

Please be mindful to enter the nave quietly and maintain a reverent atmosphere to respect those who gather to pray before the service begins.

## WELCOME

Welcome to St. Catherine's! We are glad you are here today for worship, community, education, and service.

**If you have been here for a while**, it is a joy to see you again. Your faithful presence and dedication inspire the rest of us to continue in our own prayers and service. Please remember that it is your joy and gift to reach out and welcome those who are new or returning.

If you are returning after a time away, welcome home! Your presence reminds us that God is faithful and calls us again and again: grace upon grace.

If you are new to St. Catherine's, thank you for taking the risk to step into this place. It is not easy to walk into a church as a newcomer, and we are grateful that you are here. You honor this holy space with your presence.

This bulletin, taken from *The Book of Common Prayer*, is designed to aid us in our worship. If at any point, however, you desire to put it down and just soak in the service, please do. Whether you are a longtime member steeped in the rhythms of Anglican worship, or if all of this seems strange, feel free to just look up or out and give thanks to God.

## CHILDREN

We welcome children of all ages into our worship service. Children are signs of life and vitality. As we seek to include people of all ages and capabilities in our service, we joyfully embrace those who sometimes make a joyful noise! We remember the words of Jesus in Mark 10:14: "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them. For it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

Should little ones (or their parents) need a break, we offer **nursery care** during the service for infants through children age four. You are welcome to take your little one to childcare at any point during the service. Any of our ushers will guide and assist you.

Our narthex also functions as a "**cry room**," if needed, replete with children's materials. It is a great location where parents can bring their children and still hear the service.

## **UPCOMING**

- •No Christian Education ~ Sunday, November 23, 2025
- •Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration ~ Thursday, November 20, 2025 6:30 PM
- •Cobb County Break ~ November 24-28, 2025
- •No Healing Service/Yoga ~ Wednesday, November 26, 2025
- •Happy Thanksgiving | Office Closed ~ Thursday, November 27, 2025
- •Ugly Christmas Sweaters and Advent Wreaths ~ November 30, 2025 9:45 AM

## **PRAYERS**

Ruth Hepler; The Singleton Family; The Lee Family; Molly Alpert; Eleanore; Lorraine; Lee Hansell; Scott Sykes; Cathey; Ellie; Mary Brittain Yoos; Laine Nipper; Larry Boyd; Phyllis Hunter; Howard Speck; Liz Burlas

#### **TODAY**

#### VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Nominations will open today, November 16 for Vestry members for 2026. We will be filling five positions for this coming year -- four people to serve three years and one person to serve two years. The criteria for persons to be nominated are:

- A commitment to Jesus Christ, the Gospel and His Church
- A regular attendant at Church services
- A member of St. Catherine's in good standing known to the Treasurer with a current financial pledge
- A good steward in all areas of Church life
- A commitment to attend Vestry meetings and the Vestry retreat on January 30-February 1, 2026.

Anyone wishing to find out more about being a Vestry member is invited to talk to any members of the Nominating Committee -- Victoria Lennon, Michael Wherry, Fred Lopez or Linda Scott.

Nomination forms for yourself or for someone you would like to nominate will be provided in The Wheel and the Bulletin along with the eligibility lists.

#### FEED MY SHEEP

Thirteen percent of Georgians receive SNAP, a food assistance program from the government. Currently some or all of that assistance is unavailable. In response to this crisis, St Catherine's will be collecting grocery gift cards to Kroger, Walmart and Aldi.

### How you can help:

- Bring in a gift card! We recommend between \$25-40/gift card. Drop it in the offering plate on Sunday. If possible, please write the amount on the back of the card.
- Spread the word! People in the community can drop off grocery gift cards in the secure mailbox right outside the office door.
- Help someone who needs food. If you know someone who is experiencing food insecurity, you can get a gift card to give away.

#### DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION ~ December 7, 2025 - 4:00 PM

If you have questions about confirmation, reception or reaffirmation please reach out to Mother Sarah (sarah@stcatherines.org) or Father Trey (trey@stcatherines.org) for more details.

You can read more on these events and others in our Wheel Newsletter.

