



ST. CATHERINE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
Sunday, March 24, 2024
10:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. Catherine's

We are glad that you have joined us for worship this morning. If you are 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, a member of the clergy or placed in the collection plate. For more information about our parish, including a complete schedule of worship services, as well as the link for our on-line 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 10:00 service.

Eucharist or Holy Communion

St. Catherine's welcomes all baptized Christians to gather at the table of our Lord. **Eucharist or Holy Communion**, is at the heart of the Episcopal liturgy. It is during Holy Communion, as we gather around the table, where we share the bread and the wine, the Body and Blood of our savior, as we remember the words of our Lord, Jesus Christ, "Do this in remembrance of me."

It is our practice to stand at the altar to receive the sacraments. By holding out your up turned hands you will be given the bread and you can either partially dip the bread in the wine, being careful not to touch the wine with your fingers, or you can sip from the chalice.

If you chose to receive only one of the sacraments simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate your wishes to the server. If you do not wish to receive the sacraments, but you would like to be blessed, cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you.

If you require gluten-free it is available – simply let the priest know as she distributes the bread.

Please feel free to ask if you have any questions. It's our desire to make everyone feel as welcome as possible.

Vestry Members

Denise Armstrong

Carol Dotson

Sasha Johns

Connie Meloun

Michelle Nivens – Clerk of the Vestry

Scott Reimer

Juan Rodriguez – Jr. Warden

Chris Stricklin – Sr. Warden

Ministers in Today's Liturgy

Celebrant The Rev. Sally Herring

Deacon The Rev. Dn. Clyde Pearce

VPD Juan Rodriguez

Counters Juan Rodriguez
& Sasha Johns

Greeter Sasha Johns

Altar Guild Cathy Cawthon

LEM/ Crucifer Scott Reimer

Lector Laura, Lynne, Jim,
Brent, Teresa, Shasha, Scott

Intercessor Cathy Cawthon

Torchbearer Kayelyn Dominguez
& Sophia Reimer

Technology Donald Bruce

A large, detailed palm frond is positioned in the upper left corner of the card, extending diagonally across the frame. The background features a subtle, repeating geometric pattern of light gray triangles.

PALM SUNDAY

Blessed

is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the highest.

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MATTHEW 21:9 KJV

Offertory Anthem

Ave Verum by W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Raven Heath & Sarah Dick, soprano

Mackey Atkinson, tenor

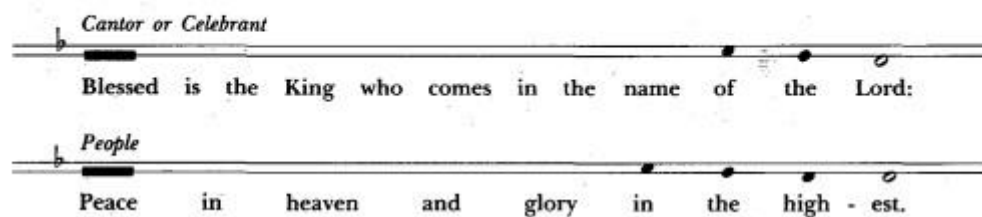
The Liturgy of the Palms

Opening Anthem

The branches of palm or of other trees or shrubs to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people before the service, or after the prayer of blessing.

The following or some other suitable anthem is sung, the people standing as they are able.

Opening Anthem



Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Processional Gospel Reading: Mark 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Blessing of the Palms

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

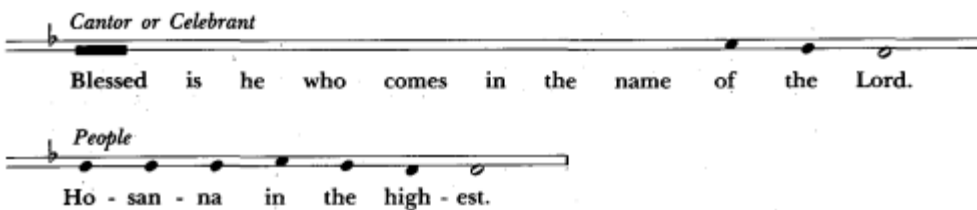
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Second Anthem

The following or some other suitable anthem may then be sung



The Procession

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

During the procession, all hold branches in their hands.

