



# ST. CATHERINE'S

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## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Good Friday**  
**The Holy Eucharist from**  
**reserved sacrament**  
**Friday, March 29, 2024**  
**12:05 p.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**

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Sally Herring	<b>LEM/ Crucifer</b>	Jane Keeton
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. Dn. Clyde Pearce	<b>Lector</b>	Cathy Cawthon
<b>VPD</b>	Chris Stricklin	<b>Intercessor</b>	Teresa McLarty
<b>Counters</b>	Chris Stricklin	<b>Torchbearer</b>	n/a
<b>Greeter</b>	Connie Meloun	<b>Technology</b>	Donald Bruce
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jane Keeton		



## Opening Acclamation

*On this day the ministers enter in silence.*

*All then kneel for silent prayer, after which the Celebrant stands and begins the liturgy with the Collect of the Day.*

*Immediately before the Collect, the Celebrant may say*

Celebrant        Blessed be our God.

People            For ever and ever. Amen.

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## First Reading: Isaiah 52:13--53:12

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>13</sup>See, my servant shall prosper;  
he shall be exalted and lifted up,  
and shall be very high.

<sup>14</sup>Just as there were many who were astonished at him  
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of mortals—

<sup>15</sup>so he shall startle many nations;  
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;  
for that which had not been told them they shall see,  
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

<sup>53:1</sup>Who has believed what we have heard?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup>For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by others;  
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;  
and as one from whom others hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.

<sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.

<sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

<sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

*The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.*

## **Psalm: Psalm 22**

*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry  
and from the words of my distress?

<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

<sup>8</sup>“He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.

<sup>10</sup>I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.

<sup>12</sup>Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

<sup>13</sup>They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water;  
all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

<sup>15</sup>My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

<sup>16</sup>Packs of dogs close me in,  
and gangs of evildoers circle around me; \*  
they pierce my hands and my feet,  
I can count all my bones.

<sup>17</sup>They stare and gloat over me; \*  
they divide my garments among them;  
they cast lots for my clothing.

<sup>18</sup>Be not far away, O LORD; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

<sup>19</sup>Save me from the sword, \*  
my life from the power of the dog.

<sup>20</sup>Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

<sup>21</sup>I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

<sup>22</sup>Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

<sup>23</sup>For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.

<sup>24</sup>My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

<sup>25</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"

<sup>26</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

<sup>27</sup>For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.



<sup>28</sup>To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

<sup>29</sup>My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

<sup>30</sup>They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 10:16-25**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

[After the Holy Spirit says,] <sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,”

<sup>17</sup>he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the  
blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain  
(that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God,  
<sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled  
clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold  
fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is  
faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds,  
<sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one  
another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

## **The Passion Gospel: John 18:1--19:42**

*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 (John 19:17) all stand.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.<sup>2</sup>Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" <sup>5</sup>They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup>Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." <sup>9</sup>This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." <sup>10</sup>Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. <sup>11</sup>Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

<sup>12</sup>So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup>First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup>Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

<sup>15</sup>Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, <sup>16</sup>but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup>The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." <sup>18</sup>Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

<sup>19</sup>Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. <sup>20</sup>Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup>Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus

on the face, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered, “If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?” <sup>24</sup>Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

<sup>25</sup>Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, “You are not also one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” <sup>26</sup>One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” <sup>27</sup>Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

<sup>28</sup>Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate’s headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup>So Pilate went out to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?” <sup>30</sup>They answered, “If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.” <sup>31</sup>Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.” The Jews replied, “We are not permitted to put anyone to death.” <sup>32</sup>(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

<sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” <sup>38</sup>Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I find no case against him. <sup>39</sup>But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” <sup>40</sup>They shouted in reply, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a bandit.

<sup>19:1</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They kept coming up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and striking him on the face. <sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.” <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!” <sup>6</sup>When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, **(the congregation shouts) “Crucify him! Crucify him!”** Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.” <sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.”

<sup>8</sup>Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. <sup>9</sup>He entered his

headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." <sup>12</sup>From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."

<sup>13</sup>When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" <sup>15</sup>They cried out, **(the congregation shouts) "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!"** Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." <sup>16</sup>Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; <sup>17</sup>and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. **(Congregation stands as they are able)** <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." <sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. <sup>24</sup>So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

"They divided my clothes among themselves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots."

<sup>25</sup>And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

<sup>28</sup>After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

<sup>31</sup>Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. <sup>32</sup>Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. <sup>35</sup>(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) <sup>36</sup>These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.” <sup>37</sup>And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.”

<sup>38</sup>After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. <sup>39</sup>Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. <sup>40</sup>They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup>Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. <sup>42</sup>And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

## The Sermon

The Rev. Sally Herring

Sermon Hymn     H 158     *Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended*  
(*Herzliebster Jesu*)

## The Solemn Collects (BCP p. 277)

*All standing as able, the Deacon, or other person appointed, says to the people*

Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life.

We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church of Christ throughout the world;

For its unity in witness and service  
For all bishops and other ministers  
and the people whom they serve  
For Glenda and Brian, our Bishops, and all the people of this diocese  
For all Christians in this community  
For those about to be baptized  
That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

*Silence*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*Amen.*

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;

For Joseph, the President of the United States  
For the Congress and the Supreme Court  
For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations  
For all who serve the common good  
That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

*Silence*

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;

For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed  
For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled  
For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish  
For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair  
For the sorrowful and bereaved  
For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger  
For those on our parish prayer list: 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.