# St. Catherine's Episcopal Church



THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 16, 2025

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## The Holy Eucharist Rite II

November 16, 2025

Please note congregational responses in **bold**.

THE PRELUDE

We Gather Together

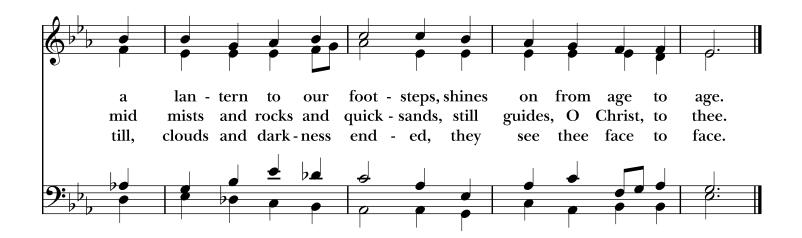
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#### Welcome & Announcements

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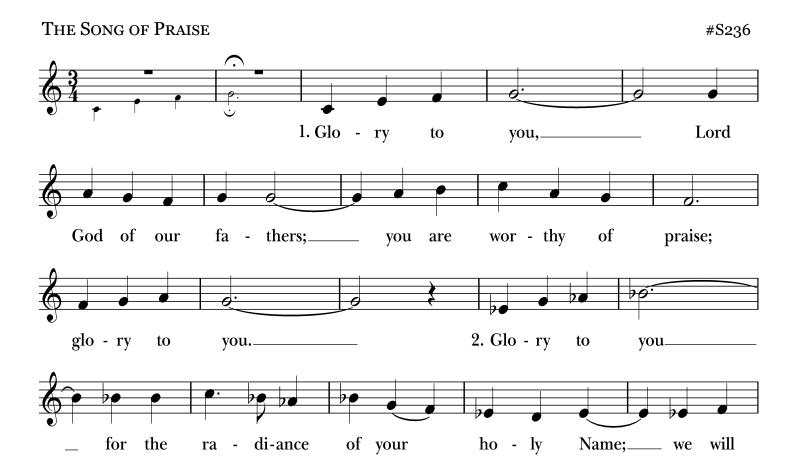
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.







THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

THE FIRST READING

Malachi 4:1-2a

A reading from the book of Malachi.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

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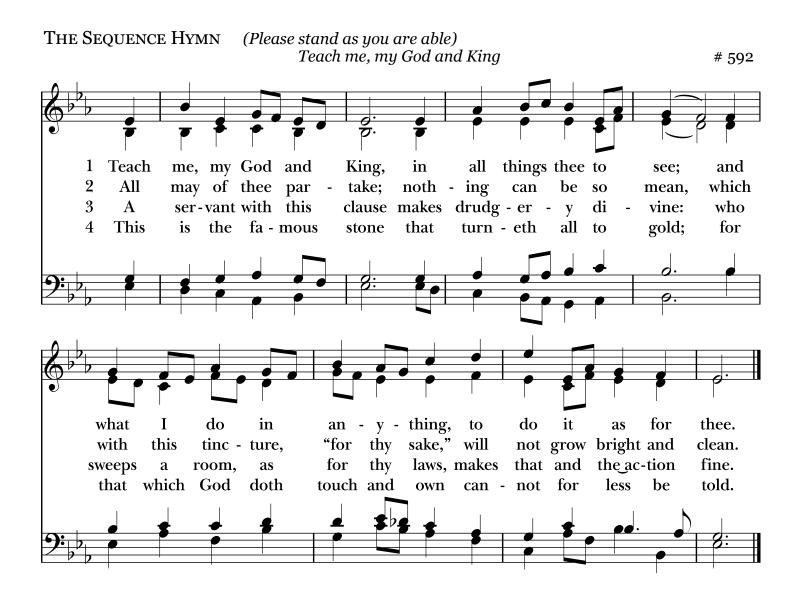


