



# ST. CATHERINE'S

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## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### **The Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament, Rite Two**

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, September 5, 2021  
10:30 a.m.

#### ***Welcome to St. Catherine's***

We are glad that you have joined us for worship this morning. If you are new or visiting with us, we invite you to fill out a visitor card, which can be found on the back of the chair in front of you. Completed cards may be given to a greeter or a member of the clergy. For more information about our parish, including a complete schedule of worship services, please visit our website at <https://stcatherinesal.org>

#### ***Prepare for Worship***

In order to preserve a sense of reverence in the worship space, please take a moment to silence all of your electronic devices. The time before the service begins offers us a rare moment for quiet prayer and meditation. The liturgy for today's service is from **The Book of Common Prayer**. For your convenience, all of the service music, prayers, responses, and readings are included in this booklet. Please refer to the hymnal provided in the chairs for the Hymns. Children are always welcome in worship at St. Catherine's. However, if your child would be more comfortable in our nursery, childcare is available during the 10:30 service.

**PRELUDE**

Prelude in G minor by Arthur Bird (1856-1923)

**The Word of God**

**Entrance Rite**

**HYMN IN PROCESSION:** p. 493 "O for a thousand tongues to sing," Omit Vs. 6

**OPENING ACCLAMATION, BCP 355**

*The people standing as they are able, the Deacon says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**COLLECT FOR PURITY, BCP 355**

*The Deacon says*

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.*

**GLORIA S 280 Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell) (BCP p. 356)**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY, BCP 357

*Deacon*        The Lord be with you.

*People*        And also with you.

*Deacon*        Let us pray.

Grant us Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Children ages 4-10 may go to Children's Chapel with Ms. Mandi Gonzalez. They will return to the nave during the Peace.*

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

<sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

**Psalm:** Psalm 125

*Remain seated. The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse:*

- 1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*  
so does the Lord stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, \*  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- 4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good \*  
and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
but peace be upon Israel.

## **SECOND READING: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17**

A Reading from the letter of James.

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [<sup>11</sup>For the one who said,

“You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

<sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE HYMN:** P. 566 *From thee all skill and science flow (The Church's Desolation)*

**GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37**

*All stand as we are able.*

*Deacon*           The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into

his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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

## **THE SERMON**

**The Rev. Dn. Sally Herring**

### **THE CREED, BCP 358**

*All stand as we are able.*

We believe in one God,  
    the Father, the Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth,  
    of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
    the only Son of God,  
    eternally begotten of the Father,  
    God from God, Light from Light,  
    true God from true God,  
    begotten, not made,  
    of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
    he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
    he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
    in accordance with the Scriptures;  
    he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form VI, BCP 392)**

*All remain standing as they are able.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Glenda, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for our Companion Diocese of the Virgin Islands as they discern the selection of a new bishop. We also pray for persons with AIDS, and other difficult to manage diseases and conditions, and their families, for Cursillo #224 Pilgrims and Staff and the Abbey

In our own parish we pray for Beth, Nita, Clydene, Christian, Michelle, Law, Mary Lynn, Bill, Dee, Laurie, Jeff, Amy, Rebecca, Tim, Dana, Jerry, Amanda,



Denise, Doug, the Fuller family and all of those whose lives were disrupted by Hurricane Ida.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We pray for all of those serving in the military, especially John

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*  
We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

Concluding Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister 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.

*The Deacon stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

**THE PEACE, BCP 360**

*All stand as we are able.*

*Deacon*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*        And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Holy Communion**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*The Deacon says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

**OFFERTORY HYMN: P. 567 *Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old (St. Matthew)***

*The Deacon says*

We believe that in the Holy Eucharist, the elements of bread and wine are not mere signs, but that Christ himself is really present. In fellowship with the whole Church of God, with all who have been brought together by the Holy Spirit to worship on this day, and who have celebrated the Eucharist, let us rejoice that we are called to be part of the body of Christ.

We give you thanks, O God, for all things good and beneficial to our bodies and souls. We give you thanks that you have brought us together in this place to worship you. We give you thanks for the Body and Blood of Christ, set here before us. We give you thanks that your eternal word was made flesh for us, and for Christ's life and ministry, death, and resurrection. We give you thanks that you fill our lives with grace and grant us the gift of the Holy Spirit. We give you thanks, O God, that through this Sacrament you grant us a pledge of our eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER, BCP 364**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Deacon*

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,  
    forever and ever. Amen.