Procession Hymn H 154 *All glory, laud, and honor (Valet will ich dir geben)*

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

Procession Collect

At a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following or some other appropriate Collect is said

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Word of God

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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 awakens—
awakens 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: Psalm 31:9-16

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

¹¹I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.

¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

All stand as are able.

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

DESCANT (Last time only)

Praise to you O Christ, King of e-ter - nal glo - ry.

MELODY

Praise to you O Christ, King of e-ter - nal glo - ry.

KEYBOARD

²² CANTOR

The Lord is a great God,
 O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts. D.C.

The Passion Gospel: Mark 14:1--15:47

The Passion Gospel may be read or chanted by lay persons. Specific roles may be assigned to different persons, the congregation taking the part of the crowd.

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha (Mark 15:22) all stand as are able.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

¹It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; ²for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

³While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

¹²On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." ¹⁶So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

¹⁷When it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" ²⁰He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

²²While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

²⁶When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered.'

²⁸But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ²⁹Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." ³⁰Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." ³¹But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same.

³²They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." ³⁵And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." ³⁷He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? ³⁸Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

⁴³Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." ⁴⁵So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁴⁶Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. ⁴⁷But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁴⁸Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? ⁴⁹Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." ⁵⁰All of them deserted him and fled.

⁵¹A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, ⁵²but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

⁵³They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. ⁵⁴Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. ⁵⁶For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, ⁵⁸"We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" ⁵⁹But even on this point their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" ⁶¹But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" ⁶²Jesus said, "I am; and

'you will see the Son of Man
seated at the right hand of the Power,'
and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

⁶³Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses?

⁶⁴You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophesy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.

⁶⁶While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. ⁶⁷When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth." ⁶⁸But he denied it, saying, "I do not know or understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. ⁶⁹And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." ⁷⁰But again he denied it. Then after a little

while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.” ⁷¹But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know this man you are talking about.” ⁷²At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

^{15:1}As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³They shouted back, “Crucify him!” ¹⁴Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

²¹They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). **(The congregation stands as they are able)** ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

²⁵It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

⁴⁰There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

⁴²When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

The Sermon

The Rev. Sally Herring

The Prayers of the People

All stand as are able.

Silence

This prayer is offered on behalf of the St. Catherine's of Siena Daughters of the King

Deacon or other leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops Glenda and Brian, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We also ask your prayers for all victims of violence, hatred, prejudice, and oppression and the agencies that advocate for their safety, dignity, and respect, and for Calvary, Oneonta, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Chelsea and every community represented here today, and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, and for those traveling for the approaching holiday, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those who will celebrate birthdays this week. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those on our parish prayer list, especially, Nita, Clydene, Katy, Clyde, Jack, Joseph, Ginny, Haley, James, Joe, Ed, Stephen, Tina, Meghan, Susan, Arabella, Karla, Randy, Elise, Diane, Nancy, Heather, Jo, Dale, Dylan, and Colleen. And we especially pray for Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who serve in the military, we ask your prayers for John Morris and Trey Thrasher, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Catherine and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Gracious God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

All stand as are able.

Celebrant 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

The Celebrant says

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

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing as are able.

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.

