

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany February 23, 2025

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

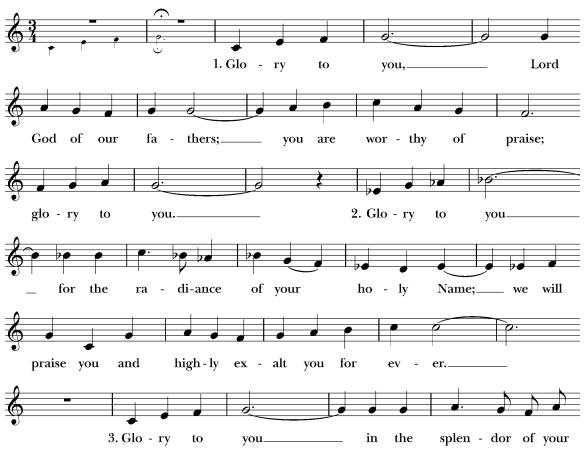
Rev. Kelley Hudlow, *Celebrant and Preacher* The Rev. Clyde Pearce, *Deacon* Denise Armstrong, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Sasha Johns, *LEM/Crucifer* Kayelyn & Brody Dominguez, *Torchbearers* Brent McLarty, *Lector* Jane Keeton, *Intercessor* Carol Dotson, Greeter Carol Dotson & Denise Armstrong, *Counters* Cathy Cawthon, *Altar Guild* Scott Reimer, *Technology*

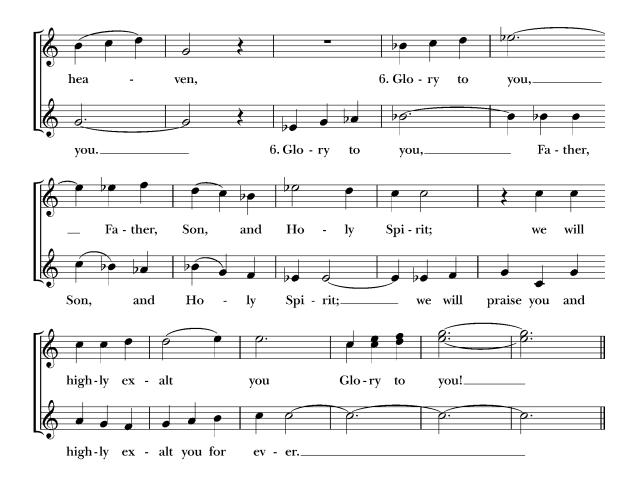
PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMNPlease stand.H 390THE WORD OF GODOPENING ACCLAMATIONBCP 355THE COLLECT FOR PURITYBCP 355

THE GLORIA







THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

FIRST READING Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; * do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, * and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; * dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

4 Take delight in the LORD, * and he shall give you your heart's desire.

- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, * and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light * and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD * and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, * the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; * do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, * but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; * you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

12 But the lowly shall possess the land; * they will delight in abundance of peace.

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; * he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

42 The LORD will help them and rescue them; * he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then

the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

All stand as are able. Cantor sings Alleluia; Congregation repeats Alleluia; Cantor sings verse; All repeat Alleluia.



Cantor: Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

GOSPEL

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ. *Luke 6:27-38*

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

DeaconThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Rev. Kelley Hudlow

A period of silence follows the sermon.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form III		BCP 387	
CONCLUDING COLLECT			
THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION		BCP 360	
THE PEACE	The Peace is now exchanged.	BCP 360	
THE ANNOUNCEMENTS			

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY HYMN

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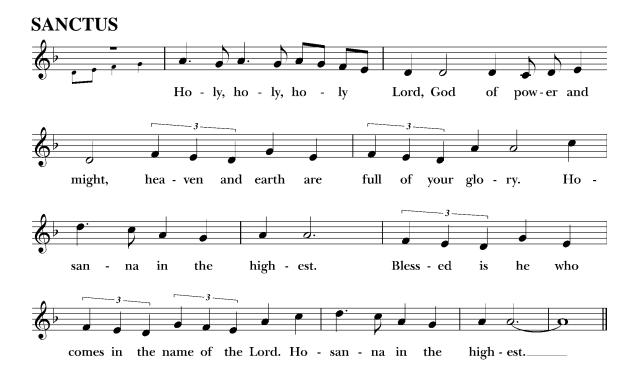
As the offerings are brought to the altar, standing as you are able, the following is sung:

