



ST. CATHERINE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Easter Day**  
**April 5, 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*

The Rev'd Clyde Pearce, *Deacon*

Brent McLarty, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Chris Stricklin, *LEM/Crucifer*

Olivia Kennedy & Leila Phillips,

*Torchbearers*

Olivia Ard, *Lector*

Laura Chambless, *Intercessor*

Terri Stricklin, *Greeter*

Olivia Ard, *Altar Guild*

Donald Bruce, *Technolog*



HE IS RISEN!  
*All praise!*  
HAPPY EASTER

## Prelude

Entrance Hymn 180

He is risen, he is risen!

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleans the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

### 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

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.

*People*       **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*     Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; 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

**Jeremiah 31:1-6**

*Reader*       A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;  
when Israel sought for rest,  
the LORD appeared to him from far away.  
I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.  
Again I will build you, and you shall be built,  
O virgin Israel!  
Again you shall take your tambourines,  
and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

Again you shall plant vineyards  
on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant,  
and shall enjoy the fruit.  
For there shall be a day when sentinels will call  
in the hill country of Ephraim:  
“Come, let us go up to Zion,  
to the LORD our God.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

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

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
**his mercy endures for ever.**
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
**"His mercy endures for ever."**
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
**and he has become my salvation.**
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
**in the tents of the righteous:**
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
**the right hand of the LORD is exalted!**  
**the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"**
- 17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
**and declare the works of the LORD.**
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
**but he did not hand me over to death.**

- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
**I will enter them;**  
**I will offer thanks to the LORD.**
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
**he who is righteous may enter."**
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
**and have become my salvation.**
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
**has become the chief cornerstone.**
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, \*  
**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

## Second Reading

**Acts 10:34-43**

*Reader*      A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify

about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*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, both in a key with one flat (B-flat). The first staff is labeled 'MELODY' and contains the notes for the first line of the 'Alleluia' refrain. The second staff contains the notes for the second line. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllable placement under the notes.

*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.*

## The Gospel

**Matthew 28:1-10**

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

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to

tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

*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, *all standing***

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The Prayers of the People, Form III**

**BCP 387**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations  
of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest.

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem; for Holy Comforter, Gadsden; Holy Comforter, Montgomery; and Riverside, McCalla.

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, Madison, and Durwood Graddy.

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

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

## Concluding Collect

### The Peace

*Celebrant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*         **And also with you.**

## The Announcements

### Offertory Hymn 210

**The day of resurrection!**

*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**

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*         **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*     Lift up your hearts.  
*People*         **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant*     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*         **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

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

*The Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup on wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you,

from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Saint Catherine and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

**AMEN.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

*Celebrant*     And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

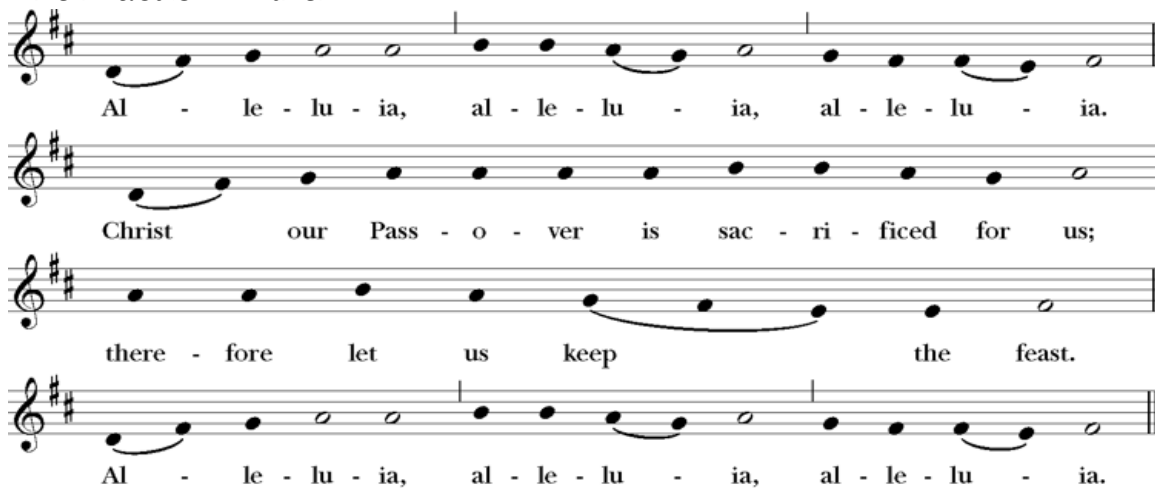
*Celebrant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **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

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Communion Hymn 178

Jesus is Lord of all the earth

## Post-Communion Prayer, *all standing*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## The Blessing

*Celebrant* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.  
***Amen.***

Post-Communion Hymn 207

Jesus Christ is risen today

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Postlude

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***Please join us in the Parish Hall for an Easter Potluck!***

***Thanks for the flowers today go to Sasha Johns!***

# 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**

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