



# ST. CATHERINE'S

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## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### **Celebration of a New Ministry**

### **Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

### **June 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. Complete cards may be given to the greeter or placed in the collection plate.

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 Right Rev. Dr. Glenda S. Curry, *Celebrant*  
The Venerable Catherine Schiez, *Archdeacon*  
The Rev. Canon Patrick Funston, *Preacher*  
Dr. Matthew West, Ph.D., *Organist/Choirmaster*  
Mackey Atkinson, *Cantor*  
Olivia Kennedy, *Bishop's Chaplain*  
Carol Dotson, *Vestry Person of the Day*  
Terri Stricklin, *Greeter/Usher*

Chris Stricklin, *LEM/Crucifer*  
James Johnson, *Acolyte*  
Kayelyn Dominguez, *Acolyte*  
Sasha Johns, *OT Lector*  
Kim Traylor, *Psalmist/Usher*  
Michelle Caiola, *NT Lector*  
Jim Cawthon, *Technology*  
Cathy Cawthon, *Altar Guild*

## Prelude

Organ Sonata II in C (*Op. 65 No. 2*)

*Felix Mendelssohn*

## Procession Hymn 525

The Church's one foundation (*Aurelia*)

## The Institution

*Wardens* Bishop Glenda, we have come together today to welcome Ronnie Dillon Green, who has been chosen to serve as Rector of Saint Catherine's Episcopal Church. We believe that he is well qualified, and that he has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

*The Bishop reads the Letter of Institution.*

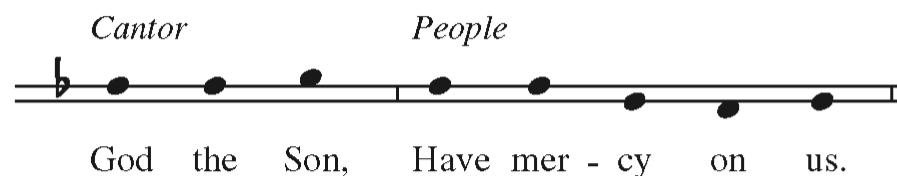
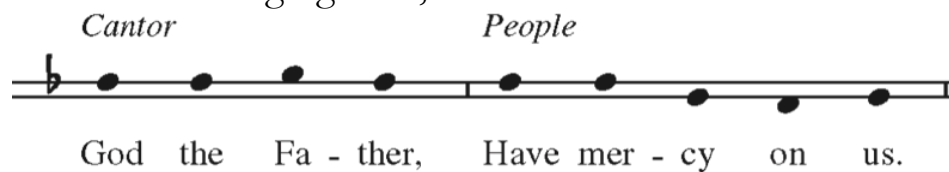
*Bishop* Dillon, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?



*Dillon* I do.

*Bishop* Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold Dillon in this ministry?



*People* **We will.**

*Bishop* Let us then offer our prayers to God for all his people, for this congregation, and for Dillon their Rector.


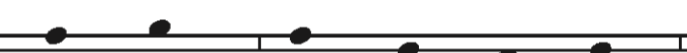


*Cantor*  *People* 


God the Holy Spir - it, Have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor*  *People* 

Holy Trini - ty, one God, Have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor*  *People* 

We pray to you, Lord Christ. Lord, hear our prayer.

*Cantor* 

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and  
be found without fault at the Day of your Coming,

*Cantor* we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Cantor* For all members of your Church in their vocation and ministry,  
that they may serve you in a true and godly life, we pray to you,  
O Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Cantor* For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Glenda and Brian our Bishops,  
and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may be filled  
with your love, may hunger for truth, and may thirst after  
righteousness, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Cantor* For, Dillon, chosen priest in your Church, we pray to you, O  
Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Cantor* That he may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your Name, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Cantor* That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit he may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer**

*Cantor* For his family, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Cantor* For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Cantor* For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Cantor* For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Cantor* For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Cantor* For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Cantor* For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Cantor* For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger, that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Cantor* For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Cantor* For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Cantor* Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Catherine, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

*People*

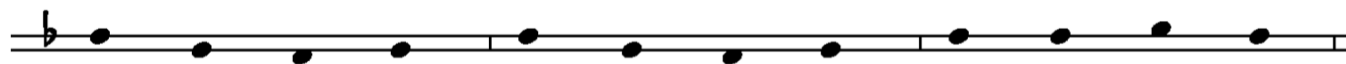


To you, O Lord our God.

*Cantor*

*People*

*All*



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Bishop* Let us pray.

