



ST. CATHERINE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord January 11, 2026

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*

Sasha Johns, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Scott Reimer, LEM/ *Crucifer*
Leila Phillips & Olivia Kennedy,
Torchbearers

Lynne Dominguez, *Lector*
Cathy Cawthon, *Intercessor*

Sasha Johns & Julie Kennedy,
Counters

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

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 76

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry

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, hea - ven - 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.

The Collect of the Day

BCP 214

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

Reader A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations,
 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

The Psalm will be read responsively by half verse.

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
 the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
 the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Cantor sings Alleluia; Congregation repeats Alleluia; Cantor sings verse; All repeat Alleluia.



Cantor: Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

The Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows, please stand as able.

BCP 292

The Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

Concluding Collect

The Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

BCP 360

The Announcements

Offertory Hymn 121

Christ, when for us you were baptized

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

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Invitation

BCP 364

Communion Hymn 339

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

BOS 11

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Hymn 616

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Dismissal

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Postlude

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Please join us following the service for coffee hour
hosted by Melissa Phillips

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We pray for the Cursillo Secretariat, for the Vocare Steering Committee, and for the Happening Steering Committee. We pray for Epiphany, Guntersville; for Epiphany, Leeds; and for Epiphany, Tallassee.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Steven, Heather, Wendy, Angel, Marti, Joseph, Tracy, John, Sue, Addie, Wanda, Bill, Alice, Claire, Amy, Sasha, Elizabeth, Sharon, Elizabeth, Vicki, Roger, Will, Addi, Lawrence Louise, Bethany Shae, Brent G., and Morgan.

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

We give thanks for all who celebrated birthdays this week, especially Brody Dominguez and Deacon Clyde Pearce. 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

January 18th—Vestry Meeting

January 24th—ECW Lunch and Meeting, 12-2 pm

**January 25th—Annual Meeting with Ingathering and Vestry
Elections**

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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