

Second Sunday of Easter April 27, 2025

Welcome to St. Catherine's

We are glad that you have joined us for worship. If you are visiting with us, we invite you to fill out a visitor card, which can be found on the back of the chair in front of you. Completed cards may be given to a greeter or placed in the collection plate.

"BCP" before a page number refers to the Book of Common Prayer in the pew racks. "H" before a page number refers to the blue hymnal. Both are in the pew.

You are very welcome to receive Holy Communion if you have been baptized in any Christian Church. Those who wish not to receive Holy Communion may come to the altar rail, fold their arms across their chests, and receive a blessing from the priest.

Serving Today

The Rev. Kelley Hudlow, Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev. Clyde Pearce, Deacon
Denise Armstrong, Vestry Person of the Day

Chris Stricklin, LEM/Crucifer
Kayelyn & Brody Dominguez,
Torchbearers
Brent McLarty, Lector
Michelle Nivens, Intercessor

Julie Kennedy, Greeter
Denise Armstrong & Julie Kennedy,
Counters
Cathy Cawthon, Altar Guild
Bill Traylor, Technology

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN Please stand as able.

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THE WORD OF GOD

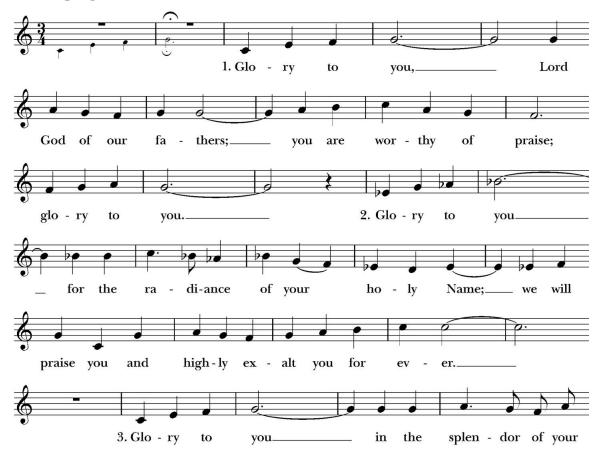
OPENING ACCLAMATION

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THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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THE GLORIA







THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

THE LESSONS Please be seated.

FIRST READING

A reading from **Acts**

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem eous." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." *Acts* 5:27-32

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

Psalm 150

- 1 Hallelujah!
 - Praise God in his holy temple; * praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts; * praise him for his excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; * praise him with lyre and harp.
- 4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; * praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; * praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath * praise the LORD. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

A reading from **Revelation**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. Revelation 1:4-8

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand as are able. Cantor sings Refrain; All repeat Refrain; Cantor sings verse; All repeat Refrain.



Cantor: I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead and behold I am alive for evermore.

GOSPEL

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. *John 20:19-31*

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Kelley Hudlow

A period of silence follows the sermon.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form III

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CONCLUDING COLLECT

THE PEACE

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY HYMN

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As the offerings are brought to the altar, standing as you are able, the following is sung to the tune of Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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FRACTION ANTHEM



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

INVITATION

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COMMUNION HYMN

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

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DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE

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Please join us following the service for coffee hour and conversation hosted by Olivia and JD Ard.

May 3rd at noon ECW Luncheon in Parish Hall with Kelley Hudlow as the guest speaker and catered by Taco Mamas. Please contact Connie Meloun (melouncw@gmail.com) by Wednesday, April 30th if you plan to attend and the number of guests that may accompany you. A donation of \$15 per person is suggested.

May 10th Saturday Breakfast

May 11th Reception for our new rector, Dillon Green

May 24th Game Night @5:00pm

Our Mission

To seek, love, and serve God through worship, education, and service and to share the redeeming love of Christ with the world.

Our Vision

St. Catherine's, the Episcopal Church in Chelsea, is a welcoming and inclusive family called by Christ to receive and share God's love.

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The Rt. Rev. Brian Prior

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The Rev. Clyde Pearce

Deacon

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