



ST. CATHERINE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 16, 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*

Kim Traylor, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Sasha Johns, *LEM/Crucifer*
Walker Tate & Olivia Kennedy,
Torchbearers

Michelle Nivens, *Lector*
Kim Traylor & Sasha Johns,
Counters

Olivia Kennedy, *Intersessor*
Sasha Johns, *Greeter*
Wanda Wheeler, *Altar Guild*
Donald Bruce, *Technology*

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 410

Praise my soul, the King of heaven

THE WORD OF GOD

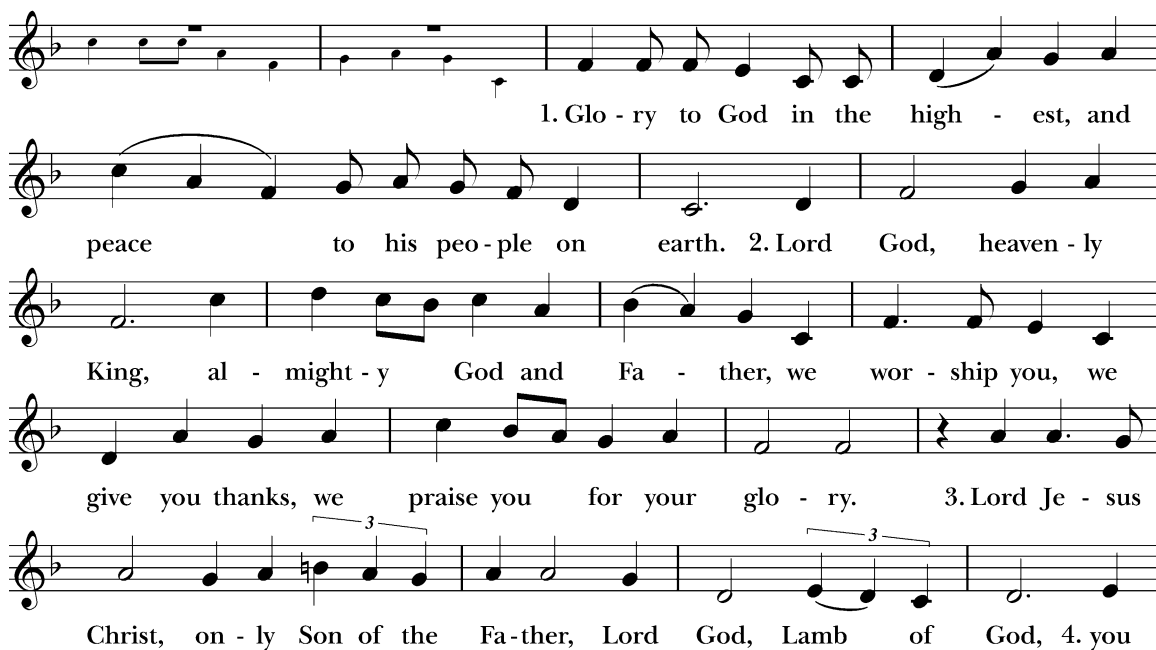
Opening Acclamation

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 - mighty 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 232

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Reading

Genesis 45:1-15

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and

wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

Psalm 133

We will read the Psalm responsively by half verse.

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
 when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
 that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
 and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
 that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
 life for evermore.

Second Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

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

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy

shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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



Cantor: Spe-ak, /Lord, for your servant is /list-ening. You have the words/ of/e-ter-nal life.

The Gospel

Matthew 15:10-28

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

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

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness,

slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

<i>Deacon</i>	The Gospel of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	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 470

There's a wideness in God's mercy

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

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Communion Hymn 321

My God, thy table now is set

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 366

The Blessing

BCP 366

Post-Communion Hymn 539 O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling

Dismissal

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Postlude

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***Please join us for coffee hour in the Parish hall,
Elizabeth Cook!***

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We pray for the Department of Ministry for Higher Education; for Boards, Faculty, Staff and students of all Episcopal Seminaries; for Diocesan Campus Ministries in Huntsville, Jacksonville, Florence, Montgomery and Tuskegee; Canterbury, Montevallo; Canterbury, Tuscaloosa; St. Dunstan's, Auburn; and Trinity Commons, Birmingham.

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

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

We give thanks for all those who celebrated birthdays this week, especially Rebecca Macke and Wanda Wheeler. 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

August 22nd—ECW Lunch and Meeting at 12:00

August 23rd—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.

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