



ST. CATHERINE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 12, 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

Voluntary from *Ten Voluntaries for the Organ* Op. 5 No. 3 by John Stanley (1712-1786)

The Word of God

Entrance Rite

HYMN IN PROCESSION: 525 THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 50:4-9a

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM

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

Psalm 116:1-8

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

²The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

³Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

⁴Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.

⁵The LORD watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

⁶Turn again to your rest, O my soul. *
for the LORD has treated you well.

⁷For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

⁸I will walk in the presence of the LORD *
in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

A Reading from the letter of James.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine yield fresh.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: 654

DAY BY DAY

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

All stand as they are able.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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 Bridge Ministries, Birmingham, St. Anne's Home, Birmingham, Holy Cross-St. Christopher's, Huntsville, Holy Cross, Trussville Holy Cross, Uniontown

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 who continue to be impacted by the remnants of Hurricane Ida.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We pray for all those who are serving in the armed forces, especially John

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We especially give thanks for the lives of those who will celebrate birthdays this week: Denise Armstrong, Mary Taylor and Bill Traylor. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives.

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: 312

STRENGTHEN FOR SERVICE, LORD

Remain seated.

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: 168

O SACRED HEAD, SORE WOUNDED

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:

675 TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, THE SAVIOR SAID

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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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. All are welcome!

Welcome Back!

We will welcome back our Deacon, Clyde Pearce and his wife Charlie on, Sunday, September 19th. They have both been missed. Please join us after that service in the parish hall to welcome them back.

Recovery Sunday

Bishop G has designated next Sunday, September 19th, as Recovery Sunday. If you know of someone who is struggling with any type of addiction and you would like to add their names to the prayer list for next Sunday please email Sally at sally.herring@gmail.com or put your request on a prayer request card and place it in the offering basket. This is a special effort on behalf of the diocese to support and encourage those in recovery as well as those who are in need of entering recovery and their family and friends who support and love them.

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.

Calibrating to Thrive

Next Sunday we will be joined by Michael Wilson from Samford University. He will be providing fried chicken and we will be bringing the sides and deserts for lunch following the service. During lunch Michael will give us more information on Calibrating to Thrive and what opportunities this will bring to St. Catherine's and how we can all be involved. I cannot stress enough what an amazing opportunity this presents for St. Catherine's or how important it will be for each of you to be present to hear how we can all be part of this exciting time in the life of our church. Please plan to attend.

Rise Against Hunger

Today after the service from 12:30 – 3:00, we will be participating with St. Francis Episcopal Church at Indian Springs to help package meals. If you cannot be with us, please consider making a donation. You can either place a check in the offering basket marked for Rise Against Hunger or you can make a donation online.

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.

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.

Parish Prayer List

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

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>	
WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12th	
Monday	9:00 - 2:00
Tuesday	9:00 - 2:00
Wednesday	10:00 - 3:00
Thursday	OFF
Friday	Work at UAB

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	Michelle Landrum
VPD	Amy Molloy	Intercessor	Ann Watts
Counters	Amy Molloy & Laura Chambless	Greeter	Laura Chambless
LEM	Jane Keeton	Crucifer	Hayden Molloy
		Altar Guild	Jane Keeton

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	Arabella Gonzalez, Nursery Coordinator
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