- A 1 Sing to the LORD a new **song**, \* for he has done marvelous **things**.
- B 2 With his right hand and his holy <u>arm</u> \* has he won for himself the <u>victory</u>.
- A 3 The LORD has made known his **victory**; \* his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the **nations**.
- B 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of **Israel**, \* and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our **God**.
- A 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you <u>lands</u>; \* lift up your voice, rejoice, and <u>sing</u>.
- B 6 Sing to the LORD with the **harp**, \* with the harp and the voice of **song**.
- A 7 With trumpets and the sound of the **horn** \* shout with joy before the King, the **LORD**.
- B 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is <u>in it</u>, \* the lands and those who dwell there<u>in</u>.
- A 9 Let the rivers clap their <u>hands</u>, \* and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the <u>earth</u>.
- B 10 In righteousness shall he judge the **world** \* and the peoples with **equity**.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.** 

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** 

THE SERMON The Rev. Trey Phillips

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

FORM III

Father, we pray for your holy catholic church; **That we all may be one.** 

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **That your Name may be glorified by all people.** 

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.** 

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **That our works may find favor in your sight.** 

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; **That they may be delivered from their distress.** 

Give to the departed eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** 





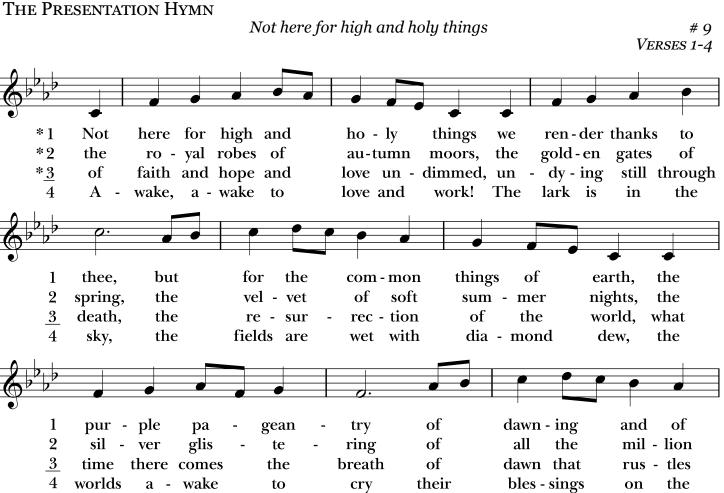
Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord, Let your heart rejoice and your soul fill with gladness. Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord, Let us bless His Holy Name.

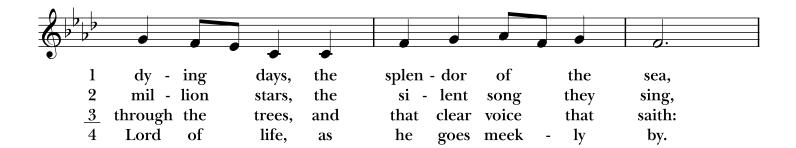
Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord, Let your voice rejoice proclaim His excellent greatness. Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord, Let us bless His Holy Name.

Fill your hearts with praises and thanksgiving. Let us go before the Lord and bless His Name forever.

Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord, Let your voices join in praise to the Father. Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord, Let us bless His Holy Name.

Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord, Let us praise the Son and Holy Spirit; Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord, Let us bless His Holy Name.





THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

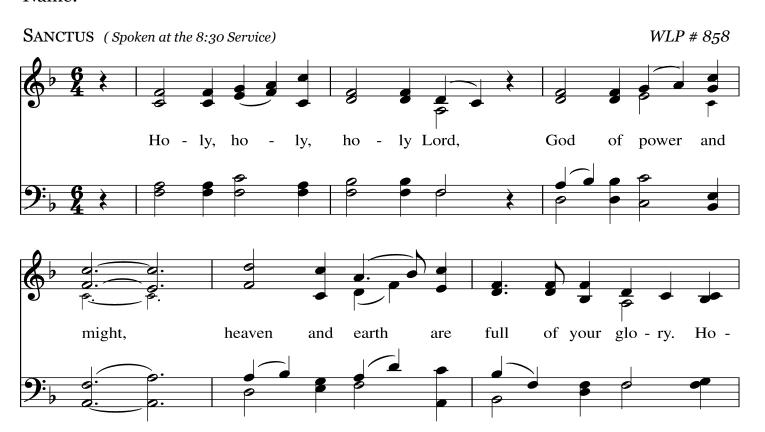
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

