



Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 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*

Denise Armstrong, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Chris Stricklin, *LEM/Crucifer*

James Johnson &

Kaiser Dominguez, *Tourchbearers*

Lynne Dominguez, *Lector*

Jaimie Johnson, *Intercessor*

Terri Stricklin, *Greeter*

Denise Armstrong &

Terri Stricklin, *Counters*

Julie Kennedy, *Altar Guild*

Scott Reimer, *Technology*

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN *Please stand as able.*

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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

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS *Please be seated.*

FIRST READING

Reader: A reading from the Book of Acts.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised

God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

Psalm 148

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

**2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.**

3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

**4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.**

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

**6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Reader: A reading from Revelation.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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 the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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.*

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form III

BCP 387

CONCLUDING COLLECT

THE PEACE

BCP 360

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

H 487

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

BCP 364

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 (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -'. 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.' and ends with a double bar line.

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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***Altar flowers provided by Michelle Nivens
Happy 52nd Anniversary Mom & Dad***

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd.
We also pray for Department of Camp McDowell; Church of the Holy Spirit,
Alabaster; and Church of the Holy Apostles, Hoover.

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 Caroline
Molloy. May she grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen her trust in your
goodness all the days of her life.

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

Saturday, May 24th – Game Night – 5 pm – 8 pm

Saturday, May 31st – ECW Lunch Meeting @ noon

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



GAME NIGHT

Bingo and Nachos

Saturday, May 24th from 5 – 8 pm

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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