

**The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**September 7, 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*

Carol Dotson, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Scott Reimer, LEM/ *Crucifer*  
Kayelyn Dominguez & Gracie

Dominguez, *Torchbearers*

Carol Dotson, *Lector*

Michelle Caiola, *Intercessor*

Carol Dotson & Julie Kennedy,  
*Counters*

Julie Kennedy, *Altar Guild*

Donald Bruce, *Technology*

Julie Kennedy, *Greeter*



## Prelude

Entrance Hymn 372

Praise to the Living God!

## 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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE LESSONS

### First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

*Reader*      A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to all Israel the words which the LORD commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 1

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

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
**nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
**and they meditate on his law day and night.**
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
**everything they do shall prosper.**
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
**they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
**nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
**but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

## Second Reading

## Philemon 1-21

*Reader*            A Reading from Paul's Letter to Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to  
Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I  
hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I  
pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you

perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

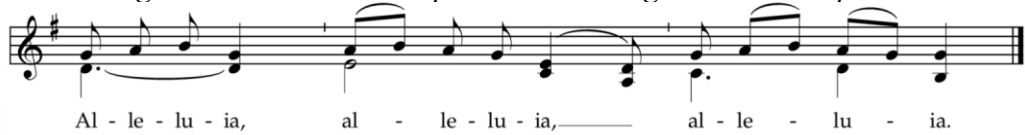
For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<b><i>People</i></b>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

*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 14:25-33**

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

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

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

*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.***

**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 577**

**God is love, and where true love is**

*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

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

## The Fraction Anthem



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## The Invitation

BCP 364

## Communion Hymn 9

Not here for high and holy things

## Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

## The Blessing

## Post-Communion Hymn 603

When Christ was lifted from the earth

## Dismissal

BCP 366

## Postlude

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*Please join us following the service for Coffee Hour!*

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd.  
We pray for the Trustees of the Diocesan Trust Funds; for the Board and Staff  
of Church Fund; for Bridge Ministries, Birmingham; for St. Anne's Home,  
Birmingham; and for all who suffer from addiction of 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.

# **S A V E   T H E   D A T E S**

**Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>—Food Pantry Outreach**

**September 27<sup>th</sup>—ECW**

**October 4<sup>th</sup>—First Saturday Breakfast**

**Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>—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.*

## **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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