



## ST. CATHERINE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### Seventh Sunday of Easter – Sunday After the Ascension June 1, 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. Dillon Green, *Celebrant and Preacher*

Carol Dotson, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Sasha Johns, *LEM/Crucifer*  
Gracie & Kayelyn Dominguez,  
*Torchbearers*

Michelle Caiola, *Lector*  
Wanda Wheeler, *Intercessor*

Carol Dotson &  
Kim Traylor, *Counters*  
Julie Kennedy, *Altar Guild*  
Donald Bruce, *Technology*  
Kim Traylor, *Greeter*



## Prelude

Entrance Hymn 215

See the Conqueror mounts in triumph

## THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

## The Gloria

1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord

God of our fa - thers; \_\_\_\_\_ you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_

— for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; \_\_\_\_\_ we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_ in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; \_\_\_\_\_ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to  
 you. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -  
 ween the Cher - u - bim; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and  
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

*Descant*

5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be -  
 5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of  
 depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

heaven, 6. Glo - ry to you, you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther, — Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

## The Collect of the Day

BCP 357

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

# THE LESSONS

*Please be seated.*

## First Reading

**Acts 16:16-34**

*Reader*      A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm

yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

***People***           **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 97**

*The Psalm will be read responsively by half verse.*

1 The LORD is King;

let the earth rejoice; \*

**let the multitude of the isles be glad.**

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*

**righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.**

3 A fire goes before him \*

**and burns up his enemies on every side.**

4 His lightnings light up the world; \*

**the earth sees it and is afraid.**

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, \*

**at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.**

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, \*  
**and all the peoples see his glory.**

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in false gods! \*  
**Bow down before him, all you gods.**

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
**because of your judgments, O LORD.**

9 For you are the LORD,  
most high over all the earth; \*  
**you are exalted far above all gods.**

10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; \*  
**he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
**and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.**

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, \*  
**and give thanks to his holy Name.**



## Second Reading

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Revelation

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

*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.*

MELODY

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. \_\_\_\_\_

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. \_\_\_\_\_

*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.*

## The Gospel

John 17:20-26

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Dillon Green**

*A period of silence follows the sermon.*

**The Nicene Creed,** *please stand as able.* **BCP 358**

**The Prayers of the People, Form III** **BCP 387**

**Concluding Collect**

**The Peace** **BCP 360**

**The Announcements**

**Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Anthem**      Now The Green Blade Riseth arr. Simon Andrews

*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**

**BCP 367**

### Sanctus



The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

The Fraction Anthem



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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -' written below. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics 'lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is'. The third staff continues with lyrics 'sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.' The fourth staff concludes with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The score uses various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

The Invitation

BCP 364

Communion Hymn 328

Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

## **The Blessing**

**Post-Communion Hymn 214**

**Hail the day that sees him rise**

**Dismissal**

**BCP 366**

**Postlude**

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We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd.

We also pray for Cursillo #237 Pilgrims and Staff; Parish and Diocesan Communications and their work to keep us connected to one another and the needs and hopes of the world.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Clydene, Steven, Heather, Dottie, Wendy, Angel, Marti, Joseph, Tracy, John, Sue, Addie, Wanda, Bill, Alice, Gene Bob, Stephanie, John and Kristi.

We pray those who serve in the military, especially John Morris and Bradley Pridgen.

We give thanks for all who celebrate birthdays this week, especially Kaiser Dominguez. May he grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life.

## SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – First Saturday Breakfast @ 9 am

Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost  
Plan to wear red!

Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day

Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – Food Pantry – 9 – 11 am

Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> – ECW @ noon

### *Evangelism: Transforming Sorrow by Sharing the Good News*

Join us each Sunday morning at 8:30 in the parish hall as we continue a great Sunday School series on Evangelism—what it means, where it comes from, who it's for, and how it can speak to a world in need of the love, care, and consolation that we believe only Christ can give!

## **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.*

## **Clergy and Staff**

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda S. Curry

*Bishop of Alabama*

The Rt. Rev. Brian Prior

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