

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 18, 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*

Kim Traylor, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Pat Tate, LEM/*Crucifer*

James Johnson & Brody

Dominguez, *Torchbearers*

Jane Keeton, *Lector*

Laura Chambless, *Intercessor*

Kim Traylor & Denise Armstrong,

Counters

Jane Keeton, *Altar Guild*

Bill Traylor, *Technology*

Denise Armstrong, *Greeter*

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

THE WORD OF GOD

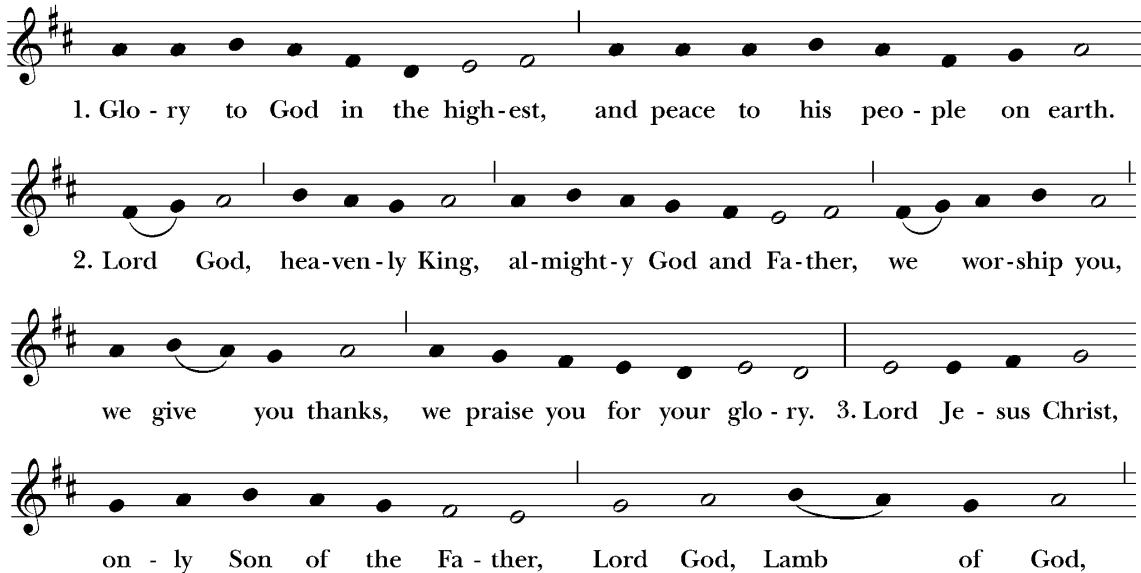
Opening Acclamation

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

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

Reader A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength--

he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
“Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

Psalm 40:1-12

The Psalm will be read responsively by half verse.

- 1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the LORD.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
**'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.'"**

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
**behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O LORD, you know.**

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
**I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great
congregation.**

12 You are the LORD;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

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

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been

enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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



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

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

The Gospel

John 1:29-42

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

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with

the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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 Hymn 538

God of mercy, God of grace

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

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 307

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

Post-Communion Hymn 535 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

Dismissal

BCP 366

Postlude

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*Please join us following the service for coffee hour
provided by Denise Armstrong!*

Today's flowers are given by Sasha Johns!

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We pray for Good Samaritan Health Clinic, Cullman; the Community Free Clinic of Morgan County, Decatur; St. Michael's Community Service Center, Anniston; Grace Church, Anniston; and Grace Church, Pike Road.

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

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

We give thanks for all who celebrated birthdays this week, especially Olivia Macke. May she grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen her trust in your goodness all the days of her life.

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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