

The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 31, 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*

Kaiser Dominguez & Brody

Dominguez, *Torchbearers*

Laura Chambless, *Lector*

Cathy Cawthon, *Intercessor*

Michelle Caiola & Sharon Lewis,

Counters

Cathy Cawthon, *Altar Guild*

Jim Cawthon, *Technology*

Laura Chambless, *Greeter*

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

THE WORD OF GOD

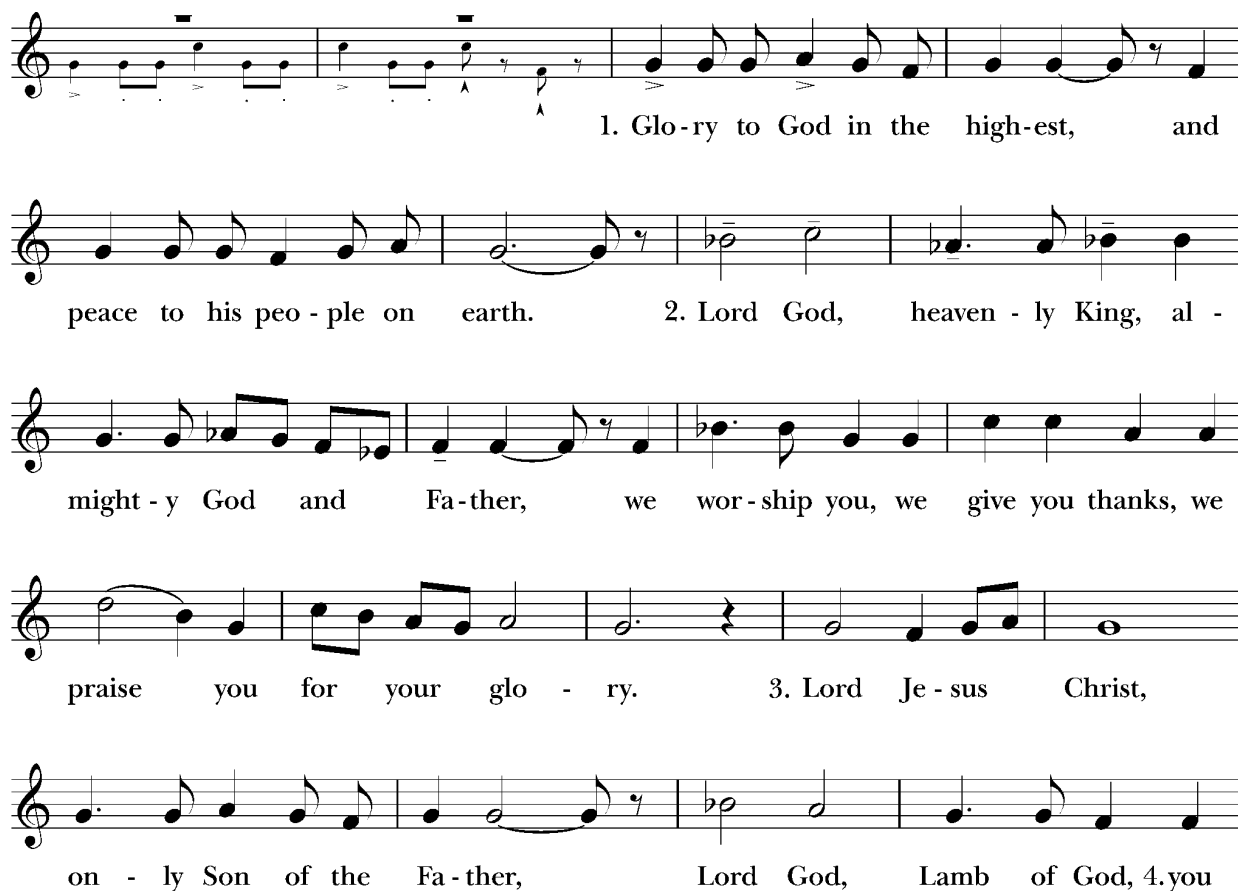
Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

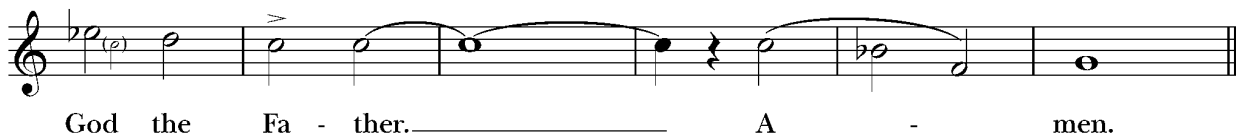
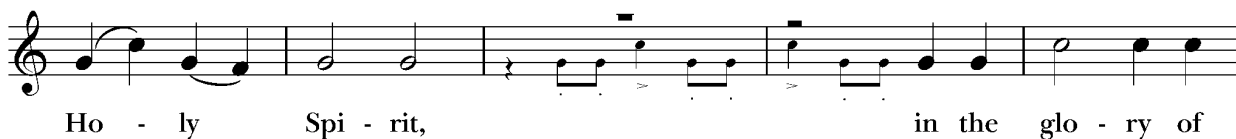
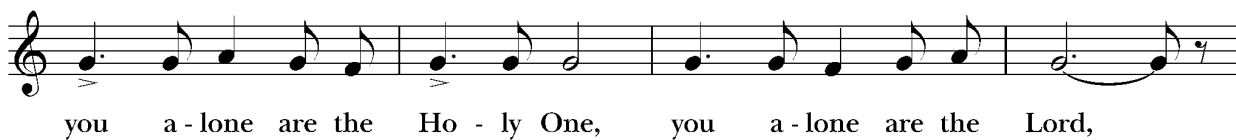
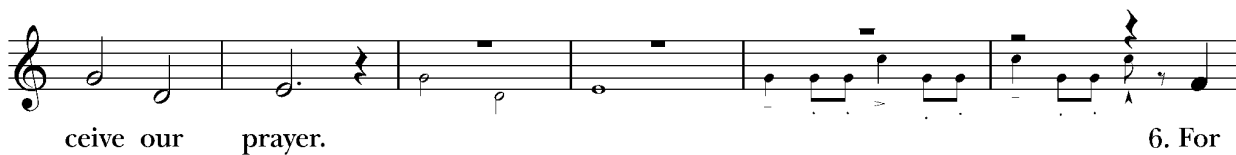
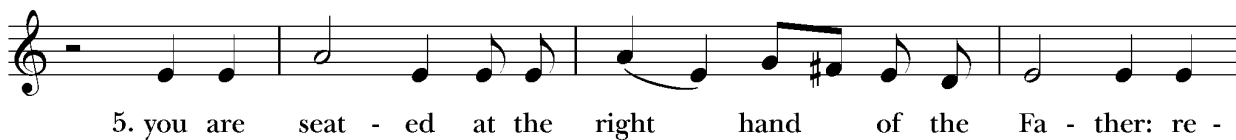
The Collect for Purity