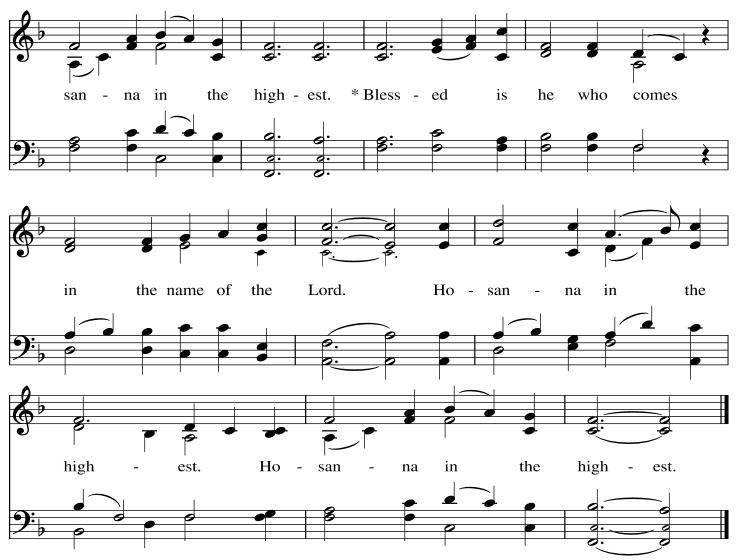
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

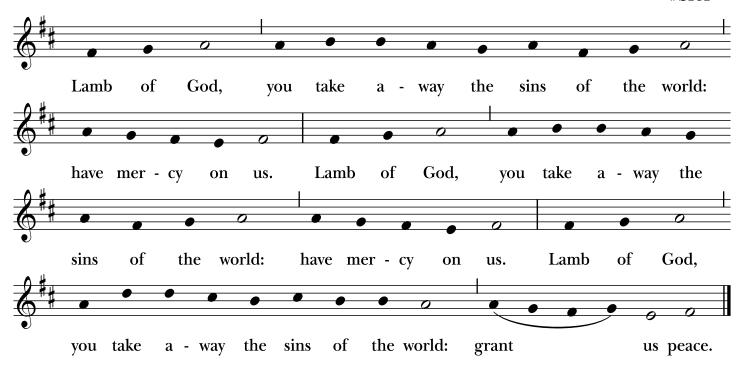
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



#### THE INVITATION

If you feel called to this table of mercy and grace, know there is a place set for you.

There are two different stations that function two distinct ways.

In front of the altar is a Gluten Free station with intinction only. At this station you may intinct (dip) the bread into the holy wine yourself. If you only want to receive the bread, please cross your arms after consuming.

At the altar rails, you will receive the holy bread in your hands.

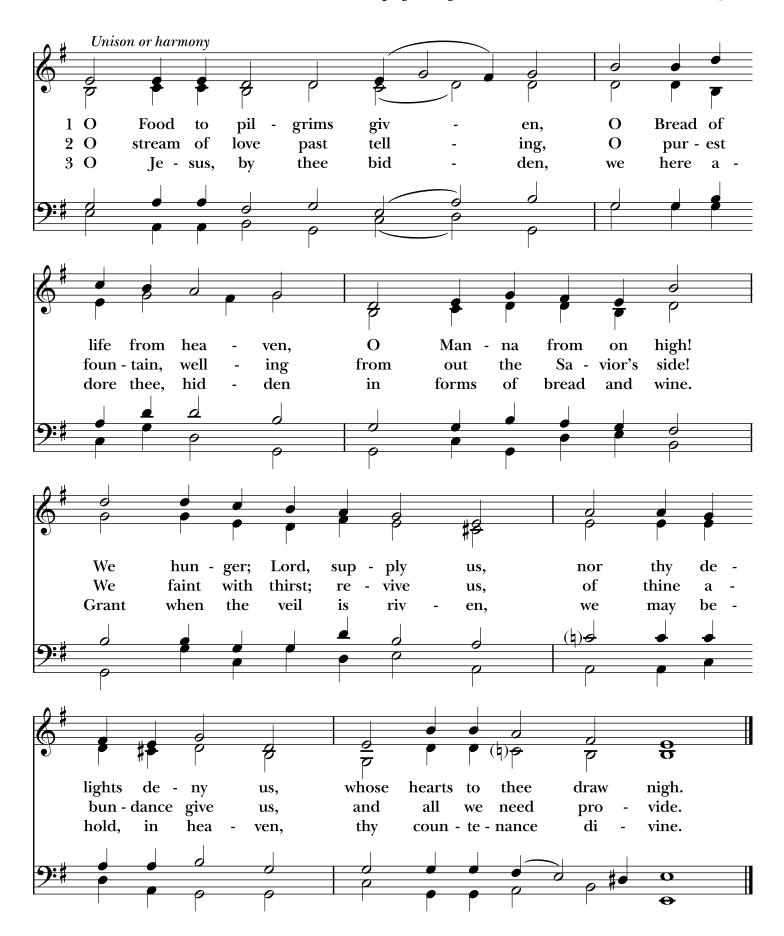
You may choose to sip from the chalice or to intinct (dip) the holy bread into the holy wine yourself.

