

**The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**August 10, 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*

Sasha Johns, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Scott Reimer, LEM/ *Crucifer*

James Johnson & Kaiser

Dominguez, *Torchbearers*

Jaimie Johnson, *Lector*

Lynne Dominguez, *Intercessor*

Sasha Johns and Carol Dotson,

*Counters*

Julie Kennedy, *Altar Guild*

Jim Cawthon, *Technology*

Carol Dotson, *Greeter*



## Prelude

Entrance Hymn 637

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

## THE WORD OF GOD

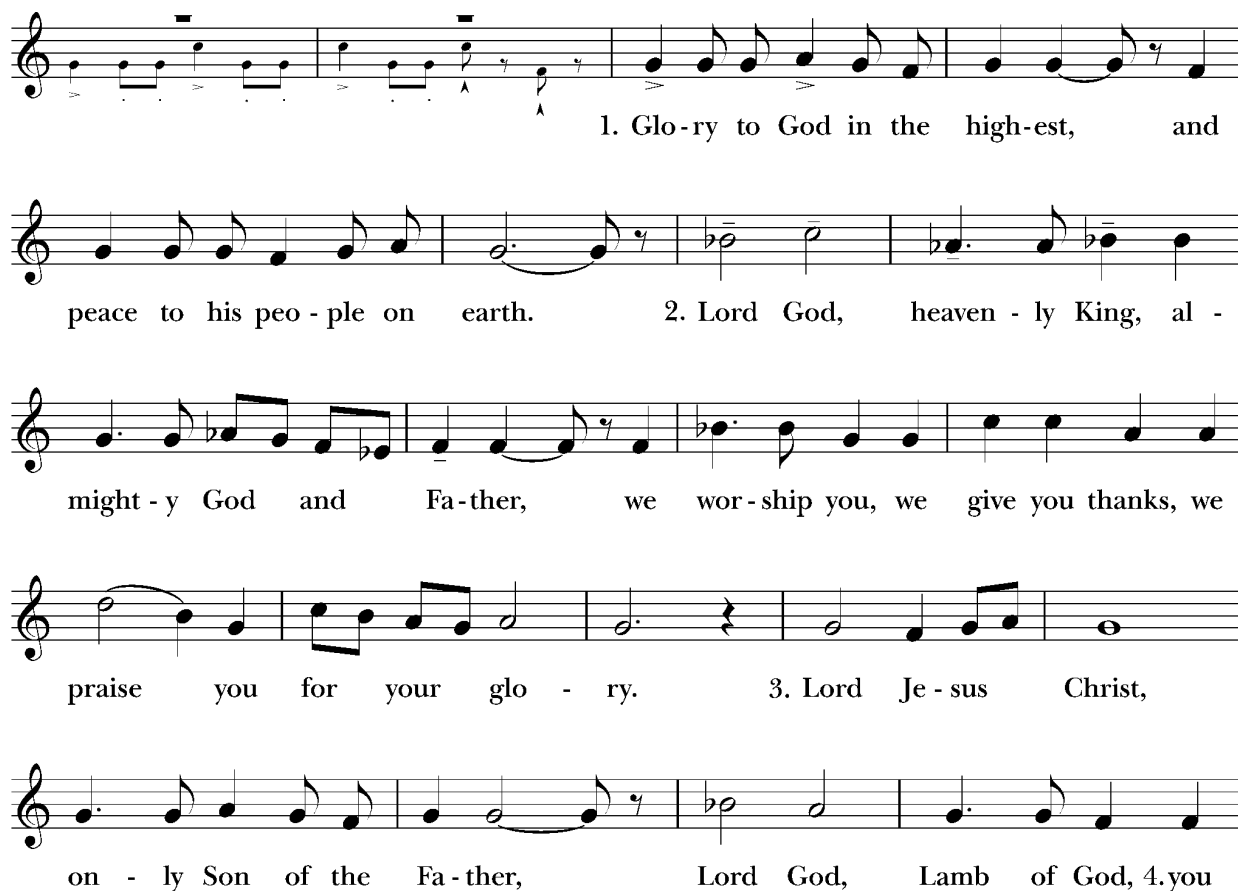
Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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**

