



ST. CATHERINE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Third Sunday of Ester
April 19, 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'd Dillon Green, *Celebrant and Preacher*
Chris Stricklin, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Sasha Johns, *LEM/ Crucifer*
Gracie Dominguez & Brody
Dominguez, *Torchbearers*
Michelle Caiola, *Lector*

Chris Stricklin & Carol Dotson,
Counter

Olivia Ard, *Intercessor*
Carol Dotson, *Greeter*
Jane Keeton, *Altar Guild*
Scott Reimer, *Technology*

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 174

At the lamb's high feast we sing

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

The Gloria



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



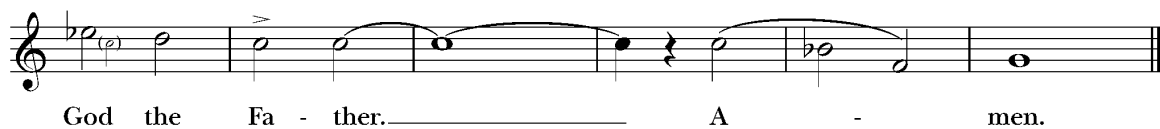
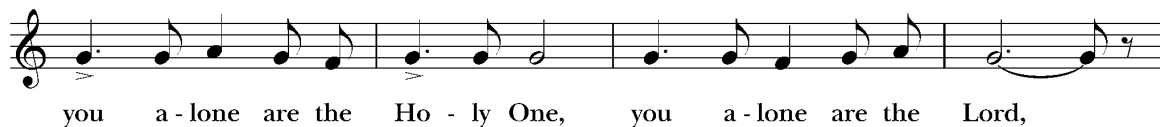
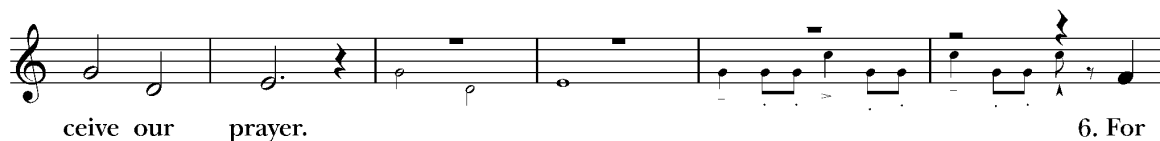
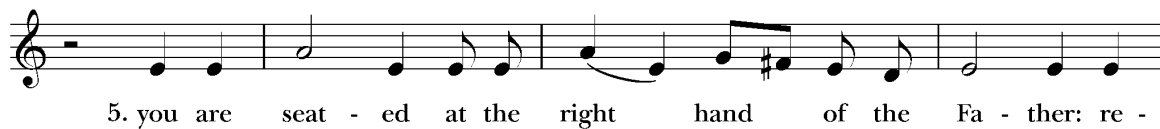
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Michelle Caiola, Lector

THE LESSONS

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

The Psalm will be read responsively by half verse.

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Cantor sings Refrain; All repeat Refrain; Cantor sings verse; All repeat Refrain.

MELODY

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in treble clef. The first staff is labeled 'MELODY' and the second staff is a repeat of the same melody. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final note on a whole note.

Cantor: I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead and behold I am alive for evermore.

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

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning

within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

The Sermon

The Rev'd Dillon Green

A period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed, *please stand as able*

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

Concluding Collect

The Peace

BCP 360

The Announcements

Offertory Hymn 343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

*As the offerings are brought to the altar, standing as you are able, the following is sung to *Lasst uns erfreuen**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 361

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



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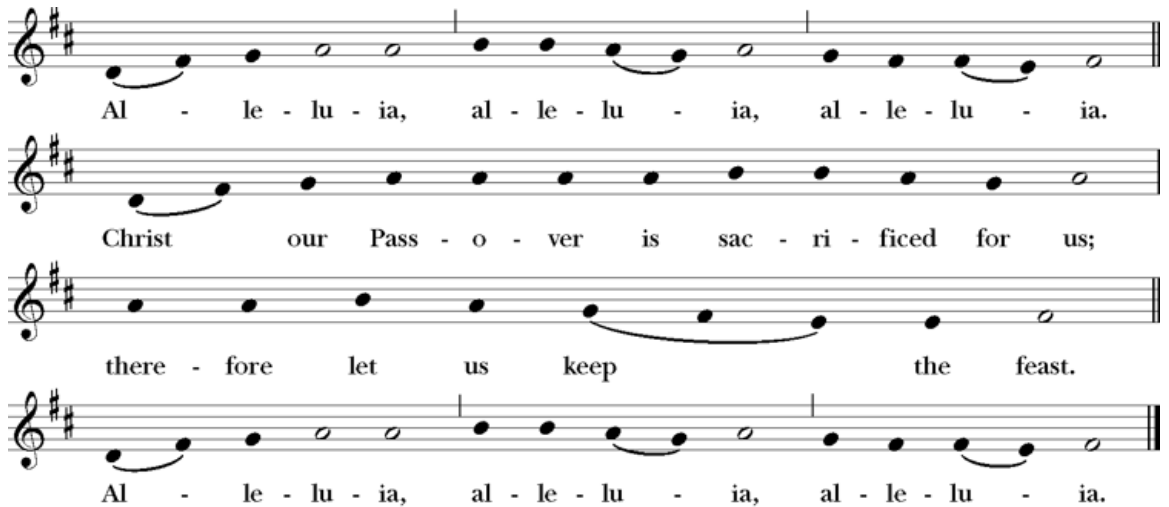
The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

The Fraction Anthem



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Invitation

BCP 364

Communion Hymn 208

Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

Post-Communion Hymn 432

O praise ye the Lord!

Dismissal

BCP 366

Postlude

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*Please join us for coffee hour sponsored by Sasha
Johns and Julie Kennedy!*

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We pray for Bridge Ministries, Birmingham; St. Anne's Home, Birmingham; Welcome Center, Millbrook; St. Mark's, Birmingham; St. Mark's, Boligee; St. Mark's, Prattville; and for ourselves, St. Catherine's in Chelsea.

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, Dennis, Durwood Graddy, Connie, Julie, Joe, and Olivia.

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

We give thanks for all who celebrated birthdays this week, especially Donald Bruce. 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

Evening Prayer every Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Youth Group every Sunday at 9:00 am

Saturday, April 25th—ECW meeting

Sunday, April 26th—Vestry Meeting

Saturday, May 2nd—First Saturday Breakfast

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.

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