



ST. CATHERINE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Second Sunday in Lent
March 1, 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*

Sharon Lewis, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Pat Tate, LEM/ *Crucifer*
Leila Phillips & Olivia Kennedy,
Torchbearers

Cathy Cawthon, *Lector*
Amy Tate, *Intercessor*

Sharon Lewis & Denise Armstrong,
Money Counters

Julie Kennedy, *Altar Guild*
Jim Cawthon, *Technology*
Denise Armstrong, *Greeter*

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 401

The God of Abraham Praise

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 214

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

The Psalm will be read responsively by half verse.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
 from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
 the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
 and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
 shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
 the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
 nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Reader A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Cantor sings Refrain; All repeat 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.

The Gospel

John 3:1-17

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

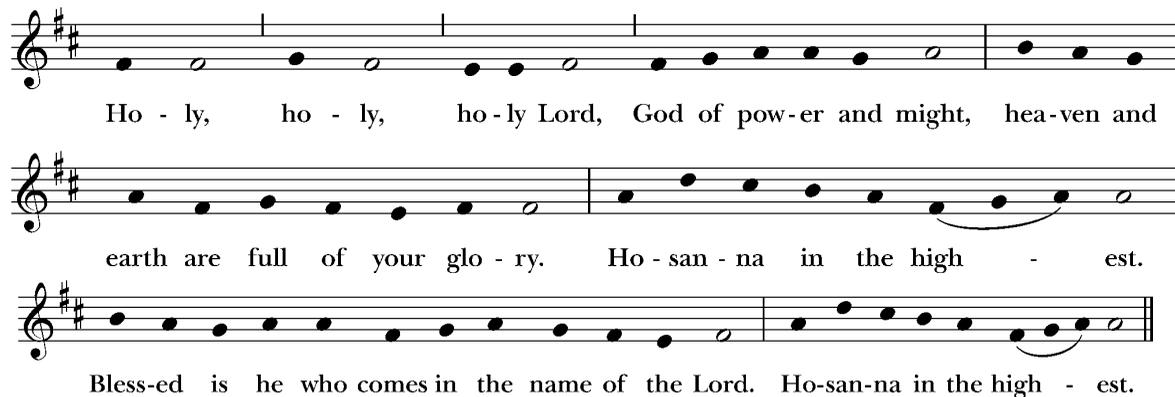
“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who

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.

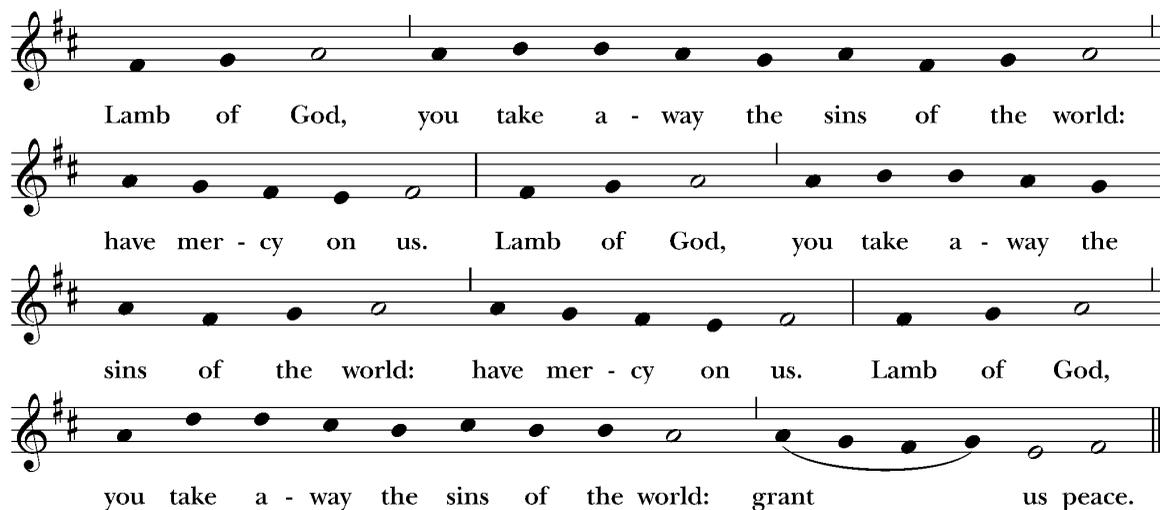
The Lord's Prayer

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 337 **And now, O Father, mindful of the love**

Post-Communion Prayer **BCP 366**

The Solemn Prayer over the People **BOS 13**

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post-Communion Hymn 473 **Lift high the cross**

Dismissal **BCP 365**

Postlude

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Please join us following the service for coffee hour

Hosted by Sharon Lewis

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We pray for the Diocese of Jerusalem, and for Community Garden, Auburn, and Community Market, Opelika.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Steven, Heather, Wendy, Angel, Marti, Joseph, Tracy, John, Sue, Addie, Wanda, Bill, Alice, Claire, Amy, Elizabeth, Sharon, Vicki, Roger, Will, Addi, Lawrence Louise, Sally, and Jeff.

We pray those who serve in the military, especially John Morris.

We give thanks for all who celebrated birthdays this week, especially Joseph Dominguez. May he grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life.

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 9:00 am

March 7th—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.

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