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

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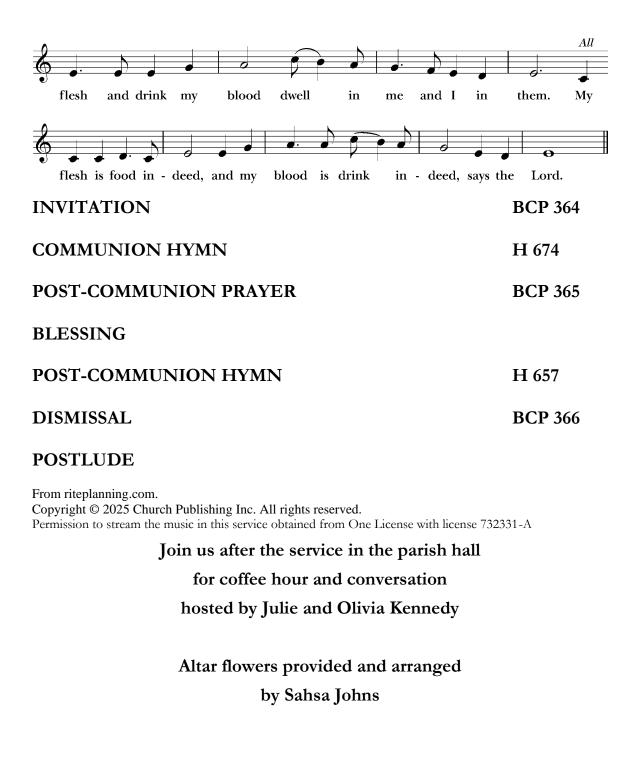
THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM Cantor or Choir My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -2 1 AllCantor or Choir the deed, says Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

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Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We also pray for Episcopal Church World Mission; Diocesan Pastoral Counseling Center; Military, Institutional, Hospice and Hospital Chaplains; St. Matthias, Tuscaloosa; Task Force for Stewardship of Creation; Bethany Village at Camp McDowell; and Laundry Love Ministries.

Prayers of the Community

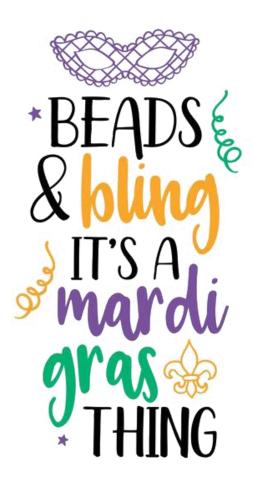
Those on our parish prayer list: Nita, Clydene, Steven, Heather, Dottie, Wendy, Angel, Marti, Joseph, Tracy, John, Sue, Addie, Wanda and Bill.

Those who serve in the military, especially John Morris and Bradley Pridgen.

For those that celebrate birthdays this week. May they grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives.

Save the Dates!!!!

Mardi Gras Celebration, Tuesday, March 4th 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Start looking for your masks and find your beads!





March 5th at 6:00 pm



Supply Priest Schedule

March 2 nd	Rt. Rev. Kee Sloan
March 5 th	Rev. Kelley Hudlow
March 9 th	Rt. Rev. Kee Sloan
March 16 th	Rev. Kelley Hudlow
March 23 rd	Rev. Kelley Hudlow
March 30 th	Rev. Rob Morpeth

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 Prior Assisting Bishop The Rev. Clyde Pearce Deacon Dr. Matthew West, Ph.D., Organist/Choirmaster Julie Seal Parish Administrator

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