### **INVITATION**

*The Deacon says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

This is the table not of the church but of the Lord.

It is made ready for those who Love him and for those who wish to love him more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little;  
you who have been here often and you who have not been here long;  
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

It is the Lord's will that those who seek Him should meet Him here.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*[As we reincorporate the wine into Holy Communion, it will be by intinction only. Carefully dip only a partial part of the wafer into the wine, being careful not to touch the wine with your fingers. If you choose not to intinct simply cross your arms over your chest.]*

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver them to the people.*

*The Bread is given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of Heaven . [Amen.]

*The wine is offered to the communicants for intinction only with these words*

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

**COMMUNION HYMN: P. 603** *When Christ was lifted from the earth (St. Botolph)*

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER, BCP 365**

*After Communion, the Deacon says*

Let us pray.

*Deacon 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.

*The Deacon says*

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN: P. 371 *Thou, whose almighty word (Moscow)***

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

Hope Eternal by Edward Broughton

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*Please join us after the service for coffee hour in the Parish Hall.  
Thank you Delfina Cuevas and Juan Rodriguez for hosting.*

## **What's Happening at St. Catherine's**

### **Evening Prayer**

Evening Prayer is held Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. If you have questions please contact Bill Wheeler at [billwheeler3@att.net](mailto:billwheeler3@att.net). All are welcome!

### **Welcome Back!**

We welcome back our Deacon, Clyde Pearce and his wife Charlie. You have both been missed. Please join us after the service in the parish hall to welcome them back.

### **Outreach Needs for September**

This month Bill will be collecting toothpaste. While you are shopping for your family please pick-up a few extras for our Outreach ministry.

### **Rise Against Hunger**

Please sign up to help package meals Sunday September 12 at St. Francis Episcopal Church Indian Springs. The link for the sign-up is in the Dialogue. If you cannot be with us that afternoon please consider making a donation. You can either place a check in the offering basket marked for Feed the Hungry or you can make a donation online.

### **Communion at Home**

If you are sick or unable to attend church for a period of time, and would like to have communion brought to your home, please let us know. Either leave a message on the church phone or email Sally at [sally.herring@gmail.com](mailto:sally.herring@gmail.com).

## Monster Mash

The women of the church are planning a fun afternoon for the children with special needs and their families in the Chelsea area. The date is Saturday, October 16, from 2:00 until 6:00. The women are asking for donations of several things as well as volunteers to help that day. Although we received an outreach grant from the Diocese to help cover the cost of this event, the grant will not cover everything, so please consider making a donation. Checks can be made out to St. Catherine's and marked for the Monster Mash or ECW.

Please watch for sign-up sheets to be posted in the parish hall for various needs. This is a wonderful way for the parish to reach out into our community and I hope we can all be involved in some way.

## Parish Prayer List

If you would like someone added to the Parish Prayer list please contact Sally at [sally.herring@gmail.com](mailto:sally.herring@gmail.com) or fill out a prayer request card and leave with an usher or in the collection plate.

## Birthday Sundays

Beginning in September we will celebrate the birthdays for that month on the first Sunday with a cake. Please join us for cake and conversation after our service.

## Pastoral Emergencies

If you have a pastoral emergency please text or call Sally at 205-447-3306 and leave a voice mail. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

<i>Weekly Schedule for the Deacon in Charge - Sally Herring</i>	
<b>WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>UAB</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00 - 2:00</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 - 2:00</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00 - 2:00</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>OFF</b>

## **Our Mission**

*To seek, love, and serve God through worship, education, and service and to share the redeeming love of Christ with the world.*

## **Our Vision**

*St. Catherine's, the Episcopal Church in Chelsea, is a welcoming and inclusive family called by Christ to receive and share God's love.*

## **Ministers in Today's Liturgy**

Celebrant	The Rev.Dn. Sally Herring	Lector	Brent McLarty
VPD	Scott Reimer	Intercessor	Mark Lindsay
Counters	Amy Molloy & Scott Reimer	Greeter	Amy Molloy
LEM	Ann Watts	Crucifer	Caroline Molloy
		Altar Guild	Wanda Wheeler

## **Clergy and Staff**

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda S. Curry, Bishop of Alabama	Matthew West, Organist/Choirmaster
The Rev. Dn. Sally Herring, Deacon-In-Charge	Mandi Gonzalez, Director of Children's Ministries
The Rev. Dn. Clyde Pearce, Deacon	Hydeia Averitte, Nursery Coordinator
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