



ST. CATHERINE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**April 6, 2025**

***Welcome to St. Catherine's***

We are glad that you have joined us for worship. 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 or placed in the collection plate.

“BCP” before a page number refers to the Book of Common Prayer in the pew racks. “H” before a page number refers to the blue hymnal. Both are in the pew.

You are very welcome to receive Holy Communion if you have been baptized in any Christian Church. Those who wish not to receive Holy Communion may come to the altar rail, fold their arms across their chests, and receive a blessing from the priest.

**Serving Today**

The Rev. Kelley Hudlow, *Celebrant and Preacher*

The Rev. Clyde Pearce, *Deacon*

Kim Traylor, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Scott Reimer, *LEM/ Crucifer*

Sophia Reimer & Leila Phillips,

*Torchbearers*

Cathy Cawthon, *Lector*

Michelle Caiola, *Intercessor*

Denise Armstrong, *Greeter*

Kim Traylor & Denise Armstrong,

*Counters*

Jane Keeton, *Altar Guild*

Jim Cawthon, *Technology*

## PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN *Please stand as able.*

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## THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

## THE KYRIE ELEISON

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 357

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE LESSONS** *Please be seated.*

### **FIRST READING**

Isaiah 43:16-21

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:<sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

***People***            **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM**

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

**Psalm:** Psalm 126

<sup>1</sup>When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \***  
**and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

<sup>3</sup>Then they said among the nations, \*  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

**<sup>4</sup>The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.**

<sup>5</sup>Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.

**<sup>6</sup>Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.**

<sup>7</sup>Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

## **SECOND READING**

Philippians 3:4b-14

<sup>4</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

<sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection

and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

***People***           **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as are able.*

*Cantor sings Refrain; All repeat Refrain; Cantor sings verse; All repeat Refrain.*

MELODY

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

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

## GOSPEL

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

***People***           **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 12:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha

served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)<sup>7</sup>Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

**The Rev. Kelley Hudlow**

*A period of silence follows the sermon.*

**THE NICENE CREED** *Please stand.* **BCP 358**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form IV** **BCP 388**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

**THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION** **BCP 360**

**THE PEACE**     *The Peace is now exchanged.* **BCP 360**

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY HYMN *Please join in singing the Offertory Hymn*

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*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.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 361

### SANCTUS

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

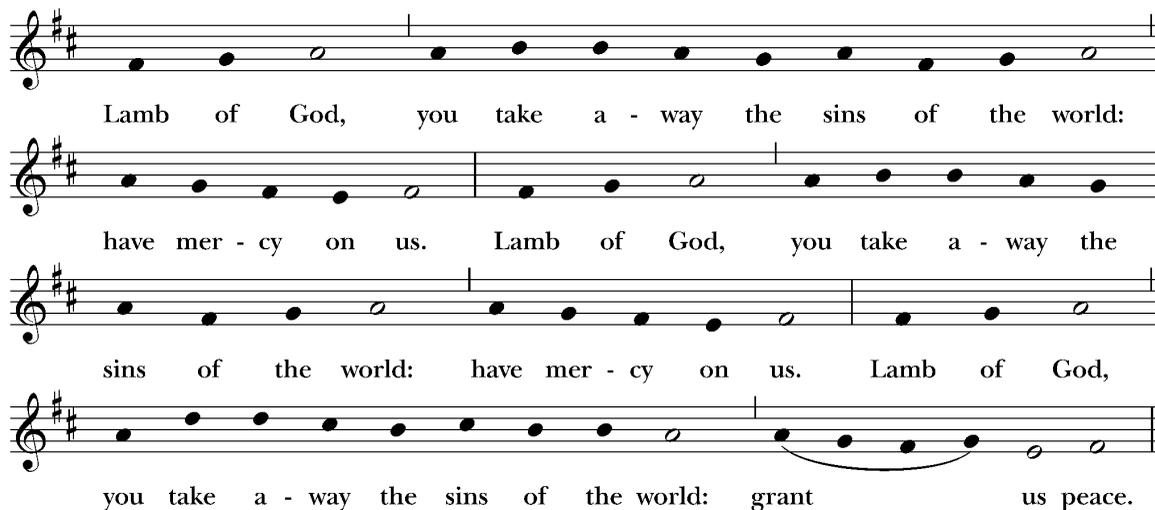
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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## FRACTION ANTHEM



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

**INVITATION**

**BCP 364**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**H 474**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BCP 365**

**SOLEMN PRAYER**

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN**

**H 398**

**DISMISSAL**

**BCP 366**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Please join us after the service for coffee hour and conversation!**

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We also pray for Holy Comforter, Gadsden and Holy Comforter, Montgomery.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Nita, Clydene, Steven, Heather, Dottie, Wendy, Angel, Marti, Joseph, Tracy, John, Sue, Addie, Wanda, Bill Alice, Tom and Connie.

We pray for those who serve in the military, especially John Morris and Bradley Pridgen.

We give thanks for those that celebrate birthdays this week. May they grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives.

**The Rev. Kelley Hudlow will be the celebrant for the following:**

**Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 am -- Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist**

**Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm – Foot washing, Holy Eucharist and Stripping the Altar**

**Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm – Good Friday Liturgy and Communion from Reserved Sacraments**

**Easter Vigil, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at St. Andrew's, Birmingham—  
We are invited to join with the community of St. Andrews, 1024 12<sup>th</sup> St. S., Birmingham for their Easter Vigil Service.**

**Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am – Holy Eucharist, Easter Pot Luck Lunch and Easter Egg Hunt**

## **We Have A Priest!!!!**

Dear people of Saint Catherine's

It is with joy that I write to inform you that I have accepted a call from your Vestry to be your next Rector at Saint Catherine's Episcopal Church in Chelsea!

Ever since I began the process of meeting with the search committee, I have felt a draw to your wonderful community, and I feel blessed that the Vestry, in prayer, has called me to you. The Kingdom work that you participate in through outreach like the food pantry and the Monster Mash and the Turkey Trot (among others), the deep desire I felt in the committee for formation and education, and the love for worship that forms us to be more like Christ have all called out to me. I'm also excited to join you in literally building a church building that will become the future home for all of these wonderful ministries. I can't wait to join you in this work and to begin walking our Christian life together.

My first day in the office will be May 5, 2025, and my first Sunday with you will be May 11, 2025. I look forward to joining your community in Chelsea then and getting to know you, and I will be in prayer for you and for this journey we get to take together. I hope you will be in prayer as well!

Saint Catherine of Siena, your parish's patron saint and namesake, famously said, "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." I can't wait to find out who God means for us to be together, as we work, in prayer and action, to set the world on fire with God's love.

In Christ's love,

Father Dillon Green +

Thanks to the following committee members who worked diligently in searching for a fulltime priest for St. Catherine's: Denise Armstrong, Brody Dominguez, Carol Dotson, Jane Keeton, Olivia Kennedy, Leila Phillips and Scott Reimer.



**SAVE THE DATES!!!**

- May 3<sup>rd</sup>      ECW Spring Lunch
- May 11<sup>th</sup>     Reception for our new rector, Dillon Green following  
the service.

## **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 Alabama*

The Rt. Rev. Brian Prior

*Assisting Bishop*

The Rev. Clyde Pearce

*Deacon*

Dr. Matthew West, Ph.D., *Organist/Choirmaster*

Julie Seal

*Parish Administrator*

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