

# ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:  
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

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.

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho**

**Processional Hymn**

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

**Hymnal 423**

**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**

*Prayed by the Celebrant alone, with the People joining on "Amen."*

**Song of Praise**

*Glory to God*

**Hymnal S-280**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Prayed by the Celebrant alone, with the People joining on "Amen."*

**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**

*Take my life, and let it be*

**Hymnal 707**

**The Gospel**

*(see Lectionary and Music Insert for The Gospel)*

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP p. 358**

**The Prayers of the People** (*see Lectionary and Music Insert for The Prayers of the People*)

**Confession of Sin**

**BCP p. 360**

**The Peace**

**Birthday & Anniversary Blessings**

**BCP p. 830 (50)**

# Lectionary and Music Insert

## THE FIRST READING

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## THE PSALM

### Psalm 15

**BCP p. 599**

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

## THE EPISTLE

**James 1:17-27**

A Reading from the Letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due

to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     Thanks be to God.

## **THE GOSPEL**

**Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

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

*People*     Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing

of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (10:00 AM)**

Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying, “Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.”

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

***Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.***

For the leaders of your Church, remembering especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; James, our Rector; and all our lay leaders, that they may shepherd us in sustainable and sound care for all your creation, we pray:

***Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.***

For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:

***Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.***

For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures especially Joseph, our President; Ron, our Governor; and Andy, our Mayor, that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:

***Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.***

For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

***Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.***

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need, especially Bert, Carol, and those we name now. We also pray for those in military service, especially those we name now; and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

***Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.***

For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:

***Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.***

For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet, giving thanks especially for those we name now, we pray:

***Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.***

*The Celebrant prays the concluding Collect.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Offertory

**Presentation Hymn 380** (Verse 3)

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

*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 (Eucharistic Prayer C)** (*See insert sheet*)

***Sanctus***

**Hymnal S-125**

**The Great Amen**



**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP p. 364**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**The Fraction Anthem**

**Hymnal S-164**

**Communion Hymn**

*O Master, let me walk with thee*

**Hymnal 660**

**The Postcommunion Prayer**

**BCP p. 365**

**Announcements**

**Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors**

**The Final Blessing**

**The Concluding Hymn**

*Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing*

**Hymnal 344**

**The Dismissal**

**BCP p. 366**

**Postlude**

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**THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR**

are given to the Glory of Almighty God  
and by Sandy Boehning in loving memory of Caylee Marie Cepero.

**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**

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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.*



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