That God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

*Silence*

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;

For those who have never heard the word of salvation

For those who have lost their faith

For those hardened by sin or indifference

For the contemptuous and the scornful

For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of his disciples

For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others

That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

*Silence*

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

*Silence*

*Celebrant*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## Entrance Of The Cross (BCP p. 281)

*If desired, a wooden cross may now be brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people.*

## Devotions

*The Congregation joins in singing the antiphon refrain. The Cantor sings the verses.*

### Anthem 1 S 349 Anthem 1: We glory in your cross (BCP p. 281)

*Antiphon*

We glo - ry in your cross, O Lord, and praise and glo -  
ri - fy your ho - ly re - sur - rec - tion; for by vir - tue  
of your cross joy has come to the whole world.

*Verses*

1. May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us  
the light of his counten - ance, and come to us. [Ant.]  
2. Let your ways be known up - on earth, your sav - ing health a -



mong all na - tions. [Ant.] 3. Let the peo - ples praise

you, O God; let all the peo - ples praise you. [Ant.]

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### **Anthem 2 S 350 Anthem 2: We adore you, O Christ (BCP p. 281)**

*Antiphon* (b)

We a - dore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

be - cause by your ho - ly cross you have re - deemed the world.

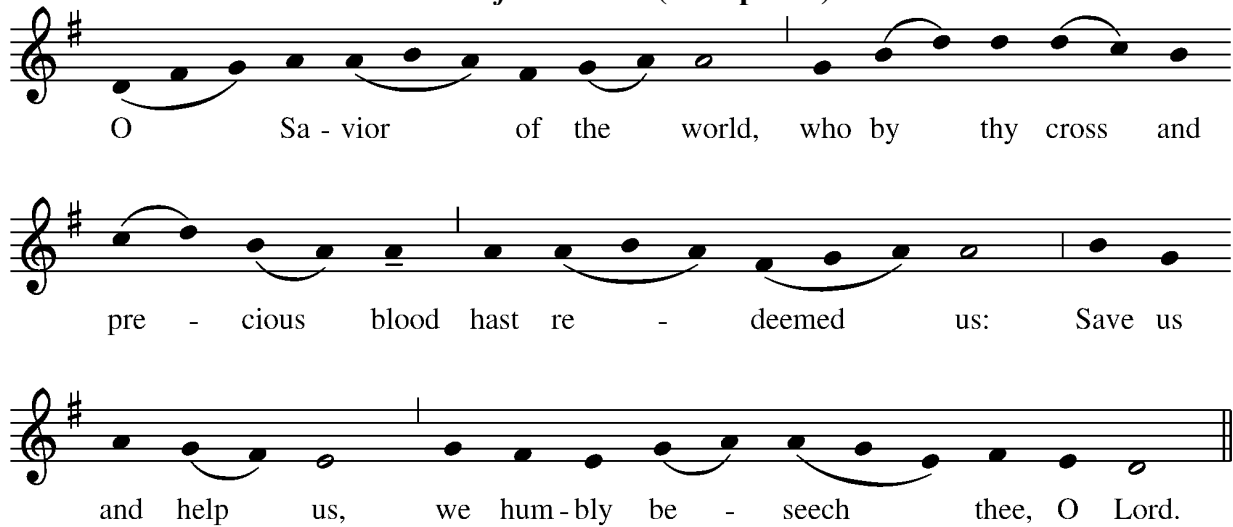
*Verse*

If we have died with him, we shall al - so live with him;

if we endure, we shall al - so reign with him. [Ant.]

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**Anthem 3 S 351 Anthem 3: O Savior of the World (BCP p. 282)**



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**Cross Hymn H 166 *Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle (Pange lingua)***

**Confession Of Sin (BCP p. 282)**

*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 Priest stands and says*

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

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father in heaven,  
    hallowed be your Name,  
    your kingdom come,  
    your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
    as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
    and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
    and the glory are yours,  
    now and forever. Amen.

### **The Communion (BCP p. 282)**

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

*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.*

**Final Prayer (BCP p. 282)**

*The service concludes with the following prayer. No blessing or dismissal is added.*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Depart in silence. The congregation is invited to remain for Stations of the Cross immediately following the service.*

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## **Schedule for Holy Week**

**The Great Easter Vigil** – We have been invited to attend the Vigil at St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands, Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 pm. 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/Fourth 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](http://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 7<sup>th</sup>. The parish will provide the chicken and the congregation is encouraged to bring a side.

**Family Game Night –** Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm to join us for loads of fun, some good food and lots of laughs. We will have games for the adults in the Parish Hall and games for the kids (with supervision) in the classroom. We have games for the event, but if you have a favorite game you'd like to play, bring it on! Hot dogs and popcorn will be served. If you would like to bring your favorite bag of chips/snacks or some cookies etc. that will be great. It's BYOB but we will have tea and water available as well. So we will have an idea of the number to plan for, please indicate how many will be joining us on the "Family Game Night" sheet located in the Parish Hall.

**Reception for Sally –** Please join us for a celebration of Sally's time here at St. Catherine's on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> following the service. Our menu will consist of finger sandwiches, fruit and vegetable trays, salads, desserts and drinks. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.

**ECW Spring Luncheon –** The Spring Luncheon will be held at noon on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **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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