

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 28, 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*
Olivia Kennedy and Leila Phillips,
Torchbearers

Brent McLarty, *Lector*
Jane Keeton, *Intercessor*

Sharon Lewis & Julie Kennedy,
Counters

Julie Kennedy, *Altar Guild*
Jim Cawthon, *Technology*
Julie Kennedy, *Greeter*

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 494

Crown him with many crowns

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.

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The Collect of the Day

BCP 233

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Reader A Reading from the Book of Amos.

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
 and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
 and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
 and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
 and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
 and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
 but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
 and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146

The Psalm will be read responsively by half verse.

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *

for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *

and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *

who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *

and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;

the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous;

the LORD cares for the stranger; *

he sustains the orphan and widow,

but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

Hallelujah!

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Reader A Reading from the First Letter to Timothy.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

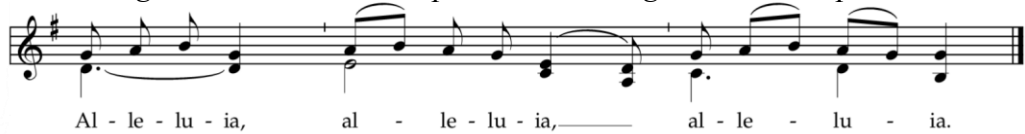
As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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 16:19-31

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Rev. Dillon Green

The Nicene Creed, *please stand as able.*

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The Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

BCP 360

The Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn 583

O holy city, see of John

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 pow-er and

might, hea - ven 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



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The Invitation

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Communion Hymn 574

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Post-Communion Hymn 625

Ye holy angels bright

Dismissal

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Postlude

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*Please join us following the service for Coffee Hour
sponsored by Carol Dotson!*

Flowers for today's service are offered by Sasha Johns!

NOTES

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd.
We pray for the Alabama Faith Council and its work; for St. Michael and All
Angels, Anniston; St. Michael and All Angels, Millbrook; St. Michael's,
Faunsdale; and for St. Michael's, Fayette.

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, Elizabeth, and for Brian Cruz and his family.

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 Claire
Lewis. 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 and N O T I C E S

Today—Vestry Meeting after Coffee Hour

October 4th—First Saturday Breakfast

Saturday, October 18th—Monster Mash!

We still need donations for individually wrapped candy without nuts!

Sunday, October 19th—Pet Blessing!

ECW Pecan Fundraiser!

Orders are due to Denise Armstrong by October 25th. Orders are \$10 and pickup is on November 3rd.

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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