

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 1, 2023

10:00 AM

We welcome you to St. Catherine's!

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.
All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion,
and gluten-free hosts are available upon request.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES BEFORE THE SERVICE.

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The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho

Processional Hymn

Stand up, stand up, for Jesus

Hymnal 561

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant
Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

The Song of Praise

Glory to God

Hymnal S-278

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 234

The Lessons (*see insert for The First Reading, The Psalm, and The Epistle*)

The People sit for the readings. The People stand for the Gospel Acclamation and the Gospel.

The Gospel Acclamation

(see Lectionary and Music Insert for The Gospel Acclamation)

The Gospel

(see Lectionary and Music Insert for The Gospel)

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho

Silence may follow.

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People (Form IV)

BCP p. 388

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 360

The Peace

BCP p. 360

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

BCP p. 830 (50)

Stewardship Moment

**Terry Bechtel,
Stewardship Chair**

Lectionary and Music Insert

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 25:1-8

BCP p. 614

At 8:00 and 10:00 AM the Psalm is prayed by the Lector and the People.

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 2:1-13

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The People sing the refrain after the Cantor and then after each verse.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

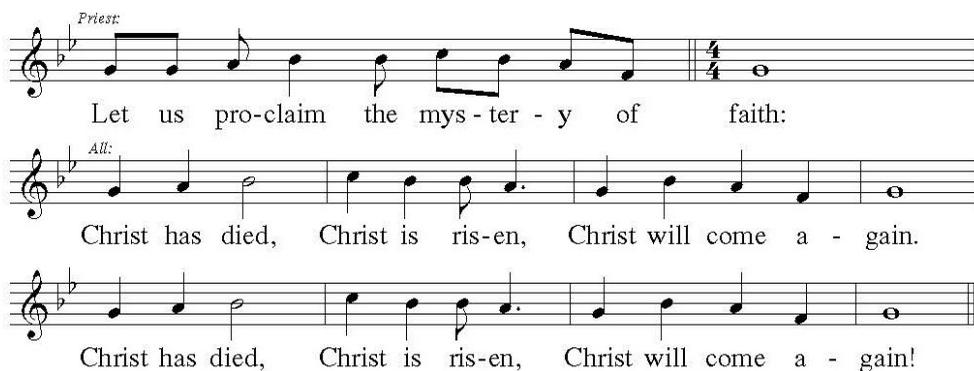
When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to

you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

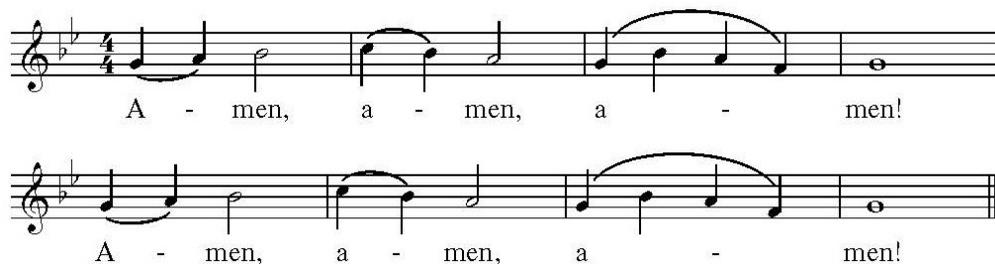


Priest:
Let us pro-claim the mys-ter-y of faith:

All:
Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain!

THE GREAT AMEN



A - men, a - men, a - men!

A - men, a - men, a - men!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory	<i>O sing unto the Lord</i>	Hal H. Hopson
Presentation Hymn 380 (Verse 3)		<i>Old 100th</i>
<i>All stand who are able.</i>		
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 Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)		BCP p. 361
<i>Sanctus</i>		Hymnal S-128
The Memorial Acclamation (<i>see Lectionary and Music Insert</i>)		
The Great Amen (<i>see Lectionary and Music Insert</i>)		
The Lord's Prayer		BCP p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP p. 364
The Fraction Anthem		Hymnal S-154
Communion Hymn	<i>I am the bread of life</i>	Hymnal 335
The Postcommunion Prayer		BCP p. 365
Announcements		
Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors		
The Final Blessing		
The Concluding Hymn	<i>All praise to thee</i>	Hymnal 477
The Dismissal		BCP p. 366
Postlude		

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THE STEWARDSHIP BANNER AT THE ALTAR

is given to the Glory of Almighty God.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT

shines to remind us of our Lord's presence in the Sacrament

and is given by Suzette Lemrow in loving memory of

the Venerable Dr. Kathleen Moore.

Worship Services

Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:00 AM

Choral Eucharist Rite II 10:00 AM

Wednesday

Holy Eucharist and Service of Healing 12:10 PM

The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho, Rector

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***The mission of St. Catherine's
is to nurture each other in the knowledge and love
of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
and to share the Good News with all.***