

The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 17, 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*

Kim Traylor, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Pat Tate, LEM/ *Crucifer*
Olivia Kennedy & Lelia Phillips,
Torchbearers

Michelle Caiola, *Lector*
Laura Chambless, *Intercessor*

Kim Traylor & Julie Kennedy,
Counters

Wanda Wheeler, *Altar Guild*
Bill Traylor, *Technology*
Julie Kennedy, *Greeter*

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 366 vv. 1-4

Holy God, we praise thy Name

THE WORD OF GOD

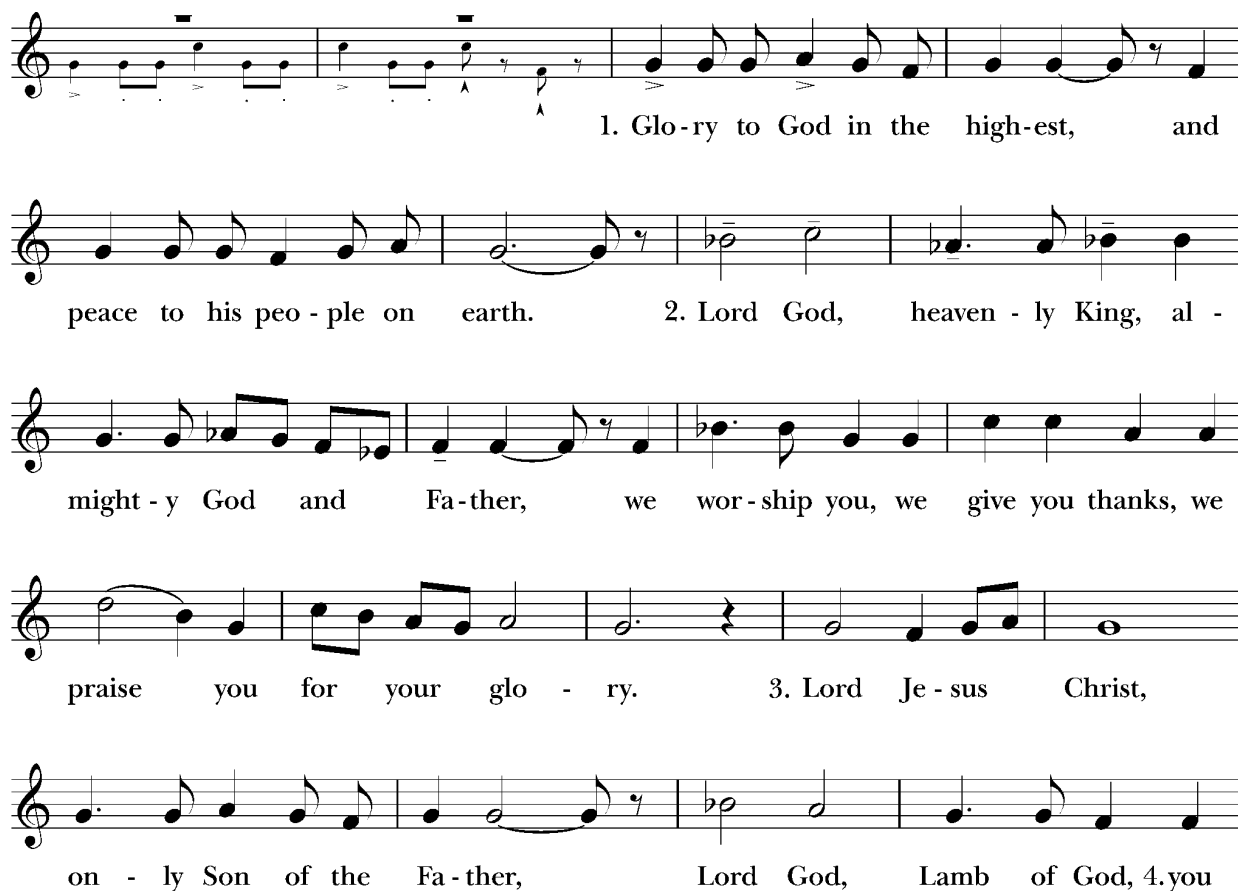
Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