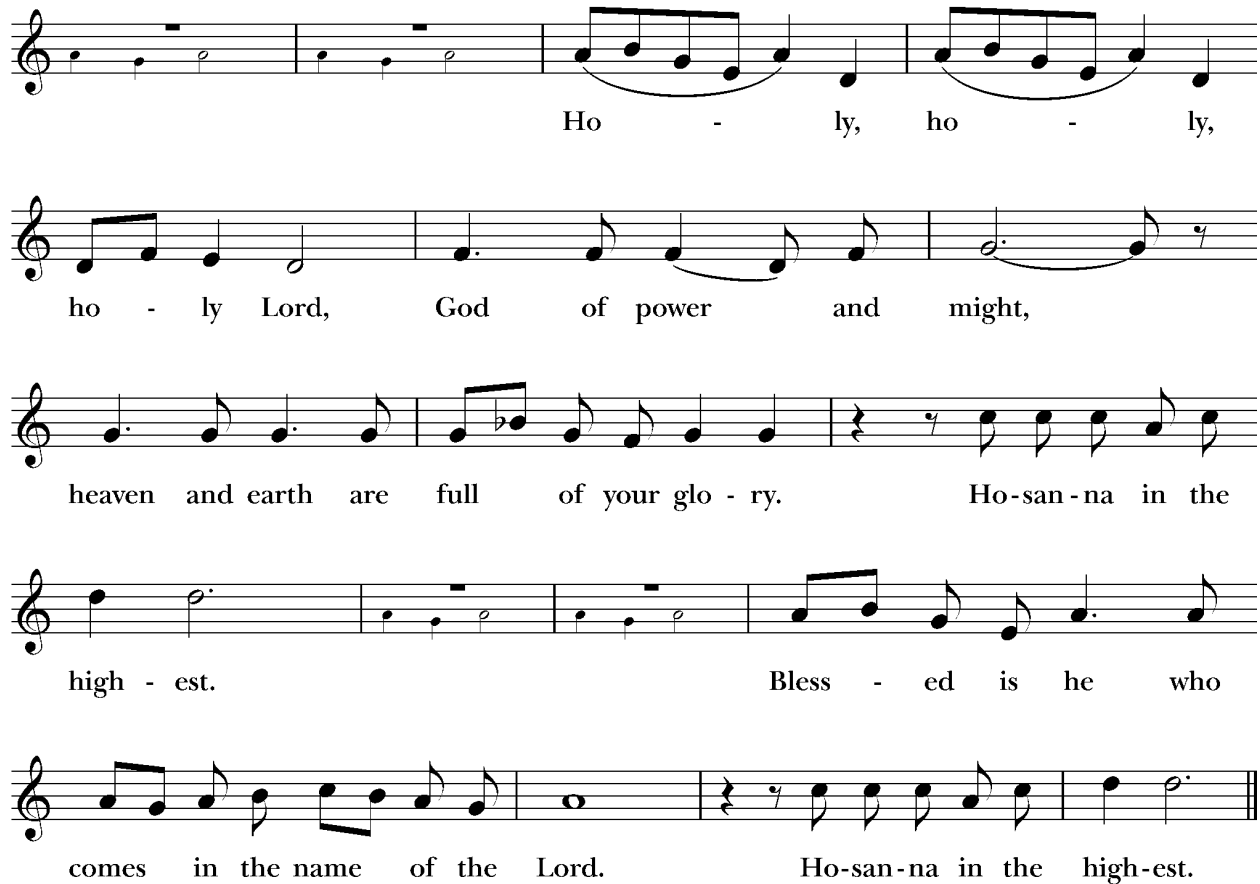
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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:



The People stand or kneel as are able.

The Celebrant continues

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.

