



ST. CATHERINE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 15, 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*

Chris Stricklin, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Sasha Johns, *LEM/Crucifer*  
Kayelyn Dominguez & James  
Johnson, *Torchbearers*  
Lynne Dominguez, *Lector*  
Michelle Nivens, *Intercessor*

Chris Stricklin & Scott Reimer,  
*Money Counters*  
Olivia Ard, *Altar Guild*  
Bill Traylor, *Technology*  
Scott Reimer, *Greeter*



## Prelude

Entrance Hymn 567

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

## 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

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# THE LESSONS

## First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

*Reader*      A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of

the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 23

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

1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*

**I shall not be in want.**

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

**and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul \*

**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; \*

**for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

\*

**you have anointed my head with oil,**

**and my cup is running over.**

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

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**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**



## The Gospel

John 9:1-41

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he

now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

*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 Prayers of the People, Form I**

**BCP 383**

**Concluding Collect**

**The Confession and Absolution**

**BCP 360**

**The Peace**

**BCP 360**

**The Announcements**

**Offertory Hymn 339**

**Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness**

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

*Celebrant*

All things come from you, O Lord.

*People*

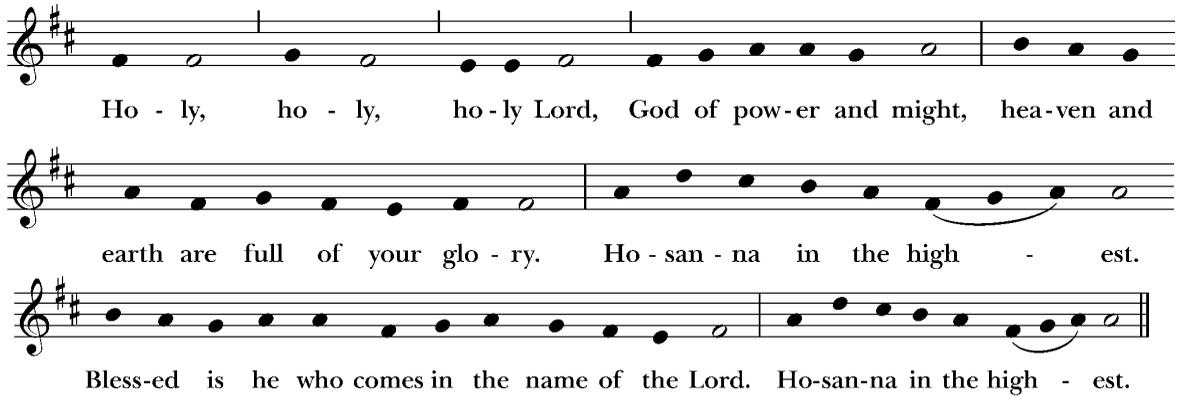
**And of your own have we given you.**

# 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 490

I want to walk as a child of the light

## Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 366

## The Solemn Prayer over the People

BOS 13

*Deacon*

Bow down before the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

**Post-Communion Hymn 143**

**The glory of these forty days**

**Dismissal**

**BCP 365**

**Postlude**

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Please join us for coffee hour after the service  
sponsored by Pam Kilgore and Amy Tate!

# NOTES

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We pray for all who plan and lead Christian Formation in the parishes; for Episcopal Retreat Houses and places of spiritual refreshment; and for St. Joseph on the Mountain, Mentone.

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 Rhonda Johnson, Jo McDowell, and Laura Chambless. May they grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives.

# SAVE THE DATES

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>—Youth Movie Night at 4:00 pm!**

All youth are invited to come for friends, snacks, and a movie of faith—the Prince of Egypt!

## **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*

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*Assisting Bishop*

The Rev. Dillon Green  
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