



ST. CATHERINE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Ash Wednesday
March 5, 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

Kelley Hudlow, *Celebrant and Preacher*

The Rev. Clyde Pearce, *Deacon*

Sasha Johns, *LEM/ Crucifer*

Olivia Kennedy &

Kayelyn Dominguez, *Torchbearers*

Jane Keeton, *Lector*

Kim Traylor, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Denise Armstrong, *Greeter*

Jane Keeton, *Altar Guild*

Donald Bruce, *Technology*

PRELUDE

I call to You, Lord Jesus Christ by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE WORD OF GOD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT *Please stand as able.*

BCP 264

THE LESSONS *Please be seated.*

FIRST READING

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover

them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. *Isa. 58:1-12*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins * and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, * and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The Lord executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, * nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, * nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, * so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, * so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, * so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; * he remembers that we are but dust.

15 Our days are like the grass; * we flourish like a flower of the field;

16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, * and its place shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who fear him, * and his righteousness on children's children;

18 On those who keep his covenant * and remember his commandments and do them.

19 The Lord has set his throne in heaven, * and his kingship has dominion over all.

20 Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, * and hearken to the voice of his word.

21 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, * you ministers of his who do his will.

22 Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; * bless the Lord, O my soul.

GOSPEL

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

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

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. "So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." *Mt. 6:1-6, 16-21*

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Rev. Kelley Hudlow

A period of silence follows the sermon.

INVITATION TO OBSERVICE OF HOLY LENT **BCP 264**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES **BCP 265**

PSALM 51 **BCP 266**

LITANY OF PENITENCE **BCP 267**

THE PEACE *The Peace is now exchanged.* **BCP 360**

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days by Richard Shepherd

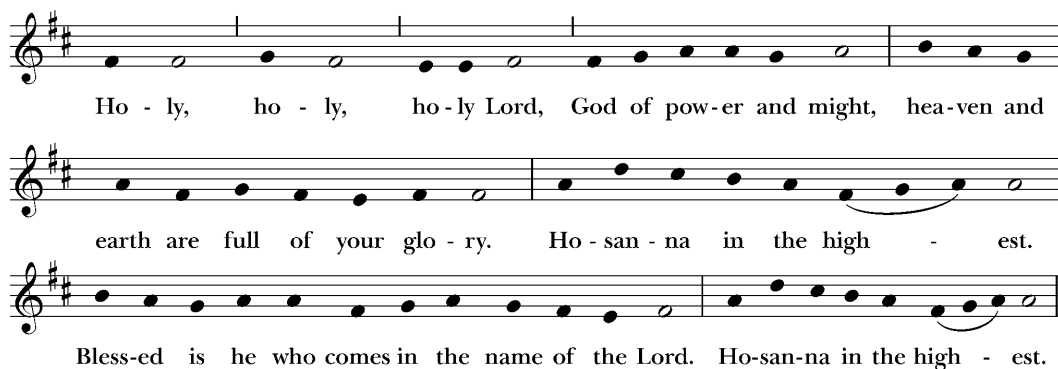
As the offerings are brought to the altar, standing as you are able, the following is sung:

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 **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.

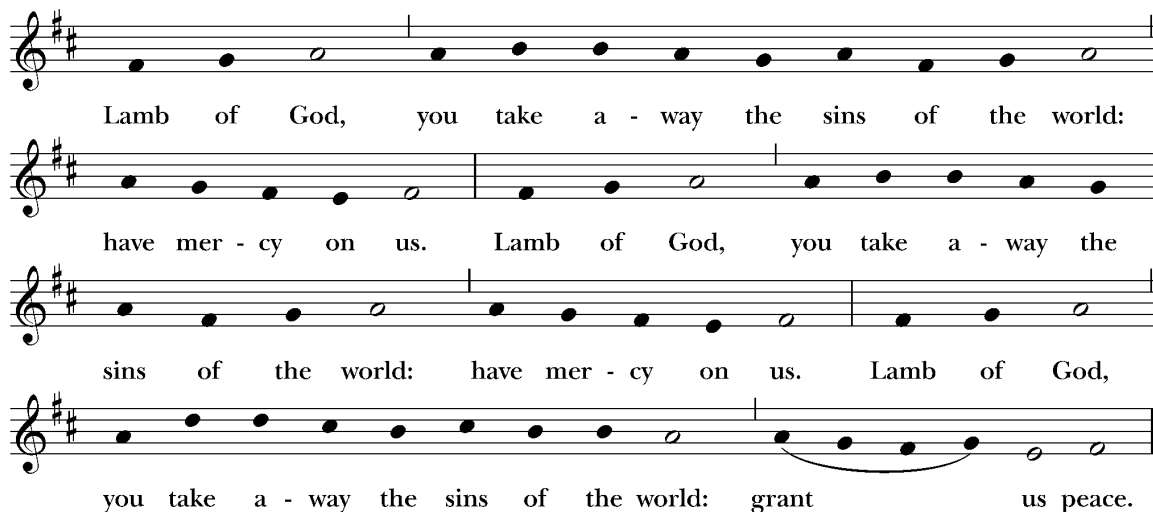
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

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.

INVITATION **BCP 364**

COMMUNION HYMN **H 152**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER **BCP 365**

SOLEMN PRAYER

POST-COMMUNION HYMN **H 143**

DISMISSAL **BCP 366**

POSTLUDE

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SCHEDULE FOR SUPPLY PRIESTS

March 9th Rt. Rev. Kee Sloan

March 16th Rev. Kelley Hudlow

March 23rd Rev. Kelley Hudlow

March 30th Rev. Rob Morpeth

April 6th Rev. Kelley Hudlow

Palm Sunday, April 13th Rev. Kelley Hudlow

Maundy Thursday, April 17th Rev. Kelley Hudlow

Good Friday, April 18th Rev. Kelley Hudlow

Easter Sunday, April 20th Rev. Kelley Hudlow

April 27th Rev. Kelley Hudlow

SEARCH FOR PRIEST

The committee that will interview the candidates to become our next priest has begun its work. Serving on the committee are Denise Armstrong, Brodie Dominguez, Carol Dotson, Jane Keeton, Olivia Kennedy, Leila Phillips, and Scott Reimer. Scott will be providing progress reports during the announcements on Sunday mornings. Other members of the committee will be happy to talk to you about this work, however please understand that names of potential candidates must remain confidential.

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

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