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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



Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

Sirach 10:12-18

Reader A Reading from the Book of Sirach.

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.

For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.

Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities,
and destroys them completely.

The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,
and enthrones the lowly in their place.

The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,
and plants the humble in their place.

The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,
and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.

He removes some of them and destroys them,
and erases the memory of them from the earth.

Pride was not created for human beings,
or violent anger for those born of women.

Reader Here ends the reading.

Psalm 112

The Psalm will be read responsively by half verse.

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Reader A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

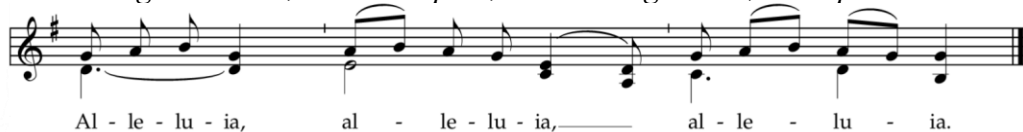
Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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 14:1, 7-14

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Deacon 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 Hymn 437

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

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 361

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.

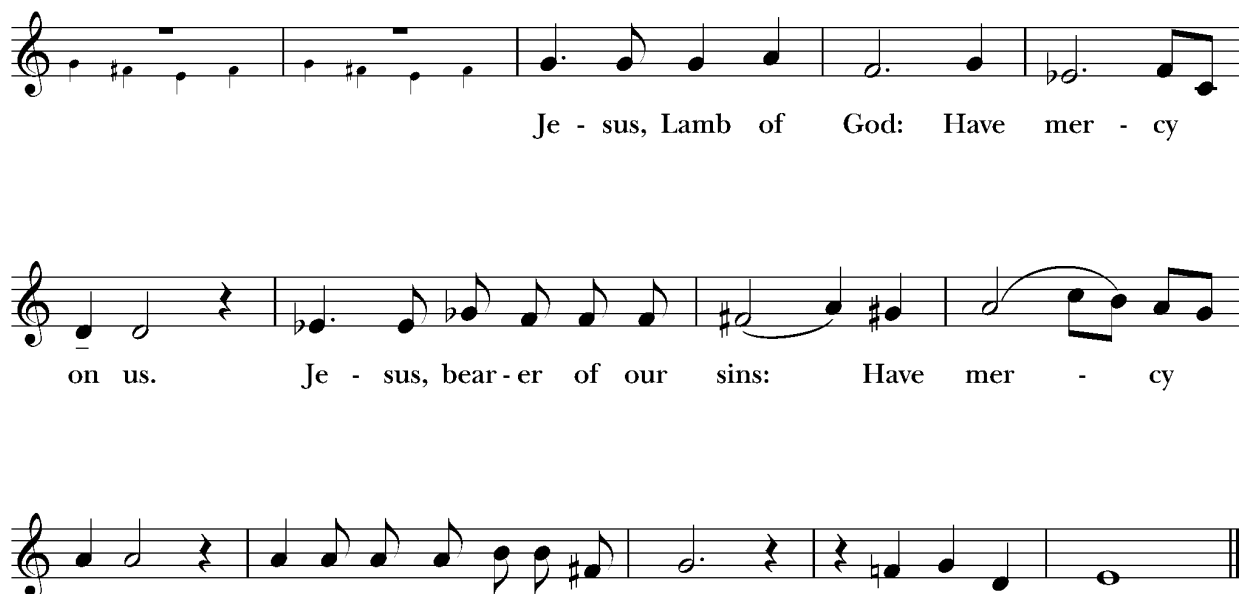
The Lord's Prayer

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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 music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

The Invitation

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Communion Hymn 321

My God, thy table now is spread

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

Post-Communion Hymn 376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Postlude

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*Please join us following the service for our 5th Sunday
Potluck! This month we are honoring and celebrating the
return of our beloved Deacon Clyde after his return from
his sabbatical!*

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd.
We pray for the Department of Stewardship. We also pray for all those suffer
from addiction or the effects of addiction.

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 celebrated birthdays this week, especially Michelle
Caiola and Brent McLarty. 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, September 6th—First Saturday Breakfast at 9 am
AND Bingo Game Night at 6 pm**

Saturday, October 18th—Monster Mash!

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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