

THE EASTER SEASON



Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.

THE FEAST OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA Wednesday, 17 April 2024, 9:30 AM

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Kateri Tekakwitha (pronounced [[ˈgaderi deqaˈgwita](#)] in [Mohawk](#)), given the name **Tekakwitha**, baptized as **Catherine**, and informally known as **Lily of the Mohawks** (1656 – April 17, 1680), is a [Catholic saint](#) and [virgin](#) who was an [Algonquin–Mohawk](#). Born in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon, in present-day New York State, she contracted [smallpox](#) in an epidemic; her family died and her face was scarred. She converted to Catholicism at age nineteen. She took a vow of perpetual virginity, left her village, and moved for the remaining five years of her life to the [Jesuit](#) mission village of [Kahnawake](#), just south of [Montreal](#). She was [beatified](#) in 1980 by [Pope John Paul II](#) and canonized by [Pope Benedict XVI](#) at [Saint Peter's Basilica](#) on 21 October 2012.

Early life and education

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Welcome and Announcements

Rev Allison Cornell

Salutation

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Presider: 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 you Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gloria—

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**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you
thanks,**

we praise you for your glory.

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Fa-
ther,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the
Father:**

**receive our prayer. For you alone
are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,**

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

The Collect of the Day:

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray

**All: Almighty and everliving God, who opened the heart of
Kateri Tekakwitha to receive the Good News of Jesus Christ and to
devote her life to your service: Grant us the same zeal of devotion to
persevere in faith through the trials and tribulations of our lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word: *(Please be seated for the lessons)*

First Lesson: A Reading from the Book 1 Kings (19:19-21):

Elijah set out from Horeb, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

The Psalm:

Psalm: 6 (read in unison)

**1 Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger; *
do not punish me in your wrath.**

**2 Have pity on me, Lord, for I am weak; *
heal me, Lord, for my bones are racked.**

**3 My spirit shakes with terror; *
how long, O Lord, how long?**

**4 Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; *
save me for your mercy's sake.**

**5 For in death no one remembers you; *
and who will give you thanks in the grave?**

**6 I grow weary because of my groaning; *
every night I drench my bed
and flood my couch with tears.**

**7 My eyes are wasted with grief *
and worn away because of all my enemies.**

**8 Depart from me, all evildoers, *
for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.**

**9 The Lord has heard my supplication; *
the Lord accepts my prayer.**

**10 All my enemies shall be confounded and quake with fear; *
they shall turn back and suddenly be put to shame.**

Gospel Lesson: *(Please stand as you are able)*

Deacon: Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to:

Matthew (8:18–22):

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

When Jesus saw great crowds around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. A scribe then approached and said, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” Another of his disciples said to him, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” But Jesus said to him, “Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

HOMILY

Nicene Creed: *Traditional Version (Said aloud by all, in unison)*

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.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Christ our life, You are alive - in the beauty of the earth:

**People: in the rhythm of the seasons, in the mystery of time and space,
Alleluia**

Leader: Christ our life, You are alive - in the tenderness of touch

People: in the heartbeat of intimacy, in the insights of solitude, Alleluia

Leader: Christ our life, You are alive - in the creative possibility

**People: of the hardest conversation, of the dreariest task, of the most
threatening event, Alleluia**

Leader: Christ our life, You are alive - to offer re-creation

**People: to every unhealed hurt, to every deadened place, to every damaged
Heart, Alleluia.**

Leader: Christ our life, You are alive – to give us encouragement

**People: to face our fears, to wrestle with our doubts, to overcome our
disappointments, Alleluia.**

Leader: You set before us a great choice, death in our souls without you or Life
abundantly and eternally with you.

People: Therefore, we choose life.

Leader: The dance of resurrection soars and surges through the whole creation,

**People: This is your grace through which we live. So let us live fully and
thankfully. Alleluia.**

The Peace:

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you**

The Offertory:

Presider Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself as an offering and sacrifice to God.

