

Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 25, 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*
Denise Armstrong, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Chris Stricklin, LEM/*Crucifer*
Kaiser Dominguez & James
Johnson, *Torchbearers*
Brent McLarty, *Lector*
Michelle Caiola, *Intercessor*

Denise Armstrong & Terri Stricklin,
Counters
Julie Kennedy, *Altar Guild*
Donald Bruce, *Technology*
Terri Stricklin, *Greeter*

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 126

The people who in darkness walked

THE WORD OF GOD

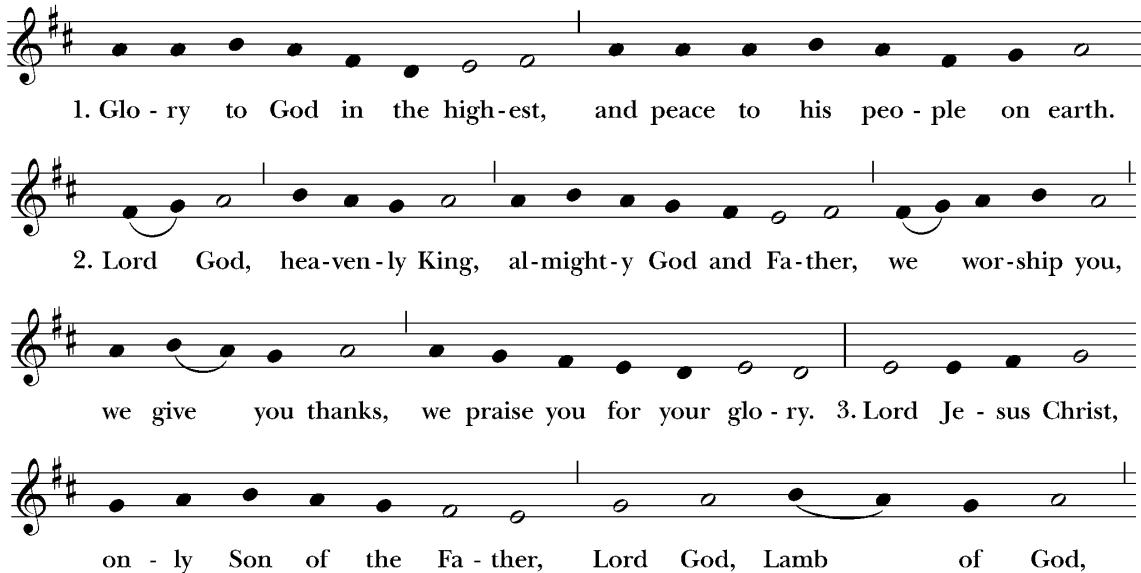
Opening Acclamation

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

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

Reader A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
 on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

The Psalm will be read responsively by half verse.

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
 whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
 one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
 with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;
 cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

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

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

Matthew 4:12-23

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the
Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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.

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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 661

They cast their nets in Galilee

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

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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 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

Post-Communion Hymn 530

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Dismissal

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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 Episcopal Relief and Development Episcopal Ministries and for Saint Timothy's, Athens.

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 those who serve in the military, especially John Morris.

We give thanks for all who celebrated birthdays this week, especially Sasha Johns and Amy Molloy. 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

Evening Prayer every Wednesday at 6:00 pm

**February 1st—Annual Meeting with Ingathering and Vestry
Elections after Eucharist**

February 7th—First Saturday Breakfast at 9:00 am

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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