



ST. CATHERINE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 30, 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 Right Rev'd John McKee Sloan, *Celebrant and Preacher*

Carol Dotson, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Pat Tate, *LEM/ Crucifer*

Walker Tate & Olivia Kennedy,

Torchbearers

Amy Tate, *Lector*

Carol Dotson & Denise Armstrong,

Counters

Carol Dotson, *Intercessor*

Denise Armstrong, *Greeter*

Cathy Cawthon, *Altar Guild*

Scott Reimer, *Technology*

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 477

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

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 - mighty 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

BCP 233

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 3:1-15

Reader A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what

shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

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

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

We will read the Psalm responsively by half verse.

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;

25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
 and dealt unjustly with his servants.
26 He sent Moses his servant, *
 and Aaron whom he had chosen.
45 **Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

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

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Cantor sings Alleluias, then all repeat; Cantor sings verse; All repeat Alleluias.



Cantor: I-f /any want to become my /fo-llovers, let them deny themselves and take up their /cross/ and/ fo-llow me.

The Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

The Sermon

The Right Rev'd Kee Sloan

A period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed, *please stand as able*

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People, Form IV

BCP 388

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Peace

BCP 360

The Announcements

Offertory Hymn 576 Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer C

BCP 369

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

S 169

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

1 *All* 2 *Cantor or Choir*

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

All

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a four-part setting of the Fraction Anthem. It is written on four staves in G-clef (treble clef) with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a rest for the first measure, followed by a repeat sign. The lyrics 'My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -' are written below the first staff. The second staff has a first ending bracket labeled '1 All' and a second ending bracket labeled '2 Cantor or Choir'. The lyrics 'deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my' are written below the second staff. The third staff has a first ending bracket labeled 'All'. The lyrics 'flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My' are written below the third staff. The fourth staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.' The score ends with a double bar line.

The Invitation

BCP 364

Communion Hymn 341

For the bread which you have broken

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 366

The Blessing

BCP 366

Post-Communion Hymn 675

Take up your cross, the Savior said

Dismissal

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Postlude

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*Please join us for 5th Sunday Potluck in the Parish
hall after the service!*

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We pray for Department of Stewardship, and for all who suffer from addiction or the effects of addiction.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Will, Addi, Lawrence Louise, Sally, Lynnell, Marsha, Dennis, Durwood Graddy, Stephen, Sue, Ann, Gayla, Kim, Daniel, Walter Coe, and

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

We give thanks for all those who celebrated birthdays this week, especially Jane Keeton, Michelle Caiola, and Brent McLarty. 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

Evening Prayer every Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Potluck Sunday today!

September 5th—First Saturday Breakfast at 9 am!

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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