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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**May 11, 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*The Rev. Clyde Pearce, *Deacon*

Kim Traylor, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Scott Reimer, *LEM/Crucifer*

Sophia Reimer &

Leila Phillips, *Tourchbearers*  
Cathy Cawthon, *Lector*

Laura Chambless, *Intercessor*

Sharon Lewis, *Greeter*

Kim Traylor &

Sharon Lewis, *Counters*

Cathy Cawthon, *Altar Guild*

Jim Cawthon, *Technology*

**PRELUDE**

**ENTRANCE HYMN** *Please stand as able.* **H 366 vv. 1-4**

**The Word of God**

**OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP 355**

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY  BCP 355**

**THE GLORIA**

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**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP 357**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The Lessons** *Please be seated.*

**FIRST READING**

*Reader:* A reading from the Book of Acts.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM**

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

**Psalm 23**

1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me\*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**SECOND READING**

*Reader:* A reading from Revelation.

 I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever!   
Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,   
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,   
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

*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.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

*Deacon:* 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 Sheep May Safely Graze by J.S. Bach  
 Mackey Atkinson, tenor**

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**

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**The Lord’s Prayer  BCP 364**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD BCP 364**

**Fraction Anthem**

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**Invitation  BCP 364**

**COMMUNION HYMN H 664**

**Post-Communion Prayer  BCP 365**

**Blessing**

**Post-Communion Hymn H 523**

**Dismissal  BCP 366**

**Postlude**

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**Altar flowers provided by Sasha Johns**

**Upcoming Activities**

**May 17th -- Food Pantry 9 am – 11 am**

**May 24th – Game Night – 5 pm – 8 pm**

**May 31st – ECW Lunch Meeting noon**

Please join us following the service for a welcoming reception for our new Rector,

Fr. Dillon Green hosted by Parish Life.

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**Game Night – May 24th from 5 – 8 pm**

**Bingo & Nachos!**

A group of people around a table with a game

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A plate of nachos with salsa and peppers

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**Our Missio**n

*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

*Assisting Bishop*

The Rev. Dillon Green

*Rector*

The Rev. Clyde Pearce

*Deacon*

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