If you only want to receive the bread, please cross your arms after consuming.

The response after receiving the bread only, or the bread and wine, is "Amen." Those not communing may come forward for a blessing, keeping your hands folded across your chest.

*If thou but trust in God to guide thee* 





#### SENDING FORTH OF A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

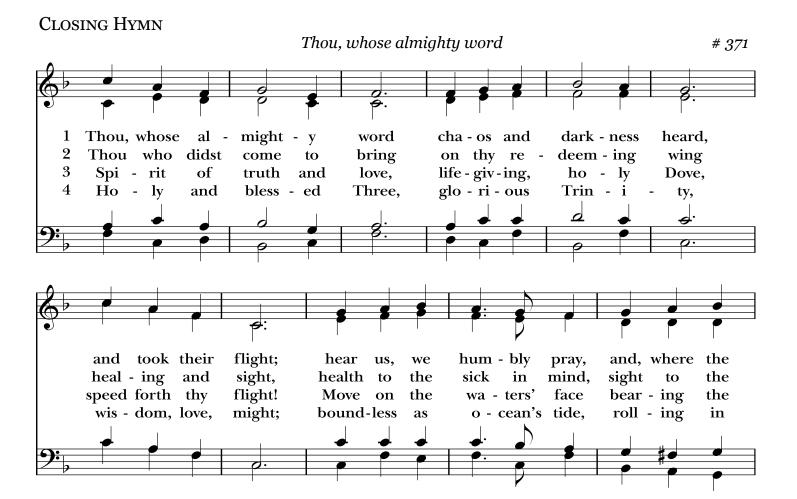
In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

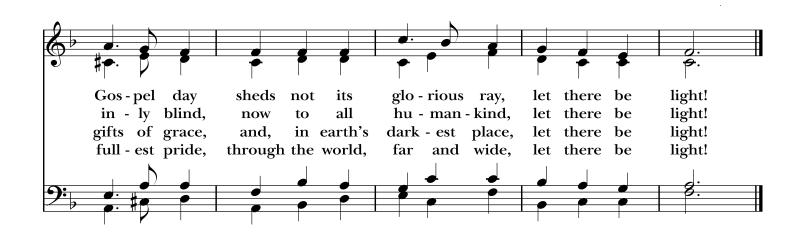
We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, and one cup.

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### BLESSING





DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Voluntary on 'Coronation'

T. Fields

#### **PRAYERS**

#### FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS:

Helen Davis 11/17; Helen Slaven 11/19; Bruce Friend 11/21; Karen Friend 11/21; Barbara Cordery 11/22

#### FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:

#### FOR OUR PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER:

Dennis & Deelee Freeman; Bruce & Karen Friend; Terri Gabrielson; Nelson & Emily Gale, Rebeccah George

## FOR THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Ruth Hepler; The Singleton Family; The Lee Family; Molly Alpert; Eleanore; Lorraine; Lee Hansell; Scott Sykes; Cathey; Ellie; Mary Brittain Yoos; Laine Nipper; Larry Boyd; Phyllis Hunter; Howard Speck; Liz Burlas

#### FOR THOSE WHO DIED:

Rebecca Singleton; Elizabeth Hannah

#### **CANDLES & FLOWERS:**

The candle and flowers are given to the glory of God.