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Savior by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and, following his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

*Please be seated.*

## **The Word of God**

### **The First Reading**

**Isaiah 40:1-11**

*Lector* A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.  
A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
     make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
 Every valley shall be lifted up,  
     and every mountain and hill be made low;  
 the uneven ground shall become level,  
     and the rough places a plain.  
 Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
     and all people shall see it together,  
     for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”  
 A voice says, “Cry out!”  
     And I said, “What shall I cry?”  
 All people are grass,  
     their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
 The grass withers, the flower fades,  
     when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
     surely the people are grass.  
 The grass withers, the flower fades;  
     but the word of our God will stand for ever.  
 Get you up to a high mountain,  
     O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
 lift up your voice with strength,  
     O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
     lift it up, do not fear;  
 say to the cities of Judah,  
     “Here is your God!”  
 See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
     and his arm rules for him;  
 his reward is with him,  
     and his recompense before him.  
 He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
     he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
 and carry them in his bosom,  
     and gently lead the mother sheep.

<i>Lector</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

## Psalm 85

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

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \*  
**you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.**
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
**and blotted out all their sins.**
- 3 You have withdrawn all your fury \*  
**and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.**
- 4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; \*  
**let your anger depart from us.**
- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? \*  
**will you prolong your anger from age to age?**
- 6 Will you not give us life again, \*  
**that your people may rejoice in you?**
- 7 Show us your mercy, O LORD, \*  
**and grant us your salvation.**
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
**that his glory may dwell in our land.**
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
**and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
**and our land will yield its increase.**
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
**and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**



## The Second Reading

Acts 13:14b-26

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

On the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, “Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it.”

So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: “You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, ‘I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes.’ Of this man’s posterity God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet.’”

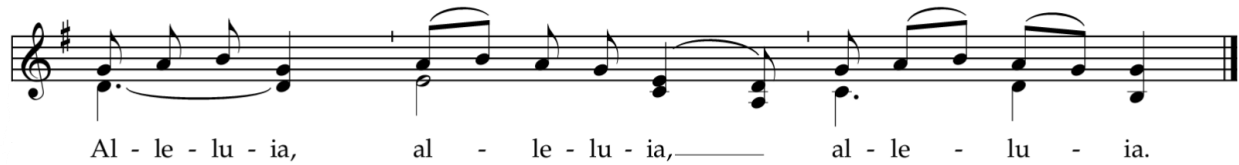
“My brothers, you descendants of Abraham’s family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.”

*Lector*      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:* You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.

## **The Gospel**

**Luke 1:57-80**

*Archdeacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, “No; he is to be called John.” They said to her, “None of your relatives has this name.” Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, “What then will this child become?” For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
 for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed  
 them.  
 He has raised up a mighty saviour for us  
 in the house of his servant David,  
 as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
 that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand  
 of all who hate us.  
 Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,  
 and has remembered his holy covenant,  
 the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,  
 to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our  
 enemies,  
 might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness  
 before him all our days.”  
 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
 to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
 by the forgiveness of their sins.  
 By the tender mercy of our God,  
 the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of  
 death,  
 to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the  
 wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

*Archdeacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Canon Patrick Funston  
*Canon to the Ordinary, Episcopal Diocese of Kansas*

**Hymn 707**

Take my life and let it be (*Hollingside*)

## The Induction

*Wanda Wheeler presents a Bible, saying*

Dillon, accept this Bible and be among us as one who proclaims the Word.

**Amen.**

*The Bishop presents a vessel of water, saying*

Dillon, take this water, and help me baptize in obedience to our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Carol Dotson presents a stole, saying*

Dillon, receive this stole, and be among us as a pastor and priest. **Amen.**

*Laura Chambless presents a book of prayers, saying*

Dillon, receive this book, and be among us as a man of prayer. **Amen.**

*Lynne Dominguez presents olive oil, saying*

Dillon, use this oil, and be among us as a healer and reconciler. **Amen.**

*Kim Traylor presents the keys of the church, saying*

Dillon, receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all people. **Amen.**

*A Representative clergy of the Diocese presents the Constitution and Canons of this Church, saying*

Dillon, obey these Canons, and be among us to share in the councils of this diocese. **Amen.**

*Chris and Terri Stricklin present bread and wine, saying*

Dillon, take this bread and wine, and be among us to break the Bread and bless the Cup. **Amen.**

*Bishop*        Dillon, let all these be signs of the ministry which is mine and yours in this place. **Amen.**

*Dillon kneels in the midst of the church, and says*

O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Bishop*        Greet your new Rector.

*The new minister's family joins him and the Congregation expresses its approval.  
Applause is appropriate.*

*The Bishop greets the new minister.*

*The Minister then says to the people*  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

*The new Minister then greets other members of the clergy, family members, and the congregation. The People greet one another.*

## **Words of Greeting from Bishop Curry**

**Offertory**                      The Lord's My Shepherd                      *arr. Malcolm Archer*

## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer A

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Bishop* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Bishop* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

