



ST. CATHERINE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Ester
May 10, 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*
Sasha Johns, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Pat Tate, *LEM/ Crucifer*
Kayelyn Dominguez & Gracie
Dominguez, *Torchbearers*
Lynne Dominguez, *Lector*
Sasha Johns & Carol Dotson,
Counter

Amy Tate, *Intercessor*
Carol Dotson, *Greeter*
Olivia Ard, *Altar Guild*
Jim Cawthon, *Technology*

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 400 vv. 1-4

All creatures of our God and King

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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Acts 17:22-31

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully

at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66:7-18

The Psalm will be read responsively by half verse.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *

make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *

and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
**which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:13-22

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also

suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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.

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 14:15-21

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

”I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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**

The Peace **BCP 360**

The Announcements

Offertory Hymn 705 **As those of old their first fruits brought**

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

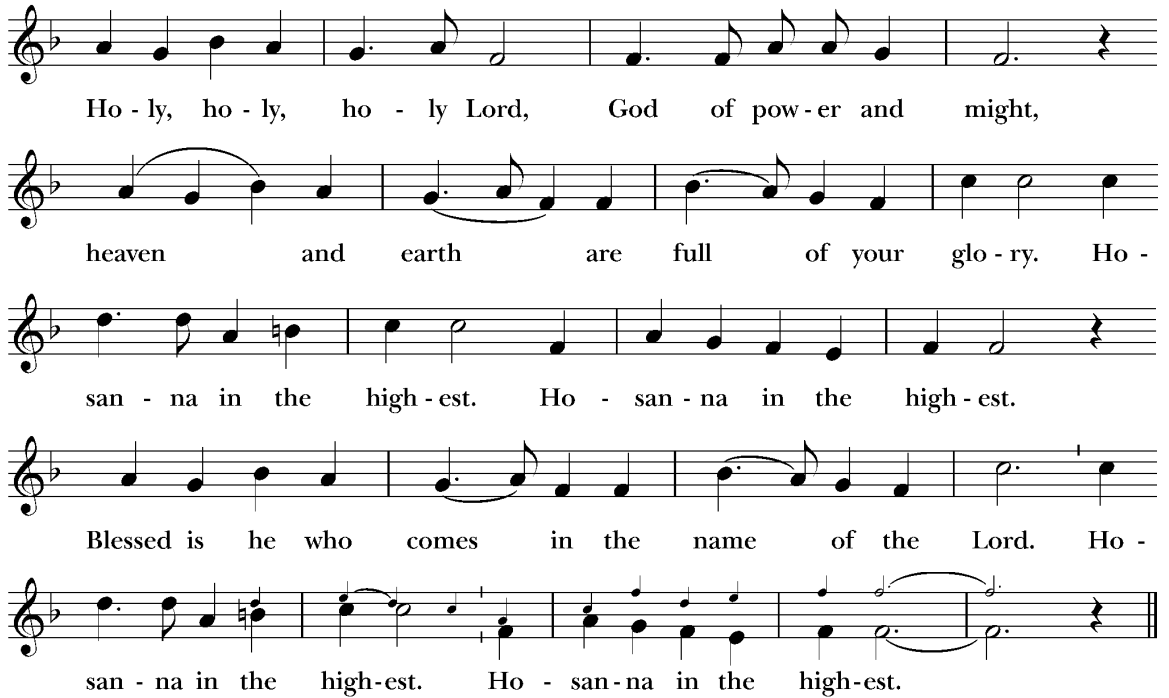
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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.

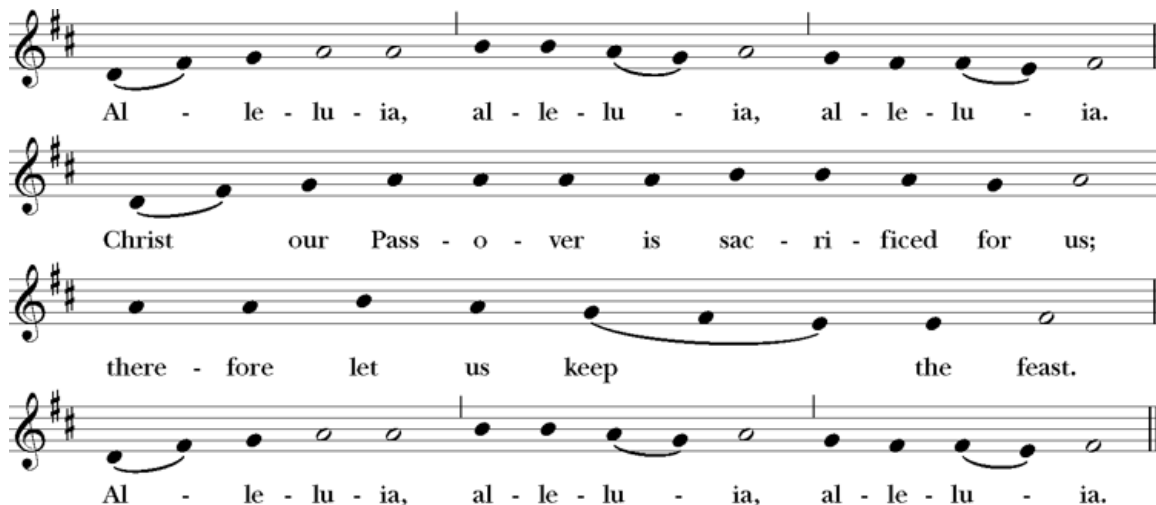
The Lord's Prayer

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 593

Lord, make us servants of your peace

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

Post-Communion Hymn 292

O Jesus, crowned with all renown

Dismissal

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Postlude

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Please join us for coffee hour after Eucharist!

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We pray for Voices for Alabama's Children; for YouthServe, Birmingham; for GraceWorks, Birmingham; for Sawyerville Commission and Day Camps; for Foothills Day Camp; for Church of the Ascension, Birmingham; and for Church of the Ascension, Montgomery.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Steven, Heather, Wendy, Angel, Marti, Joseph, Tracy, John, Sue, Addie, Alice, Claire, Amy, Elizabeth, Sharon, Vicki, Roger, Will, Addi, Lawrence Louise, Sally, Lynnell, Marsha, Dennis, Durwood Graddy, Connie, Julie, Joe, Olivia, and for the repose of the soul of Nannie Wheeler.

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

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

May 23rd—ECW meeting at 12 pm

**May 24th—Liturgical Groundbreaking with Bishop Glenda on
Pentecost!**

Come celebrate the Feast of Pentecost at 10:00 am followed by the
liturgical groundbreaking for our new nave with Bishop Glenda
presiding at 3:00 pm!

A Collect for Mothers' Day

All-nurturing God, from the womb of your love came forth all creation. You sustain us with your loving care always. Incarnate in Jesus, you lived as a human child under the nurturing guidance of Mary your Mother. Pour out the abundance of your grace upon all our mothers: those among us today, those who have passed away, those whose children live, and those who have lost children. Bless also, we pray, those who hope to be mothers someday and those whose hopes for children have been frustrated. We thank you for all men and women who have mothered others in any way: substitutes, foster mothers, sage women, and caregivers. Finally, we pray for wholeness and wellness of the Earth that bore us all and provides sustenance from you. We ask this for your tender mercy's sake, *Amen.*

A Collect for Rogation Day

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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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