



ST. CATHERINE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter – Rogation Sunday **May 25, 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*

Michelle Caiola, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Sasha Johns, *LEM/ Crucifer*

Olivia Kennedy & Kayelyn

Dominguez, *Torchbearers*

Michelle Caiola, *Lector*

Ann Watts, *Intercessor*

Julie Kennedy, *Greeter*

Michelle Caiola &

Julie Kennedy, *Counters*

Wanda Wheeler, *Altar Guild*

Bill Traylor, *Technology*

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 400

All creatures of our God and King, vv. 1, 4, 5, 7

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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Acts 16:9-15

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67

The Psalm will be read responsively by half verse.

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
**for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.**

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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.

The Gospel

John 14:23-29

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Christ according to John.

***People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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.*

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The Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

Concluding Collect

The Peace

BCP 360

The Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn 405

All things bright and beautiful

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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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.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

The Invitation

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Communion Hymn 345

Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise

Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Post-Communion Hymn 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

Dismissal

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Postlude

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We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd.
We also pray for Trinity, Alpine; Holy Trinity, Auburn; Trinity, Bessemer;
Trinity, Clanton; Trinity, Demopolis; Trinity, Florence and Trinity,
Wetumpka.

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
and Bob.

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 Steve
Landrum, and Gabi McDonald. May they grow in wisdom and grace and
strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives.

S A V E T H E D A T E S

**Saturday, May 31st – ECW Lunch Meeting @ noon @ Champys
in Alabaster**

Saturday, June 7th – First Saturday Breakfast @ 9 am

Sunday, June 8th – Pentecost

Sunday, June 15th – Father's Day

Saturday, June 21st – Food Pantry – 9 – 11 am

Saturday, June 28th – ECW @ noon

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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