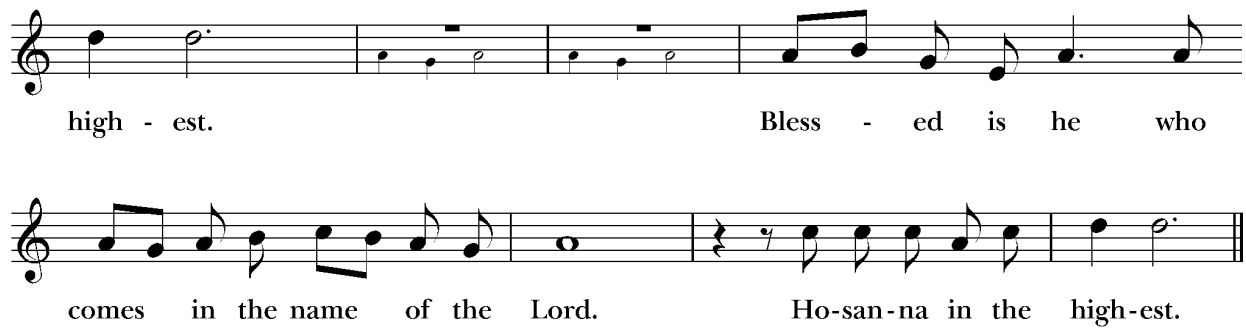
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Bishop proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G-clef, 4/4 time. The first staff has a whole rest in the first measure, followed by a half note G, a half note A, and a half note B. The second measure has a whole rest, followed by a half note G, a half note A, and a half note B. The third measure has a half note G, a half note A, a half note B, and a half note C. The fourth measure has a half note G, a half note A, a half note B, and a half note C. The lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly," are written below the first two measures. The second staff has a half note G, a half note A, a half note B, and a half note C. The third measure has a half note G, a half note A, a half note B, and a half note C. The fourth measure has a half note G, a half note A, a half note B, and a half note C. The lyrics "ho - ly Lord, God of power and might," are written below the first two measures. The third staff has a half note G, a half note A, a half note B, and a half note C. The third measure has a half note G, a half note A, a half note B, and a half note C. The fourth measure has a half note G, a half note A, a half note B, and a half note C. The lyrics "heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the" are written below the first two measures.



*Then the Bishop continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Bishop and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

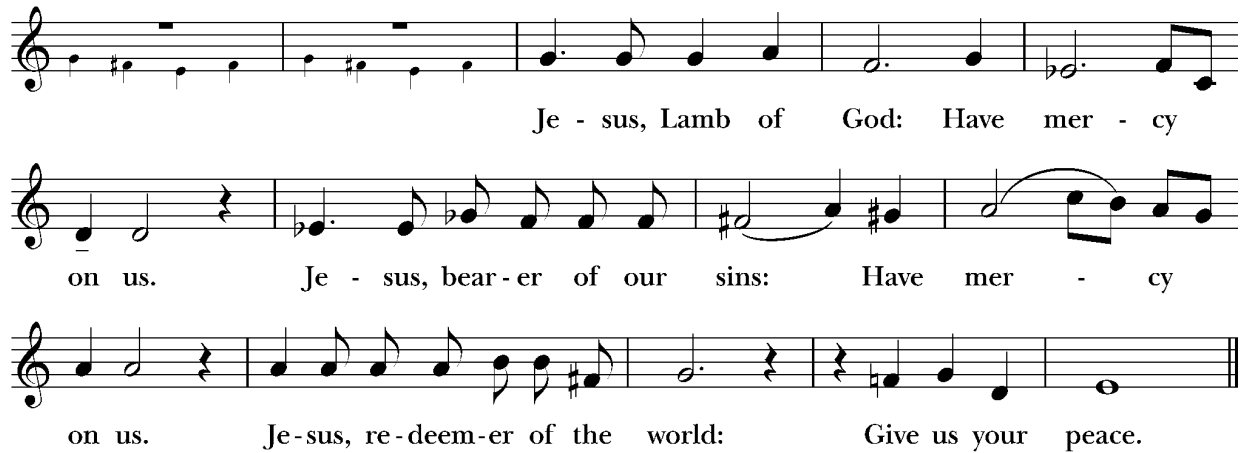
*Bishop*        And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Bishop*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**



## The Fraction Anthem



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

*Bishop* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion.  
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

**Communion Anthem**

**Communion Hymn 312**

**Communion Hymn 324**

Ave, verum Corpus (*W.A. Mozart*)

Strengthen for service, Lord (*Malabar*)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence (*Picardy*)

*After Communion, the Bishop says*

Let us pray.

*Bishop and People*

**Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Dillon may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with him, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.*

## Processional Hymn 539

O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling  
(*Tidings*)

## Dismissal

*Archdeacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

## Postlude

Bachiana on an Ancient Chorale

*Gordon Young*

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*Dillon wishes to thank all of you for attending this Celebration of New Ministry.  
Special thanks go to members of the Saint Andrew's Parish Choir for joining the Saint  
Catherine's Choir for this liturgy.*

*Please join us in the Parish Hall and outside for a reception.*



## **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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*Rector*

The Rev. Clyde Pearce

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