



ST. CATHERINE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday April 13, 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*

Sasha Johns, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Chris Stricklin, *LEM/ Crucifer*

Sophia Reimer & Olivia Kennedy,

Torchbearers

Laura Chambless, *Lector*

Teresa McLarty, *Intercessor*

Michelle Caiola, *Greeter*

Sasha Johns & Michelle Caiola,

Counters

Julie Kennedy, *Altar Guild*

Bill Traylor, *Technology*

Weather permitting, the people gather outside for the Liturgy of the Palms and Procession

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People *Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.*

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 might acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Deacon A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out." *Lk. 19:28-40*

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

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.*

Celebrant 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.*

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People *Hosanna in the highest*

THE PROCESSION

During the procession, all hold branches in their hands. The process halts at the door and the following Collect is said.

Celebrant 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.*

PROCESSION HYMN

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THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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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 *Please be seated.*

FIRST READING

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The 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 wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I 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. The 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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:9-16

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

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

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

11 I 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.

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

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; * they put their

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

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

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

SECOND READING

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2:5-11*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand as are able.



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

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

GOSPEL

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the reading.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

The assembly of the elders of the people rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts

and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. **[PLEASE STAND]** When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. *Lk. 23:1-49*

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form IV

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CONCLUDING COLLECT

THE PEACE *The Peace is now exchanged.*

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Ah, Holy Jesus* by Richard Shephard

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

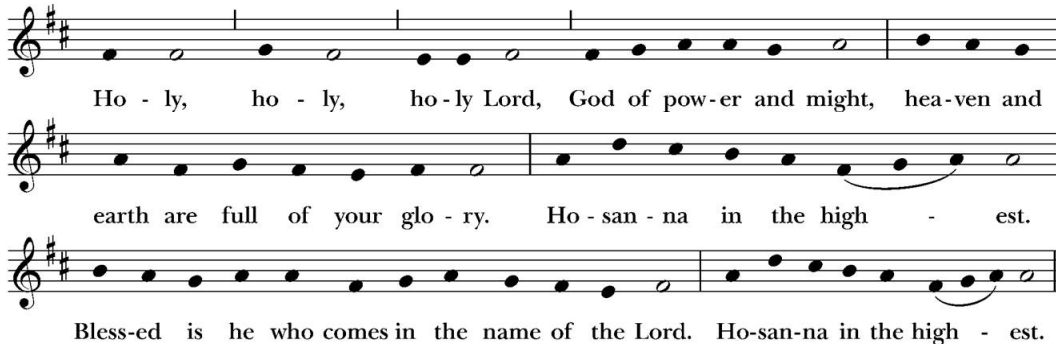
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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.

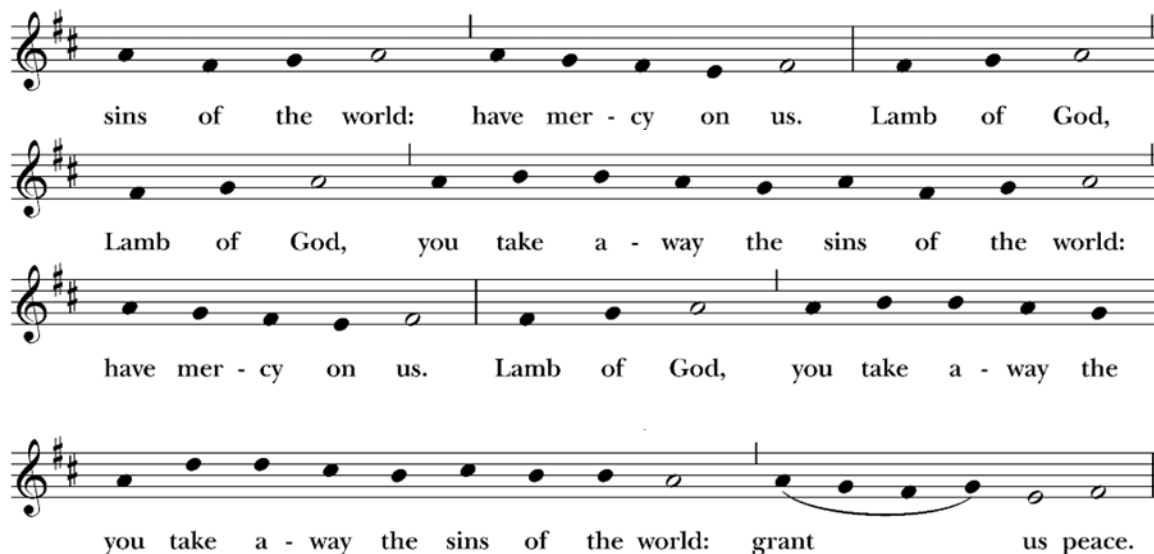
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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FRACTION ANTHEM



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

INVITATION

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COMMUNION HYMN

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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SOLEMN PRAYER

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

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DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE

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***Please join us after the service for coffee hour and conversation
hosted by Chris and Terri Stricklin.***

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We also pray for all victims of violence, hatred, prejudice, and oppression and the agencies that advocate for their safety, dignity, and respect. We pray for Calvary, Oneonta, and Seminarians completing second year of study; Renaissance Halfway House, Montgomery, and all prison reformation and re-entry ministries.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: 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, especially Donald Bruce. May he grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life.

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

Maundy Thursday, April 17th at 6 pm –

Foot washing, Holy Eucharist and Stripping the Altar

Good Friday, April 18th at 6 pm –

Good Friday Liturgy and Communion from Reserved Sacraments

Easter Vigil, April 19th at 7:30 pm at St. Andrew's, Birmingham

**We are invited to join with the community of St. Andrews,
1024 12th St. S., Birmingham for their Easter Vigil Service.**

Easter Sunday, April 20th at 10 am – Holy Eucharist,

Easter Pot Luck Lunch and Easter Egg Hunt

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.

We Have A Priest!!!!

Dear people of Saint Catherine's

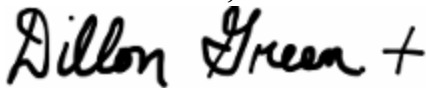
It is with joy that I write to inform you that I have accepted a call from your Vestry to be your next Rector at Saint Catherine's Episcopal Church in Chelsea!

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dillon Green +". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Father Dillon Green +

SAVE THE DATES!!!

May 3rd ECW Spring Lunch

**May 11th 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.

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