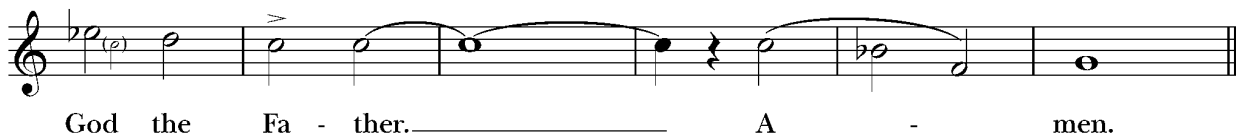
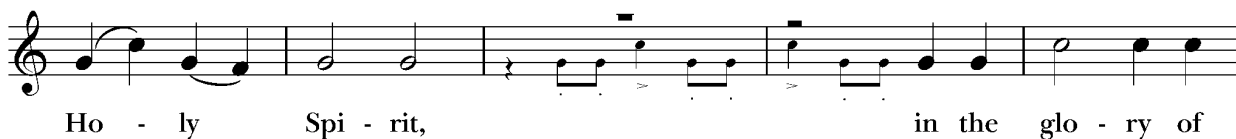
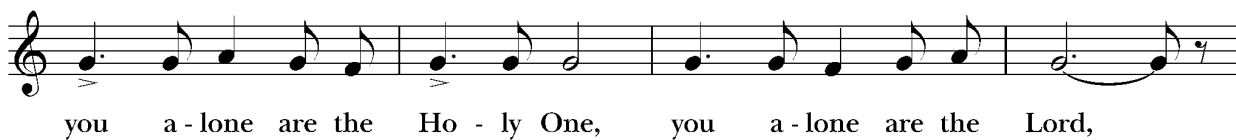
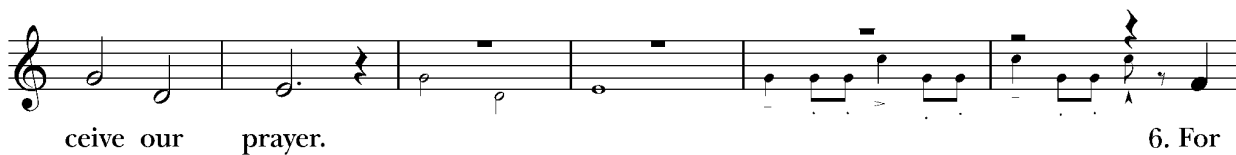
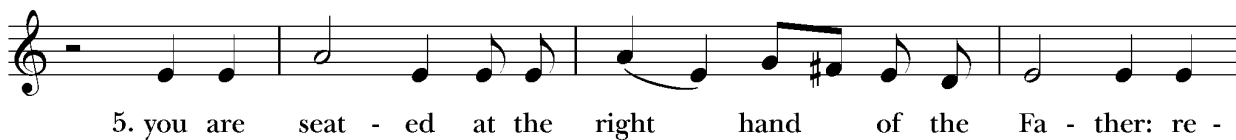
The Collect for Purity

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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



Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; 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 LESSONS

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Reader A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 82

The Psalm will be read responsively by half verse.

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
 he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, *
 and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
 defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; *
 deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
 they go about in darkness; *
 all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
 and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
 and fall like any prince.'"
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
 for you shall take all nations for your own.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Reader A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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 12:49-56

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

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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

BCP 387

Concluding Collect

The Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

BCP 360

The Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn 490

I want to walk as a child of the light

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.

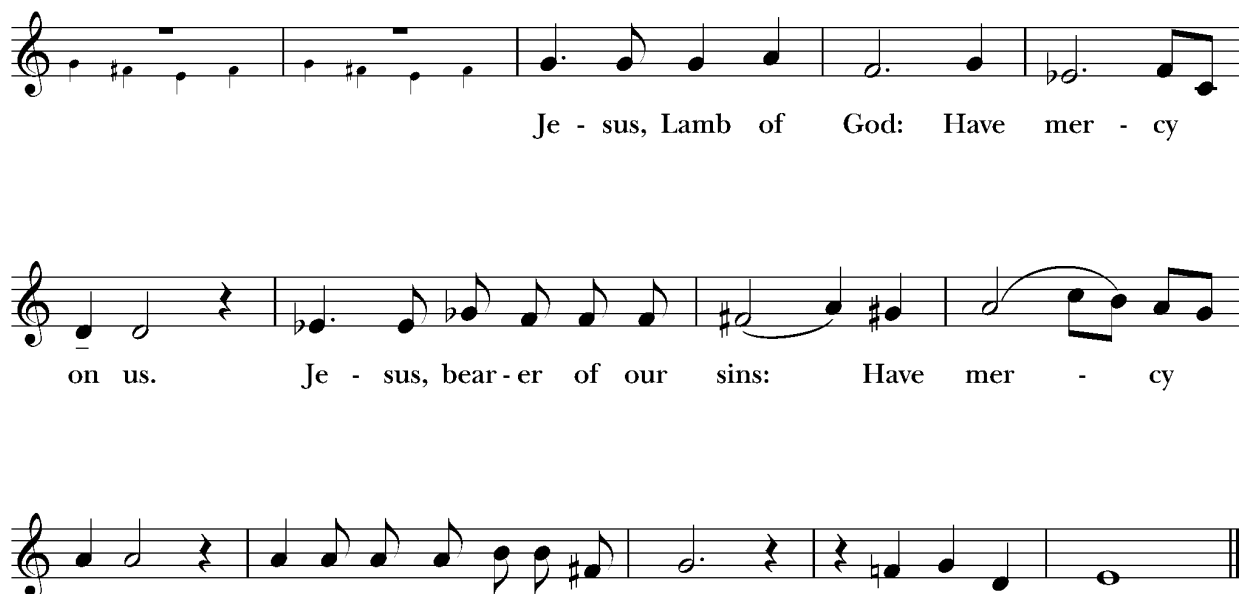
The Lord's Prayer

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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

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Communion Hymn 691

My faith looks up to thee

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

Post-Communion Hymn 546

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve

Postlude

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*Please join us following the service for coffee hour,
sponsored by Melissa Phillips, and conversation!*

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We also pray for the Department of Ministry for Higher Education Boards, Faculty, Staff, and students of all Episcopal Seminaries, and for Diocesan Campus Ministries in Huntsville, Jacksonville, Florence, Montgomery, and Tuskegee; Canterbury, Montevallo; Canterbury, Tuscaloosa; St. Dunstan's, Auburn; and Trinity Commons, Birmingham.

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 Connor Douglas, Terri Stricklin, and Michael Phillips. 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 23rd—ECW @ noon in Parish Hall

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

Saturday, October 18th—Monster Mash!

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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