Doxology #380 vs. 3

**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 BCP Rite 2A*

Presider *The Lord be with you.*

People **And also with you.**

Presider *Lift up your hearts.*

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider:

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Pascal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

Sanctus -

Hymnal 1982 #S-128

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.**

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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 (*Presider breaks the consecrated bread*)

Fraction Anthem : Hymnal 1982 #S-154

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose again for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church. We have two different ways to receive communion. First way = go to the right of the altar, receive the bread, eat the bread, then take a sip of wine from the cup. Second way = go to the left of the altar, receive the bread, dip the bread in the wine in the cup and then eat the bread. If you are not ready to receive the bread and wine, we invite you to come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead. Bread is gluten free).

Prayers for:

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayers, Travelers, and Gratitude

Post Communion Prayer *(The people stand as they are able.)*

Presider; Let us pray.

All: Almighty and ever-living 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

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

People: We are called to love and serve.

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, *(Alleluia!)*

Continued from front *Tekakwitha* is the name the girl was given by her Mohawk people. It translates to "She who bumps into things."^[4] She was born around 1656 in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon in Northeastern [New York](#) state.

She was the daughter of Kenneronkwa, a Mohawk chief, and Kahenta, an [Algonquin](#) woman, who had been captured in a raid and then adopted and assimilated into the tribe. Kahenta had been [baptized](#) Catholic and educated by French missionaries in [Trois-Rivières](#), east of Montreal. Mohawk warriors captured her and took her to their homeland.^[5] Kahenta eventually married Kenneronkwa.^[6] Tekakwitha was the first of their two children. A brother followed.

Tekakwitha's original village was highly diverse. The Mohawk were absorbing many captured natives of other tribes, particularly their competitors, the [Huron](#), to replace people who died from warfare or diseases.

When Tekakwitha was around four years old, her baby brother and both of her parents died of smallpox. Tekakwitha survived, but suffered from facial scars and impaired eyesight. Due to her scars, she wore head covering and cloths to cover them.^[7] She was soon adopted and went to live with her father's sister and her husband, a chief of the Turtle Clan.

At age 11, Tekakwitha was visited by three members of the Society of Jesus. Tekakwitha was greatly impressed by these Jesuits, who were likely the first white Christians she had encountered in her life. Tekakwitha began to lead a life, led by the teachings of the three Jesuits. She was staying with her anti-Christian uncle at the time and many other people from her tribe, opposed her conversion.^[8]

The Jesuits' account of Tekakwitha said that she was a modest girl who avoided social gatherings and covered her head because of the scars. She became skilled at traditional women's arts like making clothing, weaving mats, and preparing food. As was the custom, she was pressured to think about marriage around age thirteen, but she refused.^[6] When speaking to her confessor, she stated, "I can have no spouse but Jesus." She followed by proclaiming, "I have the strongest aversion to marriage."^[9]

Upheaval and invasions

Tekakwitha grew up in a period of upheaval, as the Mohawk interacted with French and Dutch colonists, who were competing in the lucrative fur trade. Trying to make inroads in [Iroquois](#) territory, the French attacked the Mohawk in present-day central New York in 1666. After driving the people from their homes, the French burned the three Mohawk villages. Tekakwitha, around ten years old, fled with her new family.^[10]

After the defeat by the French forces, the Mohawk accepted a peace treaty that required them to tolerate Jesuit missionaries in their villages. The Jesuits established a mission near Auriesville, New York. They spoke of Christianity in terms with which the Mohawk could identify.

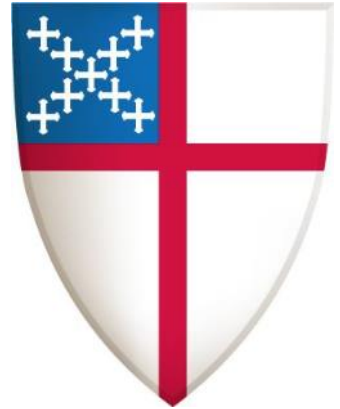
The Mohawk crossed their river to rebuild Caughnawaga on the north bank, west of the present-day town of [Fonda, New York](#). In 1667, when Tekakwitha was 11 years old, she met the Jesuit missionaries Jacques Frémin, Jacques Bruyas, and [Jean Pierron](#), who had come to the village.^[11] Her uncle opposed any contact with them because he did not want her to convert to Christianity. One of his older daughters had already become Catholic.

In the summer of 1669, several hundred [Mohican](#) warriors, advancing from the east, launched an attack on Caughnawaga. Tekakwitha, at that point around 13 years old, joined other girls to

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