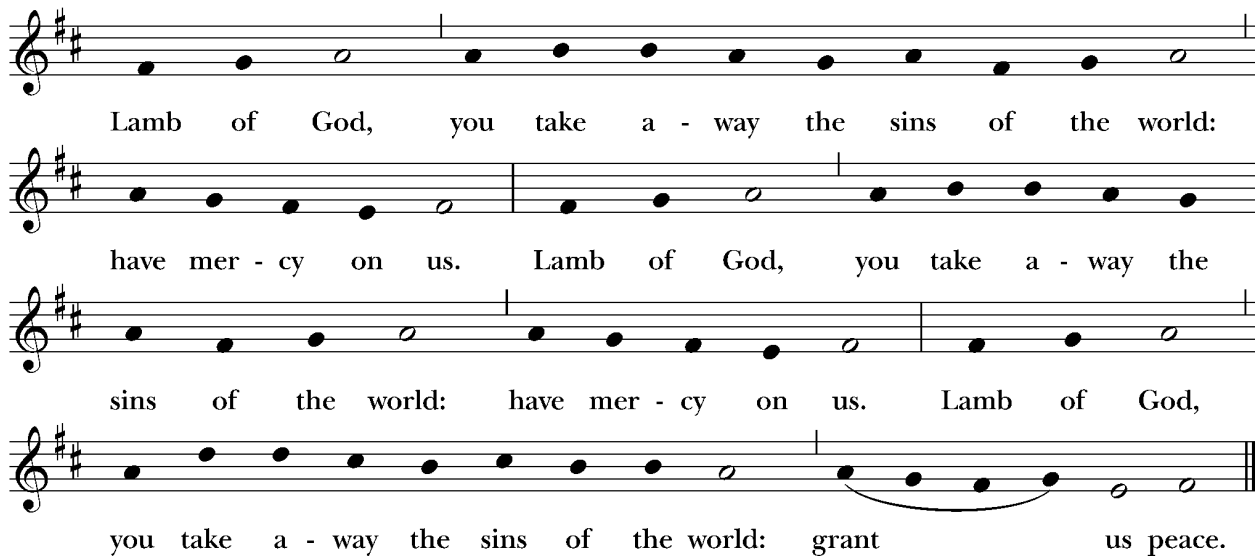
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

People and Celebrant

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.

The Breaking of the Bread



The Celebrant 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 fallen short. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is the Lord's will that those who seek Him should meet Him here.

All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the Holy Communion. You can receive both the bread and the wine or only one. Intinction of the bread is acceptable, however, please be careful not to touch the wine with your fingers as you dip the wafer into the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your arms over your chest to alert the chalice bearer. Also, if you do not want to receive either and would like a blessing please come forward, cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer a blessing.

Gluten free wafers are available. Please let the priest know as she comes to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask a member of the congregation, the clergy, or an usher.

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

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of Heaven. *Amen.*

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. *Amen.*

**Communion Hymn H 168 *O sacred head, sore wounded*
*(Herzlich tut mich verlangen [Passion Chorale])***

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant 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 Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you
and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Post-Communion Hymn Verses 1, 2, & 7 H 458
My song is love unknown (Love Unknown)

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

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***Please join us after the service in the Parish Hall for
Coffee Hour Hosted by Mandi Gonzalez
In celebration of Muriel Diane Dewitt's birthday***

The Week of March 24th, at a Glance

(Episcopal 101 is a new feature that occasionally will be added to the OOS. It will be information about our liturgy that may be helpful to visitors or even those who have been an Episcopalian for years and just never knew why we did certain things. If there is something you have been wondering about, please let Sally know and she will include it. The purpose is to be informative but also to make everyone feel as welcome as possible.)

Maundy Thursday – The Thursday before Easter is the day on which we commemorate the institution of the Last Supper. It is also the day when we model what our Lord did the last night he spent with the disciples when he washed their feet. Jesus did this to instruct them on the importance of always remembering that they are a servant first. When we offer this opportunity not as something everyone *should* do but something everyone *can* do. The act of washing another person's feet is very moving but even more important is our allowing someone else to offer to us the same gift. In receiving we honor their service. After the foot washing the altar is stripped and the blessed sacrament is removed from the tabernacle, symbolizing the way our Lord died and his absence after his death on the cross.

Good Friday is also a special liturgy. On the Friday before Easter, we commemorate the passion of our Lord and his death on the cross. We read the Passion narrative once more, this time using the Passion of our Lord from the gospel of John. Eucharist is offered from reserved sacrament.

Please make plans to attend these special liturgies that highlight the last days of our Lord's life and sacrifice for us. Through participation in these days we gain a deeper understanding of our Lord's love for us and his suffering which bring a the joy on Easter Sunday that is intensified and made more meaningful.

