



ST. CATHERINE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 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*

Kim Traylor, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Scott Reimer, *LEM/ Crucifer*

Brody Dominguez & Kaiser

Dominguez, *Torchbearers*

Jane Keeton, *Lector*

Olivia Kennedy, *Intercessor*

Kim Traylor & Carol Dotson, *Money  
Counters*

Cathy Cawthon, *Altar Guild*

Donald Bruce, *Technology*

Carol Dotson, *Greeter*



## Prelude

Entrance Hymn 495

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

## 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

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

## First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

*Reader*      A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place

you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

## **Psalm 130**

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

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;

LORD, hear my voice; \*

**let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**

2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*

**O Lord, who could stand?**

3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*

**therefore you shall be feared.**

4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*

**in his word is my hope.**

5 My soul waits for the LORD,

more than watchmen for the morning, \*

**more than watchmen for the morning.**

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*

**for with the LORD there is mercy;**

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*

**and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

## Second Reading

Romans 8:6-11

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

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*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.

The image shows a musical staff in 4/4 time with a treble clef. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (half), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), F5 (quarter), G5 (quarter), F5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), C5 (half). The lyrics are placed below the staff, with hyphens under 'e-ter - nal' and 'glo - ry'.

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

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will

give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

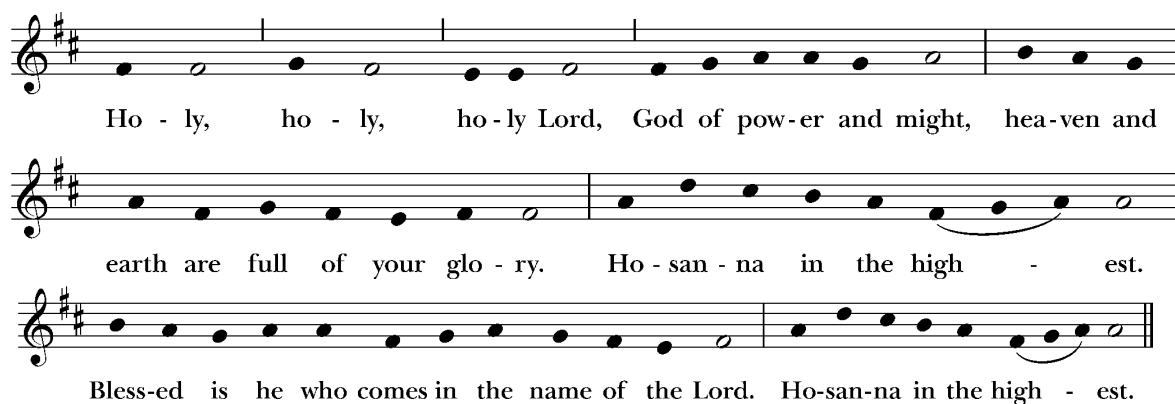


# THE HOLY COMMUNION

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.

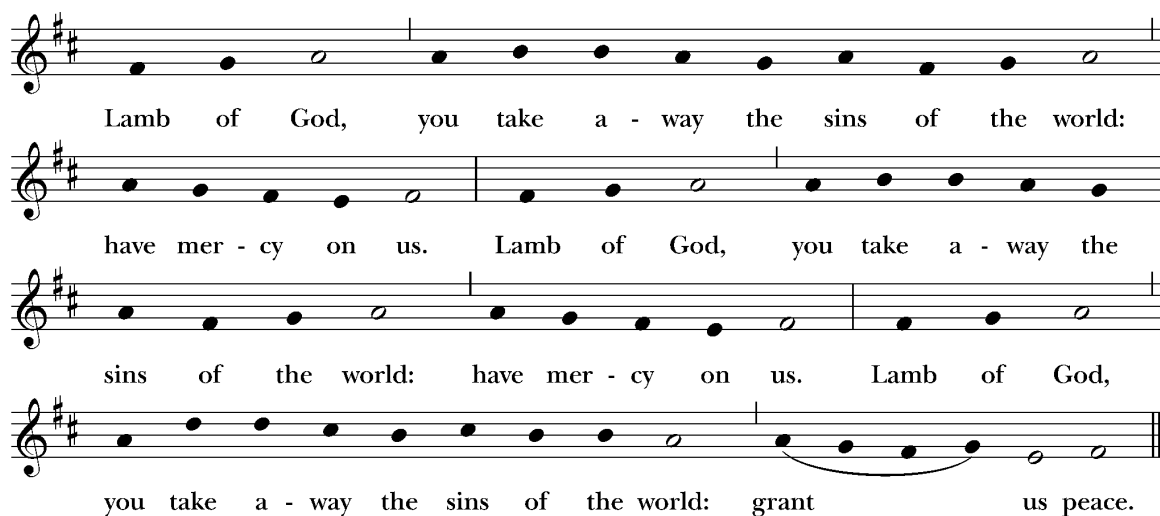
The Lord's Prayer

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 335** **I am the bread of life**

**Post-Communion Prayer** **BCP 366**

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

*Deacon* Bow down before the Lord.

*Celebrant* Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

**Post-Communion Hymn 610** **Lord, whose love through humble service**

**Dismissal** **BCP 365**

**Postlude**

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Please join us for coffee hour  
after the service sponsored by  
Denise Armstrong and Diane McKeefery!

## *Holy Week at Saint Catherine's*

Palm Sunday—March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

Tenebrae on Holy Wednesday—April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm

Maundy Thursday—April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross—April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 pm

Good Friday—April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm

Easter Vigil—April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

The First Sunday of Easter—April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We pray for Cursillo #236, pilgrims and staff, and for Calvary, Oneonta.

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, Lynnell, Marsha, and Dennis.

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

We give thanks for all who celebrated birthdays this week, especially Matthew West and Carol Dotson. May they grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives.

## **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**

**Today—Vestry Meeting!**

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

# NOTES

## **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*

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