ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 19, 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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Support



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Instructed Eucharist, Part I: The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

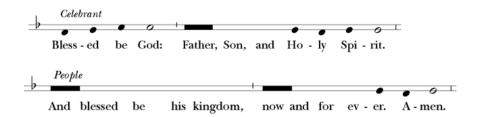
Welcome The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho

Processional Hymn

Now thank we all our God

Hymnal 397

Opening Acclamation



The Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

The Song of Praise

Glory to God

Hymnal S-278

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 236

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

The People sit for the readings. The People stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel.

Sequence Hymn

Help us, O Lord, to learn

Hymnal 628

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 I)

BCP p. 383

Confession of Sin

The Peace

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Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

BCP p. 830 (50)

Lectionary and Music Insert

THE FIRST READING

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord GoD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;

the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,

he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,

and I will punish the people

who rest complacently on their dregs,

those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good,

nor will he do harm."

Their wealth shall be plundered,

and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,

they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards,

they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the LORD is near,

near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,

the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath,

a day of distress and anguish,

a day of ruin and devastation,

a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness,

a day of trumpet blast and battle cry

against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;

because they have sinned against the LORD,

their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold

will be able to save them

on the day of the LORD's wrath;

in the fire of his passion

the whole earth shall be consumed;

for a full, a terrible end

he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 90:1-8, 12

BCP p. 717

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

THE EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains

come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

THE GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed

over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION





THE GREAT AMEN



THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Lord of all, most holy H. Hopson

Presentation Hymn 380 (Verse 3)

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All stand who are able.

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 B)

BCP p. 367

Sanctus Hymnal S-128

The Memorial Acclamation (see Lectionary and Music Insert)

The Great Amen (see Lectionary and Music Insert)

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP p. 364

The Fraction Anthem Hymnal S-154

Communion Hymn I want to walk as a child of the light Hymnal 490

The Postcommunion Prayer BCP p. 365

Announcements

Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors

The Final Blessing

The Concluding Hymn Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates Hymnal 436

The Dismissal BCP p. 366

Postlude

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THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

are given to the Glory of Almighty God and in thanksgiving for the ministry of The Rev. Scott E. Nonken.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT

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

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

For pastoral emergencies, contact Fr. James: 917-526-0746 (cell) / rector@stcathtt.org

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.



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