



ST. CATHERINE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 19, 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.

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, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure, 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: Wisdom 1:16--2:1, 12-22

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Wisdom.

¹⁶The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company.

^{2:1}For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, “Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades.

¹²“Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training.

¹³He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord.

¹⁴He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;

¹⁵the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange.

¹⁶We are considered by him as something base,
and he avoids our ways as unclean;
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,
and boasts that God is his father.

¹⁷Let us see if his words are true,
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;

¹⁸for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him,
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

¹⁹Let us test him with insult and torture,
so that we may find out how gentle he is,
and make trial of his forbearance.

²⁰Let us condemn him to a shameful death,
for, according to what he says, he will be protected."

²¹Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,
for their wickedness blinded them,

²²and they did not know the secret purposes of God,
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

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 54

¹Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.

²Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.

³For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.

⁴Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
⁶I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.
⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

SECOND READING: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

A Reading from the letter of James.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: 480

WHEN JESUS LEFT HIS FATHER'S THRONE

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

All stand as they are able.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples] passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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. We also pray for Hand-in-Paw and all animal assisted ministries, for St. Matthew's, Madison and St. Matthew's in the Pines, Seale.

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, Connie and Perri.

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: Sally Herring. Grant that she may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen her 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 of those who are serving in the armed forces, especially John.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

On this day we pause to remember those persons who struggle with addiction, for their families and for all those who love them and for all those who work to improve their lives.

The Presider will say:

O Blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you; Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. *Amen*

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

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

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.

The Presider will say the 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 Presider 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 Presider 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 Presider says

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

OFFERTORY HYMN: 482

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS, LORD OF ALL JOY

The Presider 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 Presider

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 Presider 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: 660 O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER, BCP 365

After Communion, the Presider 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 Presider 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: 637

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Album Gregorien pour Orgue ou Harmonium Vol. 4, No. 4 by Eugene Gigout (1844-1925)

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*Please join us after the service in the Parish Hall for fried chicken
and some really important information on Cailbrating To Thrive
provided by Michael Wilson from Samford University*

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 Clyde Pearce clydepearce@bellsouth.net or Bill Wheeler at billwheeler3@att.net. All are welcome!

Welcome Back!

We welcome back our Deacon, Clyde Pearce and his wife Charlie. They have both been missed.

Calibrating to Thrive

We will be joined by Michael Wilson from Samford University today after church. 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 important and timely 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 stay for fried chicken and some really important information. Even if you hadn't planned to stay, there will be plenty of food so please join us.

Outreach 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.

Thank you to those who participated in the **Rise Against Hunger** event last Sunday. I was very impressed with the organization that coordinated the event – they thought of everything. Thank you also to Bill Wheeler for spearheading this event. It was not only a wonderful opportunity to collaborate with our neighbors from St. Francis, Indian Springs, but it was a wonderful way to make an impact on the needs of the hungry. Within the short time span of two hours we bagged 10,152 meals! That's pretty amazing. And they are already on there way to Haiti.

Recovery Sunday

Bishop G has designated today, September 19th, as Recovery Sunday. If you know of someone who is struggling with any type of addiction and you would like information on resources please email Sally at sally.herring@gmail.com or visit the diocesan website. The path to recovery begins with the first step. Please keep these individuals and their family members in your prayers. 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.

Resources include:

Websites A. Alcoholics Anonymous www.aa.org

B. Narcotics Anonymous www.na.org

C. Overeaters Anonymous www.oa.org

D. Al-Anon www.al-anon.alateen.org

E. Alateen www.al-anon.alateen.org

F. Adult Children of Alcoholics www.adultchildren.org

G. Recovery Ministries www.episcopalrecovery.org

Blessing of the Animals

On Sunday, October 3 at the 10:30 service we will be incorporating into our regular service homage to St. Francis by a “Blessing of the Animals.” Please bring your furry, feathered or otherwise babies to church with you that day, but PLEASE be sure they are either contained in a kennel or on a leash. Also, please come prepared to clean-up after your pet – no poop piles left behind please! Obviously, the service will be outside so come dressed for the occasion.

We will also have two very accomplished musicians, Danny Wright and Ben Ridlehoover, as our guest accompanists for that service. Danny and Ben have been playing together for years, are well known in the Episcopal community and attend church at All Saints in Birmingham.

Following the service we will have a potluck lunch so please bring your favorite side, desert or main dish.

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.

Sign-up sheets are 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 19th	
Monday	9:00 - 2:00
Tuesday	9:00 - 2:00
Wednesday	OFF
Thursday	Work at UAB
Friday	9:00 - 2:00

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	Cathy Cawthon
VPD	Laura Chambless	Intercessor	Jim Cawthon
Counters	Bill Traylor & Laura Chambless	Greeter	Bill Traylor
LEM	Scott Reimer	Crucifer	Scott Reimer
		Altar Guild	Cathy Cawthon

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
	Julie Seal, Parish Administrator

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