



ST. CATHERINE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Fourth Sunday of Ester**  
**April 26, 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'd Dillon Green, *Celebrant and Preacher*  
Denise Armstrong, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Chris Stricklin, *LEM/ Crucifer*  
James Johnson & Kaiser  
Dominguez, *Torchbearers*  
Cathy Cawthon, *Lector*

Denise Armstrong & Kim Traylor,  
*Counter*

Michelle Caiola, *Intercessor*  
Kim Traylor, *Greeter*  
Julie Kennedy, *Altar Guild*  
Bill Traylor, *Technology*



## Prelude

Entrance Hymn 495

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

# THE WORD OF GOD

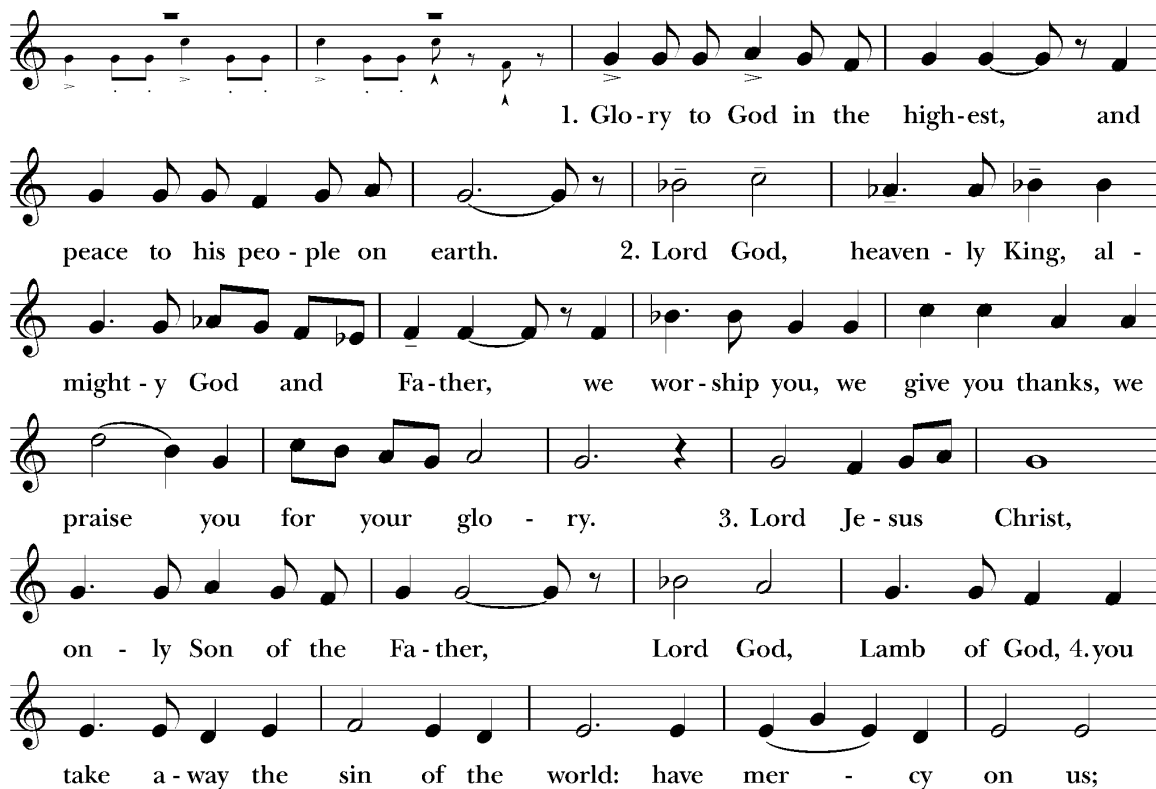
Opening Acclamation

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.

## The Collect of the Day

BCP 224

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# THE LESSONS

## First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

*Reader*      A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 23

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

1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*

**I shall not be in want.**

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

**and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul \*

**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; \*

**for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;\*

**you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.**

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,\*

**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

## **Second Reading**

**1 Peter 2:19-25**

*Reader*      A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

***People*      Thanks be to God.**

*Cantor sings Refrain; All repeat Refrain; Cantor sings verse; All repeat Refrain.*

MELODY

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

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style. The first staff is labeled 'MELODY' and the second staff is a repeat of the same melody. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes, with a long horizontal line following the final 'ia' in each line, indicating a continuation of the melody.

*Cantor: I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead and behold I am alive for evermore.*

## The Gospel

John 10:1-10

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

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev'd 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 Peace**

**BCP 360**

**The Announcements**

**Offertory Hymn 205**

**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!**

*As the offerings are brought to the altar, standing as you are able, the following is sung to Lasst uns erfreuen*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**O praise him, O praise him,**

