



# ST. CATHERINE'S

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## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### **The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost** **August 3, 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*

Scott Reimer, LEM/ *Crucifer*  
Kayelyn Dominguez & Brody  
Dominguez, *Torchbearers*  
Laura Chambless, *Lector*  
Carol Dotson, *Intercessor*

Sharon Lewis and Scott Reimer,  
*Counters*  
Cathy Cawthon, *Altar Guild*  
Jim Cawthon, *Technology*  
Laura Chambless, *Greeter*



## Prelude

Entrance Hymn 574

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

## THE WORD OF GOD

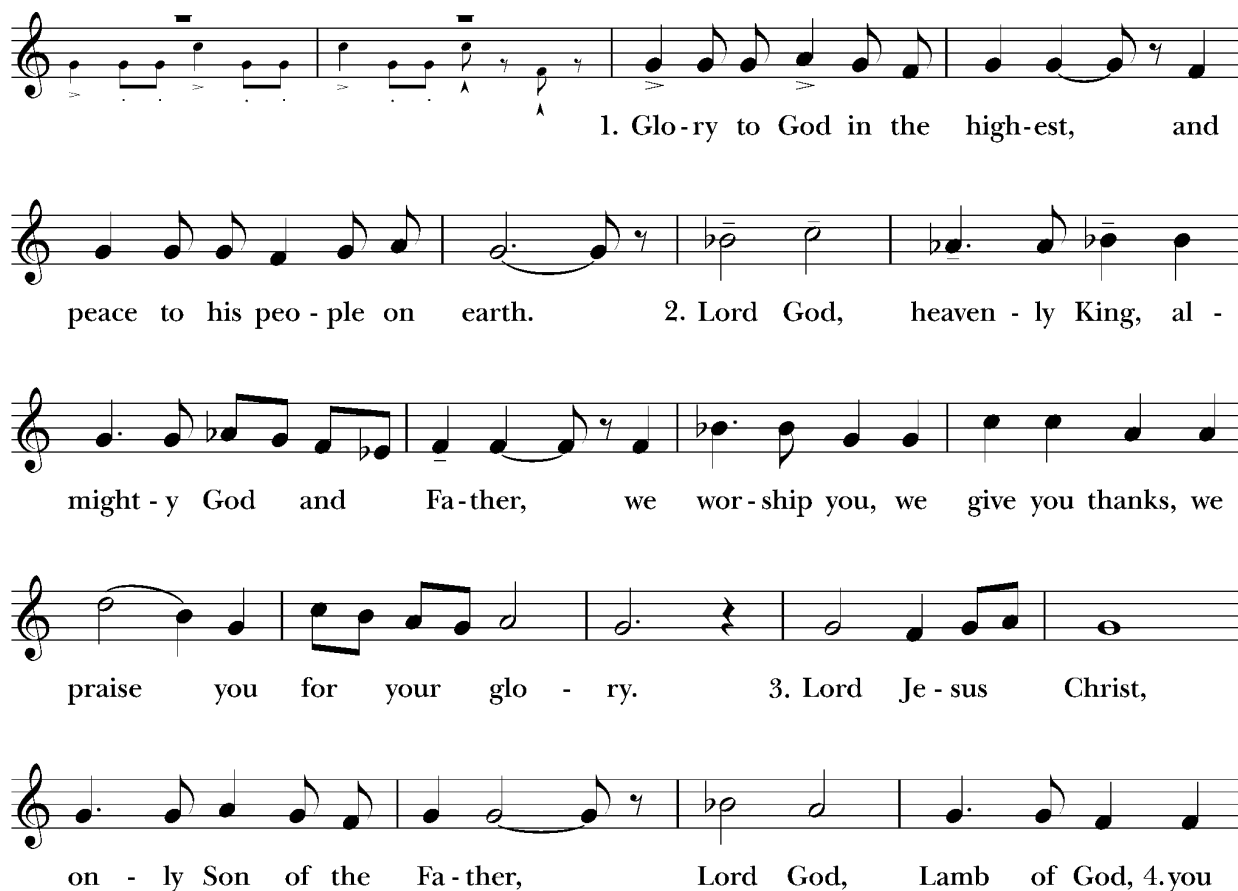
Opening Acclamation

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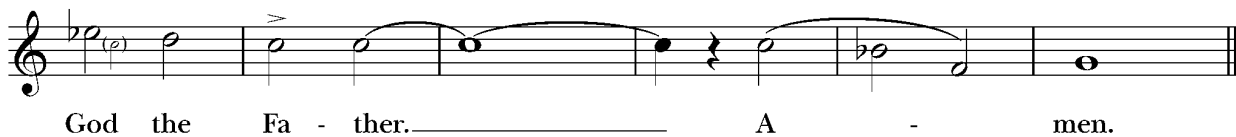
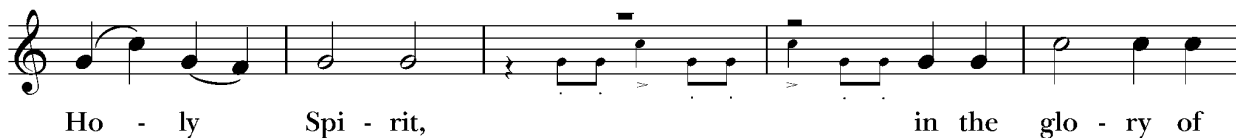
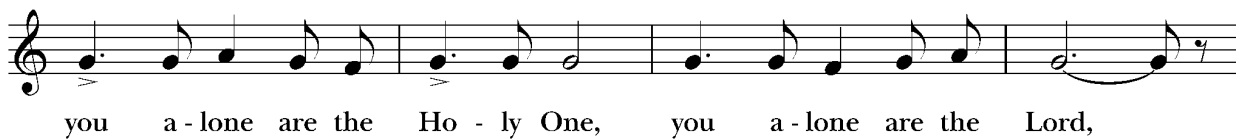
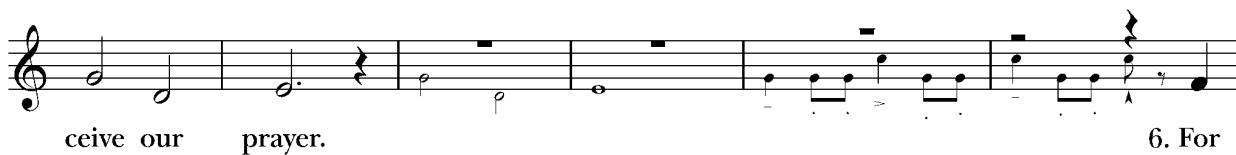
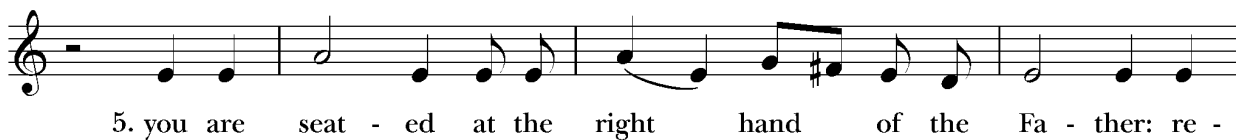
The Collect for Purity

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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,  
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **THE LESSONS**

### **First Reading**

**Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

*Reader*      A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 49:1-11

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

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples;  
    hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
    **you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  
    **and my heart shall meditate on understanding.**
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
    **and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
    **when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,**
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  
    **and boast of their great riches?**
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
    **or deliver to God the price of our life;**
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
    **that we should never have enough to pay it,**
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
    **and never see the grave.**
- 9 For we see that the wise die also;  
    like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
    **and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,  
    their dwelling places from generation to generation, \*  
    **though they call the lands after their own names.**
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*  
    **they are like the beasts that perish.**

## Second Reading

## Colossians 3:1-11

*Reader*      A Reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

*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 12:13-21

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

*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.*

**BCP 358**

**The Prayers of the People, Form III**

**BCP 387**

**Concluding Collect**

**The Confession and Absolution**

**BCP 360**

**The Peace**

**BCP 360**

**The Announcements**

**Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Anthem**      Out of the Depths I Cry to You, O Lord (*by Charles*)  
JD Ard, tuba

*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

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.

