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

## **A Collect for Aid against Perils**

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## **Prayer for Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

## **Anthem: By the Waters of Babylon**

– *St. James, Fairhope Compline Choir*  
*Traditional Jewish Folk Song Setting*

## **The General Thanksgiving**

*BCP 125*

*Officiant and People*

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.**

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

*BCP 125*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

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

*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

## **Hymn: Imagination, Inward Light**

*For the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the Diocese  
– Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile  
Jubilee – Christopher Powell*

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**The Postlude: Crown Imperial** – *William Walton arr. Herbert Murrill  
Paul Miller, Organist, Christ Church, Pensacola*



### Officers

The Rt. Rev. Russell Kendrick – Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

The Rev. Katie Gillett – Associate Rector, Christ Church, Pensacola

### First Reading

Jim McGowin – Son of delegate from St. Thomas, Greenville

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### Second Reading

Chapman Reeves – Grandson of two delegates from St. James, Eufaula

### Collect of the Day

The Rev. Albert Kennington – Delegate to the Convention

### Collect for Peace

Jaboris Raines – Great-Great grandson of delegate from Good Shepherd, Mobile

### Collect for Aid Against Perils

Vince Currie – Delegate to the Convention

### Collect for Mission

Paula Ross – First member of the staff of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

### Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Kit Caffey – Spouse of delegate and attendee to the Convention

### Parish Choir of Christ Church, Pensacola

Jennifer Adkins, Barry Finch, Mike Floyd, Jim Haynes, Mark Hughes, Melissa

Lincoln, Annie Thompson, Brenda Zetelski

Tony Chiarito – *Conductor*                      Paul Miller – *Organist*

### Choir of Church of the Nativity, Dothan

Dr. Debbie Deas – *Organist*

### Choir of Holy Nativity, Panama City

Leigh Gladden, Kim Jacobson, Jay McRae, Dr. Tom Jobobson

John Durgan – *Organist*

### Compline Choir of St. James, Fairhope

David Dorsey, Drew Downey, Earl Jackson, Jerry Jackson, John Olsen, Jimmy Orr, Frank Stabler, Ed Shell, Philip Webb, Tim Yahr

Helen Rogers and Frank Stabler – *Directors*

### Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile

Mollie Adams, Skip Archer, Doris Kohler, Gary Kohler, Taylor Kroop, Ann

Moody, Corinne Reece, Clayton Ryan, Claire Strong

Christopher Powell – *Organist*