



ST. CATHERINE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost **July 20, 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*

Scott Reimer, LEM/ *Crucifer*

Brody Dominguez & James

Johnson, *Torchbearers*

Brent McLarty, *Lector*

Jaimie Johnson, *Intercessor*

Michelle Caiolola &

Carol Dotson, *Counters*

Wanda Wheeler, *Altar Guild*

Bill Traylor, *Technology*

Carol Dotson, *Greeter*

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

THE WORD OF GOD

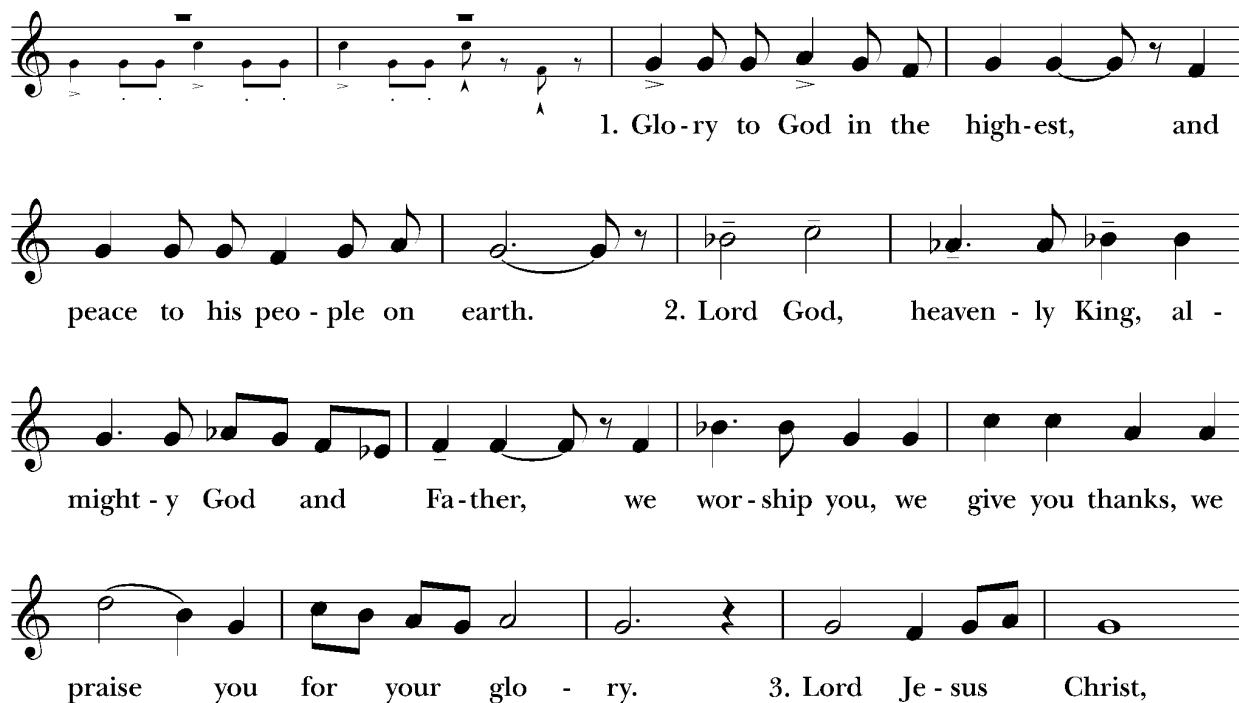
Opening Acclamation

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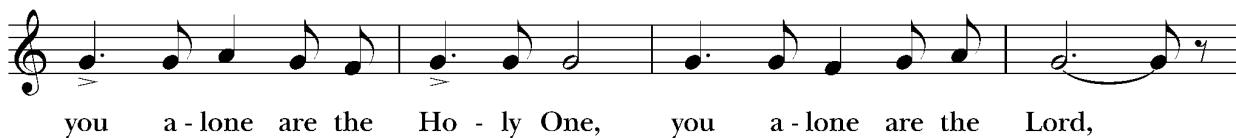
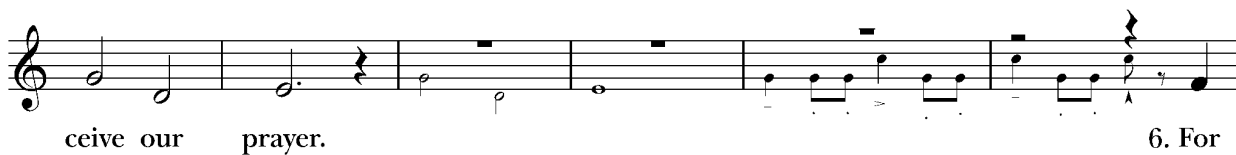
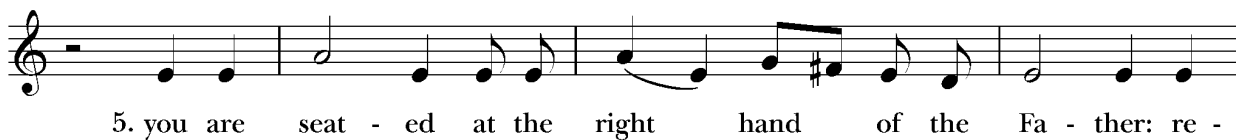
The Collect for Purity

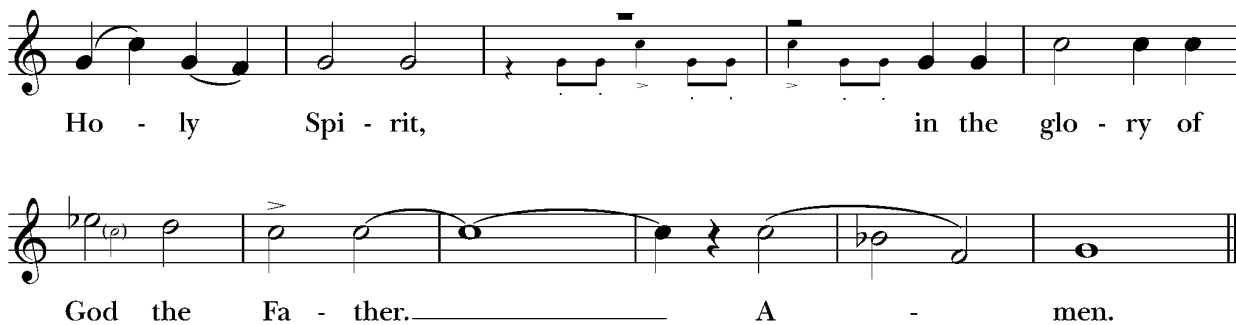
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The Gloria



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,





The Collect of the Day

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Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

Please be seated.

First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10a

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little

bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on-- since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

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

Psalm 15

The Psalm will be read responsively by half verse.

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-28

Reader A Reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission

that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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: Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your son.

The Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

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

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried

and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

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Concluding Collect

The Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

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The Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