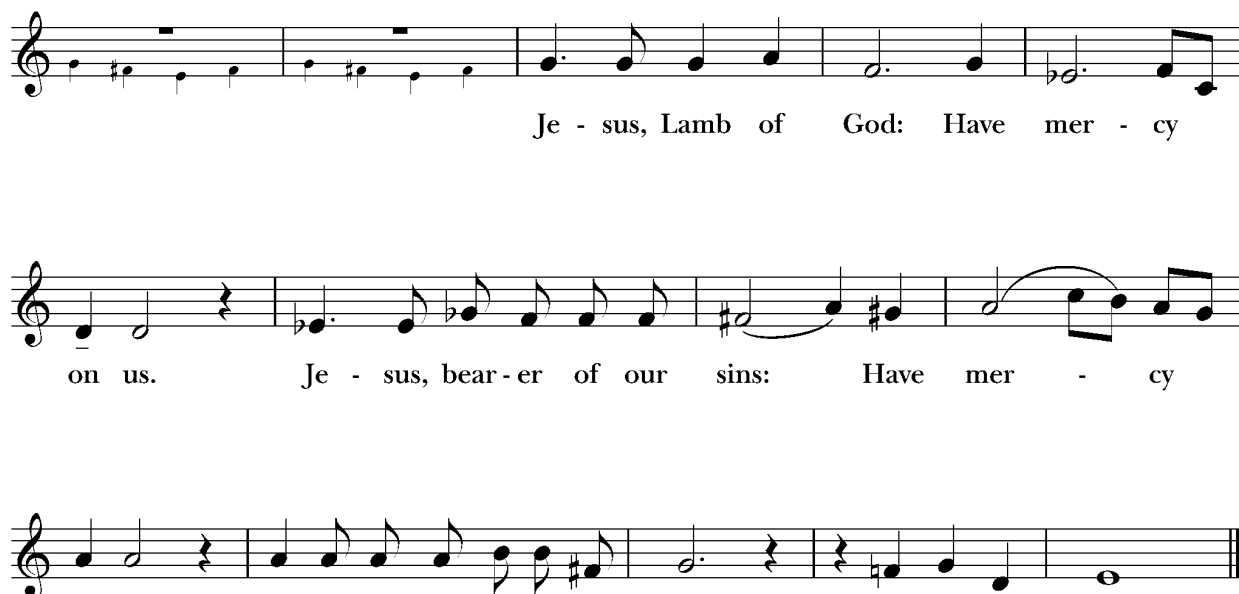
The Lord's Prayer

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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 image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics 'Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy'. The second staff contains 'on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy'. The third staff contains 'on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.' The notation includes various note values, rests, and a double bar line at the end of the third staff.

## The Invitation

BCP 364

## Communion Hymn 302

Father, we thank thee who hast planted

## Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

## The Blessing

## Post-Communion Hymn 594

God of grace and God of glory

Postlude

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*Please join us following the service for coffee and  
conversation!*

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We also pray for Interfaith Mission Services, Huntsville; the Christian Center of Concern, Fayette; Grace Harbor, Pell City; and Great Birmingham Ministries.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Clydene, Steven, Heather, 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 Susan Whitehurst. 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, August 16<sup>th</sup> – Food Pantry – 9 – 11am**

**Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>--ECW @ noon in Parish Hall**

**Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>—First Saturday Breakfast at 9 am  
AND Bingo Game Night at 6 pm**

# 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.*

## **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

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