



ST. CATHERINE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**First Sunday in Lent**  
**February 22, 2026**

***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. Dillon Green, *Celebrant and Preacher*

Sasha Johns, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Chris Stricklin, LEM/*Crucifer*

Brody Dominguez & James

Johnson, *Torchbearers*

Olivia Ard, *Lector*

Sasha Johns & Terri Stricklin,

*Counters*

Jane Keeton, *Altar Guild*

Donald Bruce, *Technology*

Terri Stricklin, *Greeter*

# Prelude

## The Great Litany

BCP 148

*The Officiant at the Litany may be a lay cantor.*

*Officiant*  *People* 

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant*  *People* 

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant*  *People* 

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant*  *People* 

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant* 

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

*Officiant*  *People* 

preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

*Officiant* 

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the

devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,

*People* 

Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

*(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)*

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

***Good Lord, deliver us.***

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

***Good Lord, deliver us.***

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

***Good Lord, deliver us.***

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plauge, pestilence, and famine,

***Good Lord, deliver us.***

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

***Good Lord, deliver us.***

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

***Good Lord, deliver us.***

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

***Good Lord, deliver us.***

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

***Good Lord, deliver us.***

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)*

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to make wards to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,  
***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,  
***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,  
***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,  
***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,  
***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,  
***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,  
***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,  
***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,  
***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins,  
negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit  
to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,  
***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and  
to turn their hearts,  
***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the  
weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under  
our feet,  
***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and  
peace,  
***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary, Saint Catherine, and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly  
kingdom,  
***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***



*Officiant* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.  
*People* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



*Officiant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.  
*People* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

*Officiant* *People*  
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.

*Officiant* *People*  
 O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.

## The Kyrie Eleison

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e  
 e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e -  
 le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

## The Collect of the Day

BCP 218

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE LESSONS

### First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

*Reader*      A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 32

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

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
**and whose sin is put away!**
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, \*  
**and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
**because of my groaning all day long.**
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
**my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
**and did not conceal my guilt.**
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." \*  
**Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of  
trouble; \*  
**when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**
- 8 You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
**you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
**I will guide you with my eye.**
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
**who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."**
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
**but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; \*  
**shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**



## The Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

*Deacon*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’  
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Dillon Green**

*A period of silence follows the sermon.*

**The Nicene Creed, please stand as able.**

**BCP 358**

**The Peace**

**BCP 360**

**The Announcements**

**Offertory Hymn 688**

**A mighty fortress is our God**

*As the offerings are brought to the altar, standing as you are able, the following is said*

*Celebrant* All things come of you, O Lord.

*People* And of your own have we given you.

## 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.

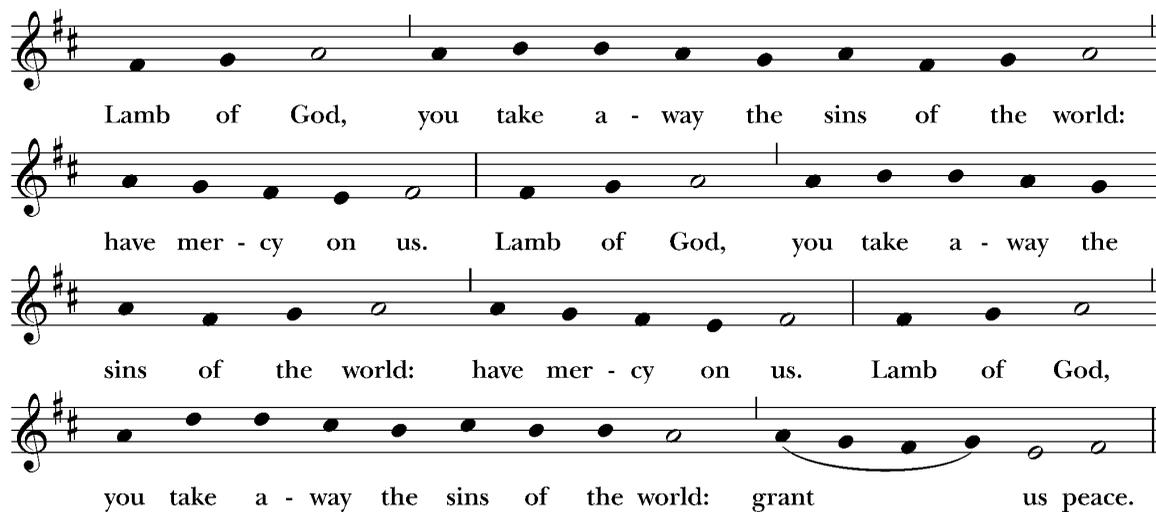
The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

The 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.

The Invitation

BCP 364

Communion Hymn 313

Let thy Blood in mercy poured

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Solemn Prayer over the People

BOS 11

*Deacon* Bow down before the Lord.

*Celebrant* Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

**Post-Communion Hymn 147**

**Now let us all with one accord**

**Dismissal**

**BCP 366**

**Postlude**

From [riteplanning.com](http://riteplanning.com).

Copyright © 2025 Church Publishing Inc. All rights reserved.

Permission to stream the music in this service obtained from One License with license 732331-A

*Please join us following the service for coffee hour  
hosted by Susan Whitehurst and Carol Dotson!*

# **S A V E   T H E   D A T E S**

**Lenten Series—Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm followed by  
Compline!**

As we follow together the pilgrim way of Lent, let's gather every Wednesday at 6:00 for a series on the days of Holy Week—Palm Sunday, Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Holy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday—to consider what they mean for us and how we can live into that week more prayerfully and intentionally.

**Youth Group every Sunday at 8:30 am**

**Today—Vestry Meeting**

**February 28<sup>th</sup>—ECW lunch and meeting at 12:00 pm**

**March 7<sup>th</sup>—First Saturday breakfast at 9:00 am**

## **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 N. Prior  
*Assisting Bishop*

The Rev. Dillon Green  
*Rector*

The Rev. Clyde Pearce  
*Deacon*

Dr. Matthew West, *Organist/Choirmaster*  
Julie Seal  
*Parish Administrator*

## **St. Catherine's Episcopal Church**

Church Office—205-618-8367

642 King's Home Drive

P.O. Box 577

Chelsea, AL 35043

[www.stcatherinesal.org](http://www.stcatherinesal.org)

**This QR code links the user directly to the website**