#### SERVING ST. CATHERINE'S

#### **CLERGY**

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Linda Scott, Warden ('25) Rebekah Fontenot ('26)

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Fred Lopez ('25)

Mark Singleton Frances Bowden Treasurer Vestry Clerk

8:30 am

Lectors Mary Ellen Layden Elizabeth Lopez

Intercessor

Acolytes

**LEMs** Elizabeth Lopez

Marion Hegedus Todd Smith

Megan Shannonhouse

Ushers Molly Banko

Dave Banko

VPod Rebekah Fontenot

11:00 am

Lectors **Bettye Harris** 

Linda Agnello David Moore

Acolytes Nat Whitlow

**LEMs** David Moore

> Terri Gabrielson Bill Selby Bettye Harris Pat Pepper

Ushers Patrick McDougald

Joseph Hegedus

David Moore Streaming

Frances Bowden

**VPod** 

Connect Team

Intercessor

Natalie Whitlow

**Weekly Guilds** 

Altar Guild Ellen Adams

Katja Michael Lynn Sapp

Kyle & Kelly Boatright

Flower Guild Pam Phillips

Emily Gale

## Sunday School I 9:45-10:45 AM

#### **Adults**

#### Finding God in The Everyday | Board Room

This class invites participants to reflect on where they experience God in their daily lives beyond Sunday worship. This fall we'll dive into Rowan Williams' *Being Christian*, exploring how baptism, scripture, the eucharist, and prayer shape us and our daily living.

#### Finding God in The Frazzle | Conference Room

For parents of all ages seeking to encounter God and the invitation to discipleship amid the chaos and beauty of family life. This fall, we'll dive into Rowan Williams' book *Being Christian*, exploring how baptism, scripture, the eucharist, and prayer shape us and our daily living.

#### Finding God in Seeking Justice | Parish Hall

Join us this fall as we study *Resurrection Hope: A Future Where Black Lives Matter* by The Very Rev. Kelly Brown Douglas, Canon Theologian of the Washington National Cathedral. Through facilitated large and small group discussions, we will hold space for truth-telling, guided by our Christian calling to pursue justice and reconciliation.

#### FOUNDATIONS (4-weeks) | Parlor | September 28th - October 19th

A course designed for anyone seeking a deeper understanding of Christian faith. This course gives you the foundations of Christianity, and prepares adults considering Baptism, Confirmation, Reaffirmation, or Reception into The Episcopal Church. FOUNDATIONS is also is open to anyone considering formal membership at St. Catherine's and those who simply want to know more about the church.

## Youth (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades)

#### Journey to Adulthood

#### The Youth House | Sunday Mornings | 9:45-10:45 AM

Journey to Adulthood (J2A) is a youth curriculum program for 6th-12th graders. It's centered on inclusive, relational ministry, and uses Bible study, prayer, rites of passage, and outreach ministries. Creative, developmentally appropriate lessons are arranged within three categories of Self, Society, and Spirituality.



Please register your youth by scanning the QR code

## Children (18 months - 5th Grade)

#### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

#### The Atrium | Sunday Mornings | 9:30-10:45 AM

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a hands on, developmentally appropriate approach for children to discover a relationship with God through Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Living into the fullness of the promises made at baptism, children are invited to hear and reflect on the key announcements of the Christian message and personally engage with these announcements with materials appropriate to their age.



Please register your child(ren) by scanning the QR code

Toddler Atrium: For toddlers 18 months to 3 years; Catechist: Kristi Johnson

Level I Atrium: For young children from about 3 or 3 ½ through 5 years old (or kindergarten)

Catechists: Claire Paglia and Amy Mikkelsen

**Level II Atrium:** For children who are in first through third grade (six to nine years approximately)

Catechists: Alison Harris, Ina Bachman; Assistant: Dennis Freeman

Level III Atrium: For older children who are in fourth and fifth grade (nine to eleven years old)

Catechist: Karen Maxwell; Assistant: Hannah Caffey

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