



ST. CATHERINE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 21, 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*  
Sharon Lewis, *Vestry Person of the Day*

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

Sharon Lewis & Terri Stricklin,  
*Counter*

Olivia Kennedy, *Intercessor*  
Terri Stricklin, *Greeter*  
Cathy Cawthon, *Altar Guild*  
Scott Reimer, *Technology*



## Prelude

Entrance Hymn 372

Praise to the living God!

# 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 228

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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

Genesis 21:8-21

*Reader*      A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17**

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

- 1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, \*  
**for I am poor and in misery.**
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; \*  
**save your servant who puts his trust in you.**
- 3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; \*  
**I call upon you all the day long.**
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, \*  
**for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.**
- 5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, \*  
**and great is your love toward all who call upon you.**
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, \*  
**and attend to the voice of my supplications.**
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, \*  
**for you will answer me.**
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, \*  
**nor anything like your works.**
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, \*  
**and glorify your Name.**
- 10 For you are great;  
you do wondrous things; \*  
**and you alone are God.**

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
**give your strength to your servant;  
and save the child of your handmaid.**

17 Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \*  
**because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

## Second Reading

**Romans 6:1b-11**

*Reader*            A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

***People*            Thanks be to God.**

*Cantor sings Alleluias, then all repeat; Cantor sings verse; All repeat Alleluias.*



*Cantor: Those/ who/ find their life will /lose/ it, and those who lose their life for /my/ sake /will/ find it.*

## The Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

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

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

*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 IV** **BCP 388**

**Confession of Sin** **BCP 360**

The Announcements

Offertory Hymn 537

Christ for the world we sing!

*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, Prayer C

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

S 169

*Cantor or Choir*

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -  
 deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my  
 flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My  
 flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

The Invitation

BCP 364

Communion Hymn 679

Surely it is God who saves me

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 366

**The Blessing**

**BCP 366**

**Post-Communion Hymn 530**

**Spread, O Spread, thou mighty word**

**Dismissal**

**BCP 366**

**Postlude**

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***Please join us for coffee hour after Eucharist in the  
Parish hall!***

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We pray for the ministry of the University of the South College, Seminary, and EFM; for S. Paul's, Greensboro; St. Paul's, Lowndesboro; St. Paul's, Minter; St. Paul's, Selma; St. Simon-Peter, Pell City; and St. Peter's, Talladega.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Will, Addi, Lawrence Louise, Sally, Lynnell, Marsha, Dennis, Durwood Graddy, Stephen, Sue, and Gayla.

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

We give thanks for all those who celebrated birthdays this week, especially Katie Dominguez and Amy Tate. 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**

**June 27<sup>th</sup>—ECW Meeting at 12 pm**

**June 28<sup>th</sup>—Vestry Meeting**

## 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.*

## **Clergy and Staff**

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda S. Curry

*Bishop of Alabama*

The Rev. Dillon Green

*Rector*

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