



ST. CATHERINE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**March 8, 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*

Brent McLarty, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Chris Stricklin, *LEM/Crucifer*

Kaiser Dominguez & Gracie

Dominguez, *Torchbearers*

Laura Chambless, *Lector*

Brent McLarty, *Intercessor*

Brent McLarty & Terri Stricklin,

*Money Counters*

Wanda Wheeler, *Altar Guild*

Scott Reimer, *Technology*

Terri Stricklin, *Greeter*



## Prelude

Entrance Hymn 690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

## 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 know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE LESSONS

### First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

*Reader*      A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 95

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

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*  
**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, \*  
**and a great King above all gods.**
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
**and the heights of the hills are his also.**
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
**and his hands have molded the dry land.**
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
**and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**
- 7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**
- 8 Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
**at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me.**
- 9 They put me to the test, \*  
**though they had seen my works.**
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
**"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."**
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, \*  
**"They shall not enter into my rest."**

## Second Reading

**Romans 5:1-11**

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

*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.

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

## The Gospel

John 4:5-42

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

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the

woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

*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 685

Rock of ages, cleft for me

*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.

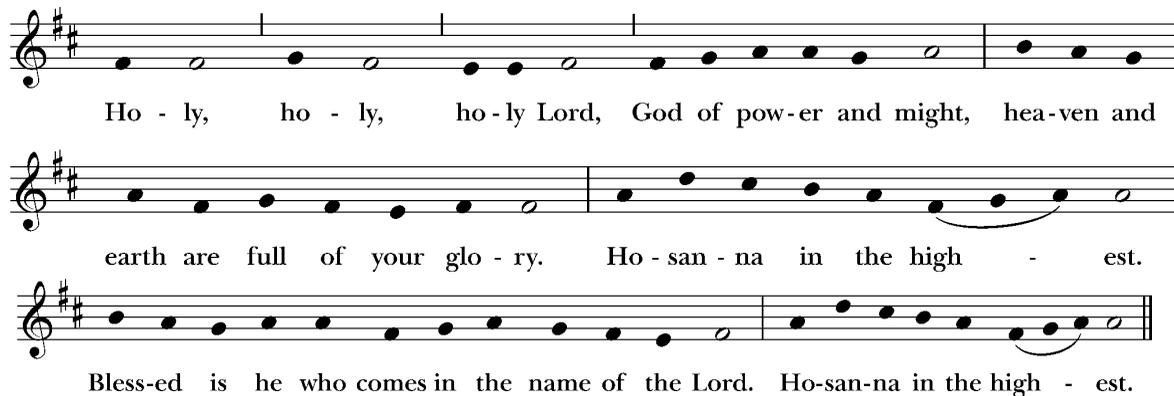
*People* **And of your own have we given you.**

## 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 167

There is a green hill far away

## 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 686

**Come, thou fount of every blessing**

## Dismissal

**BCP 365**

## Postlude

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Please join us for coffee hour after the service  
sponsored by Bill & Kim Traylor!

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We pray for all ministries to the hungry, especially Holy Comforter Montgomery; Grace Food Pantry in Birmingham; Deacon's Deli Food Ministry at Canterbury Chapel; and all other parish food pantries. WE pray for Parish Beans and Rice ministries; for Grace by Day (Birmingham); Community Kitchens (Birmingham); the Soup Bowl (Anniston); Bread for the Word; and Rise Against Hunger.

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 Amanda Nail, Tom Meloun, and Leila Phillips. May they grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives.

# NOTES

## **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 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*  
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