



ST. CATHERINE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**First Sunday in Lent**  
**March 9, 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**

Rt. Rev. Kee Sloan, *Celebrant and Preacher*

The Rev. Clyde Pearce, *Deacon*

Carol Dotson, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Sasha Johns, *LEM/ Crucifer*

Olivia Kennedy & Kayelyn

Dominguez, *Torchbearers*

Michelle Caiola, *Lector*

Carol Dotson, *Intercessor*

Scott Reimer, *Greeter*

Carol Dotson &

Scott Reimer, *Counters*

Jane Keeton, *Altar Guild*

Jim Cawthon, *Technology*

## PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN *Please stand as able.*

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## THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

## THE KYRIE ELEISON

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **THE LESSONS** *Please be seated.*

### **FIRST READING**

A Reading from Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house. *Deut. 26:1-11*

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

***People***            **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

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

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \* abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

**2 He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, \* my God in whom I put my trust."**

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, \* and the Most High your habitation,

**10 There shall no evil happen to you, \* neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, \* to keep you in all your ways.

**12 They shall bear you in their hands, \* lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

## SECOND READING

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; \* you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

**14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; \* I will protect him, because he knows my Name.**

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \* I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

**16 With long life will I satisfy him, \* and show him my salvation.**



the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. *Lk. 4:1-13*

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

**Rt. Rev. 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**

**CONCLUDING COLLECT**

**THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

**BCP 360**

**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:*

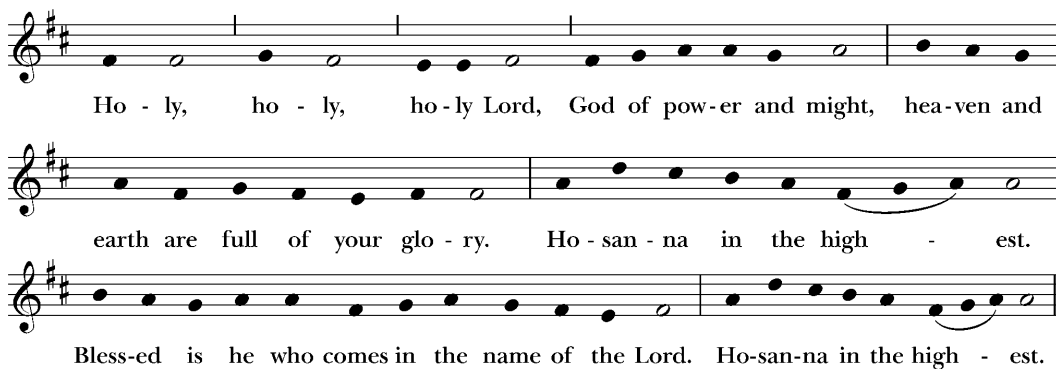
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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### 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

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### 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 343**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BCP 365**

**SOLEMN PRAYER**

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN**

**H 142**

**DISMISSAL**

**BCP 366**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Please join us after the service for coffee hour hosted by Carol Dotson.**



## **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd.

We also pray for all ministries to the hungry, especially Holy Comforter, Montgomery, Grace Food Pantry in Birmingham, Deacon's Deli Food Ministry at Canterbury Chapel and all other Parish Food Pantries; Parish Beans and Rice Ministries, Grace by Day (Birmingham), The Soup Bowl (Anniston), Bread for the World, and Rise Against Hunger.

## **Prayers of the Community**

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

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

For those that celebrate birthdays this week, especially Laura Chambless, Rhonda Johnson and Jo McDowell. May they grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives.



## **SCHEDULE FOR SUPPLY PRIESTS**

**March 16<sup>th</sup>                      Rev. Kelley Hudlow**

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>                      Rev. Kelley Hudlow**

**March 30<sup>th</sup>                      Rev. Rob Morpeth**

**April 6<sup>th</sup>                         Rev. Kelley Hudlow**

**Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>                      Rev. Kelley Hudlow**

**Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>                      Rev. Kelley Hudlow**

**Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>                      Rev. Kelley Hudlow**

**Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>                      Rev. Kelley Hudlow**

**April 27<sup>th</sup>                         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

*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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