

The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost June 22, 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 Sharon Lewis, Vestry Person of the Day

Chris Stricklin, LEM/Crucifer
James Johnson &
Kaiser Dominguez, Torchbearers
Lynne Dominguez, Lector
Kim Traylor, Intercessor

Sharon Lewis &
Sasha Johns, Counters
Wanda Wheeler, Altar Guild
Scott Reimer, Technology
Sasha Johns, Greeter

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 372

Praise to the living God!

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

The Collect for Purity

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Lord

God,

Lamb



O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading

Reader A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 65:1-9

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself,

do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.

See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.

Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,"

so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.

I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it,

and my servants shall settle there.

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:18-27

The Psalm will be read responsively by half verse.

- 18 Be not far away, O LORD; * you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword, * my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
 my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; * in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; * but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
 "May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.

Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-29

Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the of Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

All stand as are able.

Cantor sings Alleluias, then all repeat; Cantor sings verse; All repeat Alleluias.



Cantor: Salvation and glory and power to our God, for his judgments are true and just.

The Gospel Luke 8:26-39

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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 Sermon

The Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace BCP 360

The Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn 367

Round the Lord in glory seated

As the offerings are brought to the altar, standing as you are able, the following is sung

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

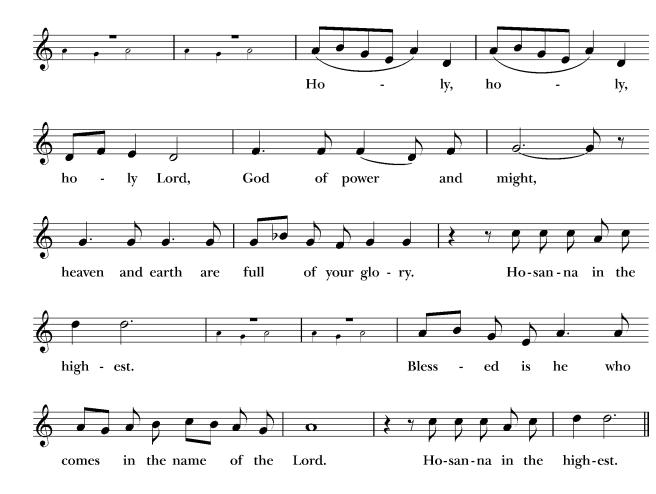
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 367

Sanctus



The Lord's Prayer

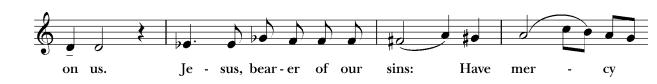
BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

The Fraction Anthem







The Invitation BCP 364

Communion Hymn 652 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Post-Communion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing

Post-Communion Hymn 529 In Christ there is no East or West

Dismissal BCP 366

Postlude

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Following the service, please join us for Coffee Hour hosted by Michelle and Steve Landrum.

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We also pray for the Ministry of the University of the South, College Seminary, and EfM; St. Paul's, Greensboro; St. Paul's, Lowndesboro; St. Paul's, Minter; St. Paul's, Selma; St. Simon-Peter, Pell City and St. Peter's, Talladega.

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, Benjamen and Scott.

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

We give thanks for all who celebrate birthdays this week.. May they grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives.

SAVE THE DATES

Vestry Meeting Today

Wednesday, June 25th @ 6:30 pm – Celebration of New Ministry of The Reverend Ronnie Dillon Green, Rector of St. Catherine's Episcopal Church.

Reception to follow

Saturday, June 28th – ECW @ noon in parish hall

Sunday, June 29th – Potluck Sunday

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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