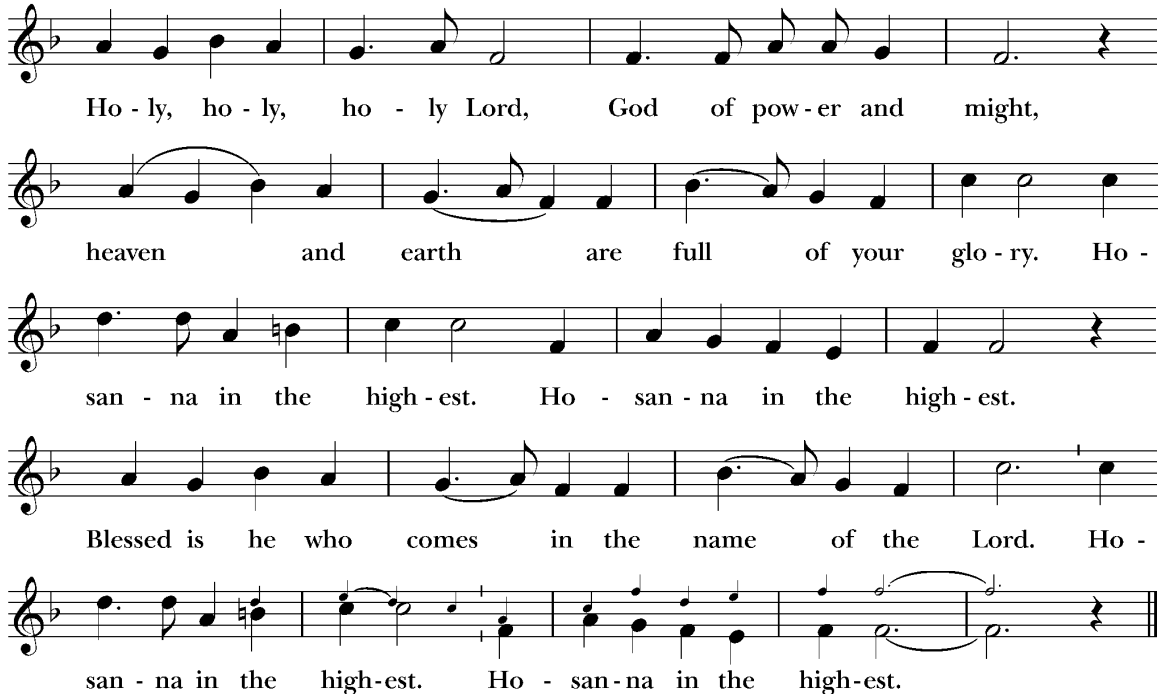
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 361

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

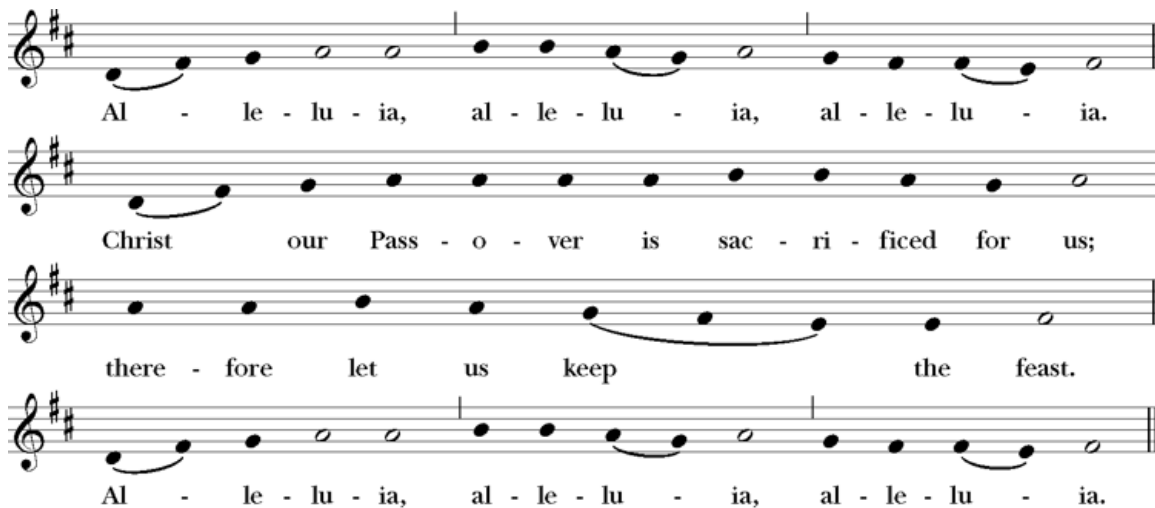
The Lord's Prayer

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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 664

My shepherd will supply my need

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

Post-Communion Hymn 478

Jesus, our mighty Lord

Dismissal

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Postlude

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*Please join us for coffee hour sponsored by  
Brandon & Catherine Wright!*

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We pray for the Chancellors, Treasurers, and Secretary of the Diocese of Alabama; for the Diocesan Ecumenical/Interfaith Commission; for St. James, Alexander City; and for St. Phillip's, Fort Payne.

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, Sally, Lynnell, Marsha, Dennis, Durwood Graddy, Connie, Julie, Joe, and Olivia.

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

We give thanks for all who celebrated birthdays this week, especially Father Dillon and Jennifer Reimer. 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**

**Youth Group every Sunday at 9:00 am**

**Today—Vestry Meeting!**

**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>—First Saturday Breakfast**

# Notes

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## **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 N. Prior  
*Assisting Bishop*

The Rev. Dillon Green  
*Rector*

The Rev. Clyde Pearce  
*Deacon*

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