Schedule for Holy Week

Maundy Thursday – 6:00 p.m. Thursday, March 28th washing of the feet and Eucharist

Good Friday – 12:05, Friday, March 29th, with reserved sacrament and followed by Stations of the Cross

The Great Easter Vigil – We have been invited to attend the Vigil at St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands, Saturday, March 30th, 6:30-8:00. This is one of the most ancient of all our Christian liturgies and a glorious way to begin the celebration of the resurrection.

Easter Sunday/Fifth Sunday Potluck – We will celebrate the resurrection at our 10:00 service, followed by a potluck lunch. Please remember to bring your UTO boxes or whatever you have been collecting your loose change in for our UTO offering.

Easter Egg Hunt – Children – Bring your basket for egg hunting on Easter Sunday. Parents and others - Please bring a dozen or so filled Easter eggs for the children to hunt on Easter Sunday. Please no nuts.

Music Ministry – There is now a designated fund for financial gifts that can be given to the church to support our music ministry. One of the benefits of the fund will be the continuation of our music interns in the fall. If you would like to remember someone in a special way or honor someone with a gift in their name that will benefit the service music this would be a lovely way to remember or honor someone. A note will be sent to the family or individual as well as a mention of the donation in the OOS. Donations can also be made anonymously. Please remember to mark your check for the "music designated fund."

Please see the church website stcatherinesal.org for more information.

Upcoming Events

Celebration of Phillip Dewitt's Ministry and Retirement as Parish Treasurer –

After 17 years of faithful service Phillip has decided it's time to hang up his pencil! We will celebrate his contribution to St. Catherine's with a reception on **April 7th**. The parish will provide the chicken and the congregation is encouraged to bring a side.

ECW Spring Luncheon – The Spring Luncheon will be held at noon on Saturday, April 27th. The guest speaker will be June Mays. June has been a Garden designer since 2009. She has studied garden design at the English Gardening School in London and has consulted or designed over 100 gardens. Although she has retired from garden design she continues to speak and to write about gardens. She has published articles in Fine Gardening, Southern Accents, Flower Magazine, Birmingham Home and Garden and many others. June and her husband, Joe, are active members of St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands. They have homes in Birmingham and Sewanee. Please make plans to attend. June is an invaluable resource for ideas and inspiration for garden design that brings peace and contentment to all those who enter.

Registration for Summer sessions at Camp McDowell – The sessions are available for registration online at the Camp McDowell website – campmcdowell.org. Summer sessions fill up quickly so please make plans early. Scholarship is always an option so do not hesitate to apply for your child if finances are an issue. Sally will be leading Elementary I, July 27-30, for rising 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. There is nothing like the experience a child has at camp – it's a memory that will last a lifetime with new friendships, too. If you have any questions please ask Sally, sally.herring@gmail.com.

Pastoral Care information

Visiting Eucharistic Ministers - If you are sick or unable to attend church for an extended 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 reach out to Sally, at 205-447-3306.

Parish Prayer List - If you would like someone added to the Parish Prayer list, please leave a message on the Church voice mail, contact Sally at sally.herring@gmail.com or fill out a prayer request card and leave with an usher or in the collection plate. Names placed on the parish prayer list will remain for one month. If the need continues, please notify the church office or the priest and they will remain on the list as long as requested. Please make it known to Sally if there is no longer a need. Thank you.

Hospital Visits – If you or a loved one is going to be in the hospital and would like a visit from the clergy, please notify us by calling the church office and leaving a message, either on the general voice mail or on Sally's confidential voice mail.

Pastoral Emergencies – A message can be left on the church voice mail or Sally can be reached at 205-447-3306.

Priest in Charge's Schedule the Week of March 24, 2024

3/24 Sunday, 7:30 – 12:00

3/25 Monday – Work from home, 9:00 – 5:00

3/26 Tuesday – 10:30 – 3:00

3/27 Wednesday – 9:00 – 3:30

3/28 Thursday – 12:00 – 7:30

3/29 Friday – 10:00 – 2:30

3/30 Saturday – Off, Easter Vigil from 6:30 – 8:00 at St. Mary's-on-the-Highland's

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.

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