

CATHEDRAL PRAYERS

December 21, 2013

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, John Wade Thurber, Nick Nichols, Butch Trawick, Billie van der Giessen, Peter van der Giessen, Patti Biel, Alice Carwie, Raymond Fields, Lisa Williams, Fairley Morton

Friends & Family:

Leland Moore, Sr., Deborah Beverley, Peggy Naughton, Gary Davis, Harrison Leff, Michael Cameron, Nancy & Don Cameron, Rob & Amy Archer Ellis, Dottie McCord, Joyce Lee, Davis Nelson, Michael Sumrall, Gwen Cook, Alfred Showers, Michael Daves, Michael Sumrall, Jim Elia, Anne Brown, Mark Brown, Harriett Lillich, Bonnie Orillion, Dave Carlyn Block, Rachel McClanahan, Beverly Schubert, Tom Cunningham, Francis Grace Hirs, Norma Beazley, Curtis Bullock, Valerie Boatman, Ann Jones, Hank Wozniak, Lisa Thompson, Stella Phillips, James Thomas, Ted Fraiche, Mark Miles, Susan Guilian, Tot Swanson, Art Swanson, Hayden Jenkins, Maggie Jenkins, Betty Ruth Patek, Carolyn Pryor, Merle Findley, Louise Douglas, Shirley & Dunlap Peeples, Steve Harris, Sandy Fortner, Johnny McLeod, Marian Macpherson Currie, Jim & Dianne McCall, Mary Lou Peake, Bill Goodloe, Kit & Roger Geil and the Geil family, Angel & Larry Torres, Kathy Boucvalt, Bill Stevens, Mancil Lee, Ginger Simpson, Karen Sentilles, Melody Williams, Lila Fisk, Kendall Stanton, Tracey Johnson, Joe Lowrey, Temple Webber, Celeste Hall, Joel Hopper, Betty Browder, David Lannie, The Rev. Mark Wilson, Allan Tucker, Wyatt Ison, Sallie Jackson, Curt Kennington, Kathy Sanders, Davis Sarrett, Willie Stanton, Clarise Waters, Glenn Hill, Leslie Ellis Sharbel, Cora Lemmon, Dewey Hardeman, Humphrey Godfroy, Marian Hall, Homer Kemp, Jane Behlen, Katie Sippel, Dan Jones, Florence Tucker, Betty Larison, Chuck Norman, Kathy Brook Palefsky, Mike Barnett, Bill Miles, Frankie Garner, Eleanor Taylor, Bill Hamilton, Carrier Yankie, Carolyn Graham

For Those Serving in the Military:

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

Birth: Carter Harrison Drane, Jr., son of Megan and Carter Drane

Repose of the Souls: William Carroll Neel, father of Yvonne Holladay; Herndon Inge, Jr., father of George Inge

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Nigeria

Cathedral Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Epiphany, Enterprise, Alabama ; the ministry of Sara Phillips, Pastoral Leader of St. Mary's, Coden

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

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

CATHEDRAL NOTES

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NURSERY BLESSING TODAY

After church, the children will process out following their cross to the new nursery in the Brantley/Huger houses. The parish is invited to follow Dean Gibson and Deacon Wagner. After a blessing of the new rooms we will have hospitality in the nursery. Please join us in moving toys from the old nursery to the new one, if you are able. We invite you to bring a gift for the nursery that day. It may be a financial gift to help defray renovation expenses, a new toy for our children to enjoy, or a picture or other decorative items. We will begin using this new space on Christmas Eve.

followed by

GREENING OF THE CATHEDRAL



CHRISTMAS EVE CONCERT PRELUDE AND FESTIVAL EUCHARIST Wednesday, 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.



CHRISTMAS EVE NURSERY

Nursery care will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve in the **New Nursery**.



CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY EUCHARIST Thursday, 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

The Cathedral office will be closed Christmas week from Christmas Eve, December 24 through Friday, December 26 and New Year's Week from Monday, December 29 through Friday, January 2. The office will resume normal business hours from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 5. Please make note of when the office will be open in order to take care of your end of the year pledge payments.



ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD Saturday, January 10

If you'd like to help with the Ordination and Reception on Saturday, January 10, please sign-up on the form at the ministry table or contact the Cathedral Office at 438-1822 or office @christchurchcathedrmobile.org.

Staffing Needs:

- ◆ *Stand-up Breakfast:* 8:30 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. Purchase, preparation and serving of a stand up breakfast.
- ◆ *Greeters:* 8:30 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. We will need 10 to 12 greeters stationed around the campus.
- ◆ *Ushers:* 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. We will need ushers to hand out bulletins, assist during the service and help prepare the church for Sunday.



Mobile, Alabama

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2014

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

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

G. Edmundson
(1892-1971)

The Word of God

Processional Hymn

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Woodlands
Hymnal 438

Introduction of the Pageant

The children will gather at the back of the church.

Dean Gibson

Children's Processional Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel vs. 1-3

Veni, veni, Emmanuel
Hymnal 56

Mary and Joseph's Processional Hymn

O little town of Bethlehem vs. 1

St. Louis
Hymnal 79

The Birth of Baby Jesus

Silent Night, Holy Night
Cathedral Children

F. X. Gruber
(1787-1863)

Shepherds and Angels Presentation Hymn

The angel Gabriel from heaven came vs. 1-2

Gabriel's Message
Hymnal 265

The Holy Gospel:

Luke 1:26-38

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy

Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. *People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

Hymn *Gabriel’s Message*
The angel Gabriel from heaven came vs. 3-4 Hymnal 265

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 *Wait for the Lord* J. Berthier
The Cathedral Choir and Soloists (1923-1994)
At the Presentation *The Doxology* *Old 100th*
America vs. 4 Hymnal 717

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.**

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 of your glory, 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
Antiphon *Psalm 19* C. W. Powell
Refrain: **A Virgin shall conceive and bear a son,** (b. 1990)
and his name shall be called Emmanuel.
Hymn *Creator of the stars of night* *Conditor alme siderum*
Hymnal 60

Post Communion Prayer BCP 365
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 *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*
Savior of the nations, come! Hymnal 54

Dismissal
Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Improvisation on Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* C. W. Powell
(b. 1990)



Please join us after the service for a time of hospitality in the Chapter House.



Ministers For Today

Celebrant and PreacherDean Gibson
Assisting..... Deacon Wagner
Intercessor.....Skip Archer
Chalice Bearers..... David Broome, Lynn Yankie
Oblationers Eleanor and Stephen Baker
Crucifers..... Janie Chow, Blake Ferguson
Acolytes..... Virginia Ladd, Sadie Ladd, Charlie Weeks,
..... Carson Russell, Janaé Wilson
Baby Jesus..... Kit Sledge
Mary..... Livy Ferguson
Joseph..... Lawson Hamil
Altar Guild..... Perrin Drew, Barbara Archer, Harriet Jean Boughton,
..... Shannon Harris, Lissa Watkins, Barry Weeks
Flower Guild..... Ann Moody
Ushers..... Kennon Drew, Brooke Grehan,
..... Steve Hall, Jubal Hamil, Jay Watkins
Hospitality Team..... Betty Reniewicz, Ginny Behlen, Joy Dean,
..... Gaye Formanek, Shannon Harris, Patsy Seymour



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The Right Reverend Philip Menzie Duncan, II, *Bishop*
The Very Reverend Beverly Findley Gibson, Ph.D., *Rector and Dean*
The Reverend Daniel Andrew Wagner, *Deacon*
Christopher William Powell, *Organist and Choir Master*