O Lord, have mercy *by Alessandro Stradella*
Olivia Ard, soprano

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

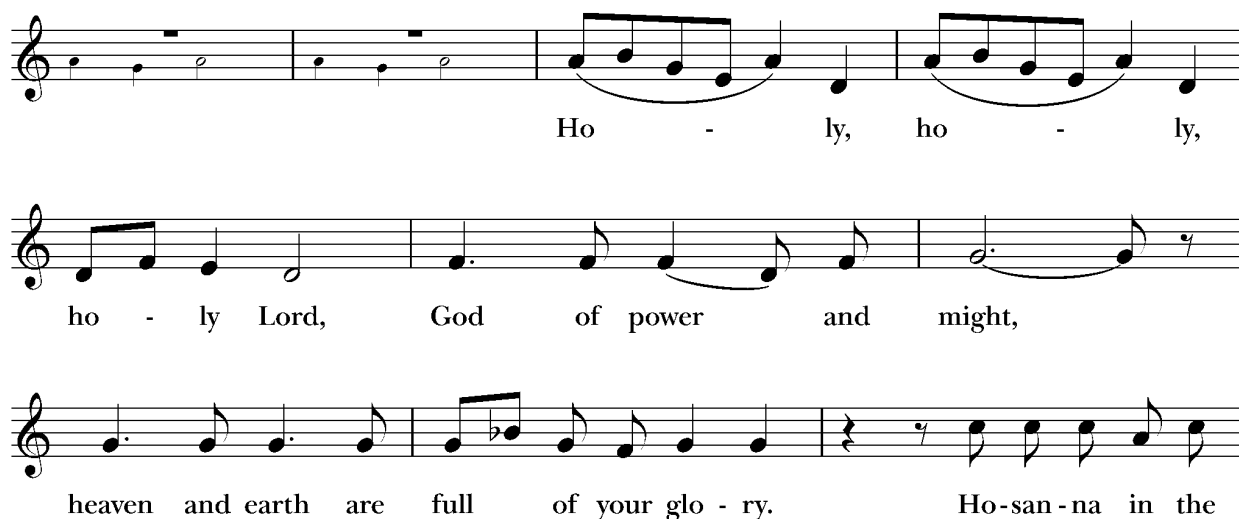
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

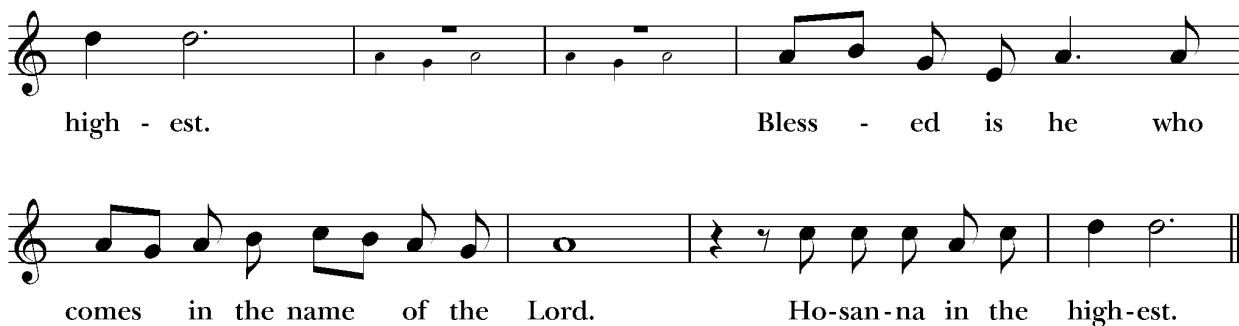
The Great Thanksgiving

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Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. 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



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.

The Invitation

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Communion Hymn 488

Be thou my vision

Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Post-Communion Hymn 495

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

Dismissal

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Postlude

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*Please join us following the service for coffee and
conversation hosted by Laura Chambless.*

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd.
We also pray for ministries to the mentally ill and those with intellectual disabilities; Episcopal Kyle Home (Gadsden); Grace Place (Cullman); Founders Place (St. Luke's, Birmingham); For ministries to all caregivers and families they serve; and St. James, Livingston.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Clydene, Steven, Heather, Dottie, Wendy, Angel, Marti, Joseph, Tracy, John, Sue, Addie, Wanda, Bill, Alice, Claire, Amy and Sasha.

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 Melissa Phillips, and Emily Tate. 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, July 26th – ECW Lunch Meeting @ noon in Parish Hall. We will be planning for Monster Mash.

Saturday, August 3rd -- Saturday Breakfast @ 9 am in Parish Hall

Saturday, August 17th – Food Pantry – 9 – 11am

Saturday, August 24th -- ECW @ noon in Parish Hall.

NOTES

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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