



ST. CATHERINE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**The Third Sunday of Easter
The Holy Eucharist
Rite Two
Sunday, April 14, 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	LEM/Crucifer	Chris Stricklin
Deacon	The Rev. Dn. Clyde Pearce	Lector	Carol Dotson
VPD	Sasha Johns	Intercessor	Brent McLarty
Counters	Sasha Johns & Juan Rodriguez	Torchbearer	Balam Munoz & Kayelyn Dominguez
Greeter	Juan Rodriguez	Technology	Scott Reimer
Altar Guild	Jane Keeton		

Prelude

The Word of God

Entrance Hymn H 182 *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing (Truro)*

The people standing as they are able, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
for the ra - diance of your ho - ly Name; we will

praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, be -

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of

depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, _____
 you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,
 — Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and
 high-ly ex - alt you Glo-ry to you! _____
 high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

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 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?”

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices, *
and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶Many are saying,
“Oh, that we might see better times!” *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

⁷You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

⁸I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

A Reading from the First letter of John.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand as they are able.

Congregation & choir join in singing the melody.

MELODY




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

CANTOR



I am the first and
the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead and be-hold I am a - live for ever - more.

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

^{36b}Jesus stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Sally Herring

The Nicene Creed (BCP p. 358)

All stand as they 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

All remain standing as they are able.

Submitted on Behalf of the Daughters of the King

(Based on Form VI of the Book of Common Prayer)

The Leader and People pray responsively

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 of Chelsea, and each community
represented by those present today, for the nation, and the world;
For all who strive for justice, freedom, and peace.

For those who serve in the military, especially John
Morris and Trey Thrasher;
For their strength and surety in you.

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.*

Silence

For the peace and unity of the Church of God,
especially the membership of St. Catherine's;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who trust in you.

For our Bishops, Glenda and Brian, and for all bishops
and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd, for Cursillo #232,
Pilgrims and Staff, Seminarians completing second year of study, Renascence Halfway
House, Montgomery, and all prison reformation and re-entry ministries and special
prayers for the newest congregation in our diocese, Riverside Church in McCalla,
Alabama.

For all those who do God's work.

Silence

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray 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, Dylan, Colleen, Denise, Mandi, Olivia, Thomas, Mark, Billy and Tom.

For all those who are in any kind of pain, loneliness or discomfort.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for the blessings of this life,
and for the good news of your salvation which
you have entrusted to us.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We thank you for all those who will celebrate birthdays this week, especially Donald
Bruce. Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen his trust in your
goodness all the days of his life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

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

Celebrant

Heavenly Father, grant that all who now celebrate these joyful holy days here on earth
may finally praise you forever, with all the angels and saints in heaven. We ask this
through your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Confession Of Sin (BCP p. 359)

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.*

The Peace (BCP p. 360)

All stand as they 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*

Offertory Anthem

Now the Green Blade Riseth arr. Simon Andrews

Doxology

As the offerings are brought to the altar, standing as you are able, the following is sung:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord

People And of thine own hath we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing as they 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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Catherine and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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 306 *Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest*
(Sursum Corda)

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 H 492 *Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness*
(Finnian)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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The Week of April 14, at a Glance

Altars flowers today sponsored by Sasha Johns & Connie Meloun

Celebration and Dedication of the St. Catherine's Prayer and Memorial Garden. Please join us after the service to bless and dedicate the new prayer garden.



Reception following for Sally – Please join us after the dedication in the Parish Hall, for fellowship and to wish Sally well on her new ministry.

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

Supply Clergy – The following priests are scheduled to supply at St. Catherine's for the next three Sundays. Please extend a warm St. Catherine's welcome.

The Canon Geoff Evans, April 21st

The Rev. Clark Hubbard, April 28th, and May 5th

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.

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 contact Chris Stricklin, 205-215-5279.

Parish Prayer List - If you would like someone added to the Parish Prayer list, please email secretary@stcatherinesal.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 the office 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, please notify us by calling the church office and leaving a message, either on the voice mail or contact Chris Stricklin, 205-215-5279. He will relay the request to the Supply priest in charge.

Pastoral Emergencies – A message can be left on the church voice mail or Chris Stricklin can be reached at 205-215-5279.

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.

Clergy and Staff

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda S. Curry, Bishop of AL
The Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, Assistant to the Bishop of AL
The Rev. Sally Herring, Rector
The Rev. Dn. Clyde Pearce, Deacon
Dr. Matthew West, Ph.D., Organist/Choirmaster
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