**Genesis 15:1-6**

*Reader*      A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 33:12-22

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

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! \*  
**happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, \*  
**and beholds all the people in the world.**
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*  
**on all who dwell on the earth.**
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them \*  
**and understands all their works.**
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \*  
**a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.**
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  
**for all its strength it cannot save.**
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, \*  
**on those who wait upon his love,**
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, \*  
**and to feed them in time of famine.**
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; \*  
**he is our help and our shield.**
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  
**for in his holy Name we put our trust.**
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, \*  
**as we have put our trust in you.**

## Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

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

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*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 12:32-40**

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*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 Hymn 533    How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!**

*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.

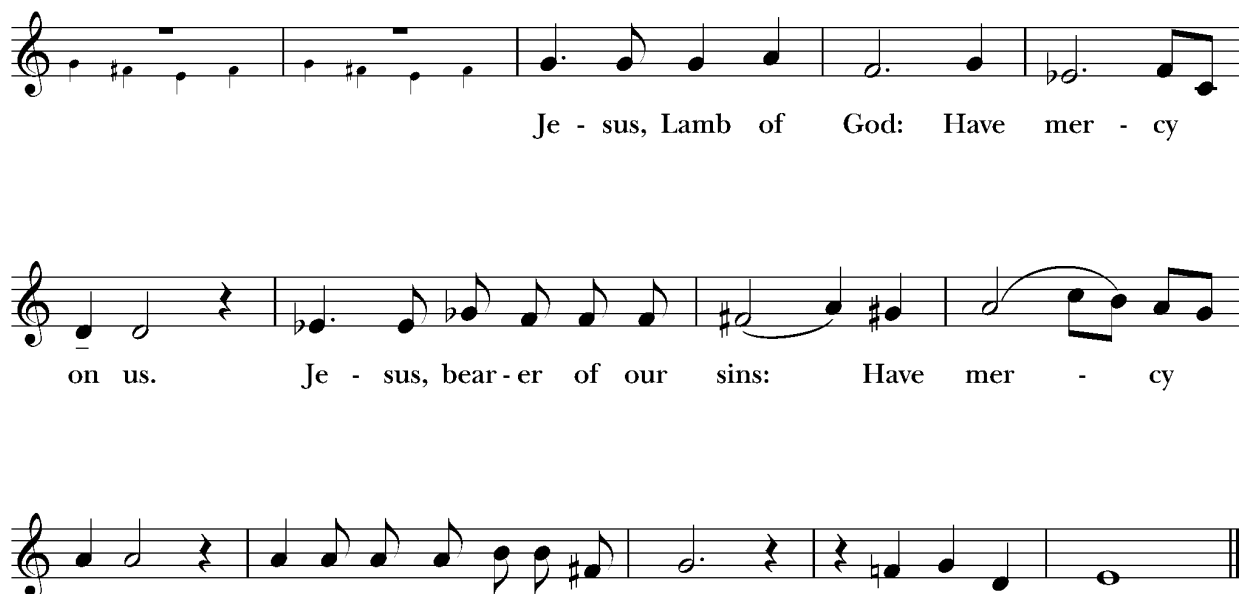
The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

## 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 treble clef. The first staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy' are aligned under the notes. The second staff continues the melody with a half note and a quarter note, followed by a half note and a quarter note. The lyrics 'on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy' are aligned under the notes. The third staff continues the melody with a half note and a quarter note, followed by a half note and a quarter note. The lyrics 'on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.' are aligned under the notes.

## The Invitation

BCP 364

## Communion Hymn 312

Strengthen for service, Lord

## Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

## The Blessing

## Post-Communion Hymn 68

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

**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 seminarians entering their first year of study; for St. Mary's on  
the Highlands, Birmingham; for St. Mary's, Childersburg; and for St. Mary's,  
Jasper.

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 Rebecca  
Macke and Wanda Wheeler. 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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