



The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
October 19, 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*
Leila Phillips & Olivia Kennedy,
Torchbearers

Laura Chambless, *Lector*
Teresa McLarty, *Intercessor*

Carol Dotson & Denise Armstrong,
Counters

Jane Keeton, *Altar Guild*
Donald Bruce, *Technology*
Denise Armstrong, *Greeter*



St. Francis by Louis-Maurice Boutet de Monvel (1921)

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 50 (Alleluia III)

Great is Thy Faithfulness

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

The Gloria (spoken)

BCP 356

The Collect of the Day

BCP 233

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 32:22-31

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but

Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

The Psalm will be read responsively by half verse.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
 from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
 the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
 and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
 shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
 the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
 nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
 it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
 from this time forth for evermore.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Reader A Reading from the Second Letter to Timothy.

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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 18:1-8

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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 Blessing of the Animals

Collect for St. Francis

Most high, omnipotent good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy. O God, you have made us and all living things. You are even more wonderful than what you have made. We thank you for giving us these pets who bring us joy. As you take care of us, so also we ask your help that we might take care of those who trust us to look after them. By doing this, we share in your own love for all creation. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Father Dillon will circulate through the congregation, blessing the animals individually.

The Blessing Prayer

Most high, almighty Lord, our Creator, yours are the praise, the glory, the honour and all blessings! To you alone do all things belong. Be praised for giving us the animals, birds and fish which fill your world. May we think of you and thank you when we play with and care for our pets. Be praised for making us so happy to have our pets and to have them to play with. We ask you, Lord, that we may be good to our pets always, so that they may be happy also. Help us always to take care of them so that they will be healthy. O God, your world is wonderful. May we all come into your even greater world of the kingdom of heaven where we shall see even more wonderful things and where we shall live and love for ever. This we ask to your eternal praise, and to our blessing. **Amen.**

The Nicene Creed, *please stand as able.*

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The Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us and for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;

All: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;

All: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women;

All: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;

All: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;

All: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our pets;

All: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: That each pet here may be treasured with care;

All: **We pray to you, Lord.**

Leader: That we may love and honor all your works, O God;

All: **We pray to you, Lord.**

Leader: That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation;

All: **To the honor and glory of your name, now and forever, we pray to you, Lord. Amen.**

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and for those of others.

Concluding Collect

The Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

BCP 360

The Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn 167 (Alleluia III)

The Prayer of St. Francis

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, Prayer C	BCP 369
Sanctus (spoken)	BCP 371
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 364
The Fraction Anthem (spoken)	BCP 364
The Invitation	BCP 364
Communion Hymn 98 (Alleluia III)	Abide with Me

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God, our great Creator, yours are the praise, the glory, the honor and all blessings! To you alone do all things belong. Be praised for giving us the animals, birds and fish which fill your world. May we think of you and thank you when we play with and care for our pets. Be praised for making us so happy to have our pets and to have them to play with. We ask you, Lord, that we may be good to our pets always, so that they may be happy also. Help us always to take care of them so that they will be healthy. O God, your world is wonderful. May we all come into your even greater world of the kingdom of heaven where we shall see even more wonderful things and where we shall live and love forever. This we ask to your eternal praise, and to our blessing. Amen.

The Blessing

Post-Communion Hymn 67 (Alleluia III)	How Great Thou Art
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Dismissal

BCP 366

Postlude

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*Please join us following the service for Coffee Hour
sponsored by Julie Kennedy!*

NOTES

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd.
We pray for all victims of violence, hatred, prejudice, and oppression and the
agencies and ministries that advocate for their safety, dignity, equality, and
respect..

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, Vicki, Madison, Tom, Roger, Will, Addi, and for Brian
Cruz and his family.

We pray those who serve in the military, especially John Morris.

We give thanks for all who celebrated birthdays this week, especially Olivia
Kennedy and Olivia Ard. 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—Pet Blessing!

ECW Pecan Fundraiser!

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

October 26th—Vestry Meeting!

November 2nd—Daylight Savings Time Ends!
Don't forget to turn your clocks back!

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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