

## The Second Sunday after Pentecost

JULY 14 2024

### Morning Prayer, Rite II, 9am /11am

**The Procession** *Song at 9am/ 11am, Thine arm, O Lord, Hymnal 567*

**The Opening Sentence** The **Book of Common Prayer**, 78

**The Confession of Sin** BCP 79

#### The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**  
Officiant and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Officiant: The Antiphon

**The Venite** *(the invitatory psalm, 95: 1-7), read together.*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \***

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God,**

**and we are the people of his pasture**

**and the sheep of his hand. \***

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**The Appointed Psalm, 85: 8-13, responsively**

*Note: A beautiful psalm which speaks of the commerce between heaven and earth, between the integrity of human truth and the love of God.*

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

**13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

#### The Lessons

**The First Lesson: Amos 7:7-15** *please be seated.*

*Note: This prophet, like many others, criticizes the state for injustice and irreligion. Unlike most prophets, he is not from the priestly class. He probably knows very well how to use a plumb line against a wall to measure its straightness.*

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos,

what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I  
will never again pass them by;

the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of  
Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very  
centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all  
his words. For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.' "

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land  
of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but  
never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary,  
and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a  
herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the LORD took me from following  
the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

**Anthem** *Song at 9am / 11am, Down to the River to Pray* Choir

#### **The Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14**

*Note: We begin a series of Sunday readings today from this letter. In a few pages it outlines the meaning and purpose of living the baptized life.*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in  
Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in  
Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in  
love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according  
to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely  
bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the  
forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished  
on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his  
will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the full-  
ness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In  
Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to  
the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,  
so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of  
his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of  
your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the prom-  
ised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's  
own people, to the praise of his glory.

**Meditation** *Song at 9 / 11 am, Count your Blessings, Choir*

#### **The Third Lesson: The Gospel of Mark, 2:23-3:6**

*Note: The context of the story of the execution of John the Baptist is the sending out  
of the disciples. Discipleship means speaking truth to power, speaking love to hate  
and indifference, speaking healing to hurt.*

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known.  
Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead: and for this  
reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others  
said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it,  
he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in  
prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had mar-  
ried her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your  
brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him.  
But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and  
holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed;

and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his  
birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Gali-  
lee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and  
his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will  
give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you,  
even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I  
ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed  
back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John  
the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his  
oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king  
sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and be-  
headed him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl.  
Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came  
and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

**The Homily**

Diane Hodgins

**The Apostles' Creed**

BCP 96

#### The Prayers

**The Lord's Prayer**

BCP 97

**The Suffrages (A)**

**The Collect for the Day**

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and  
grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and  
also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and for ever. *Amen.*

**A Prayer for Mission**

**The Prayers of the People** *Kneeling or standing.*

**The General Thanksgiving,** *said together*

BCP 101

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,**

**we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks**

**for all your goodness and loving-kindness**

**to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,**

**and all the blessings of this life;**

**but above all for your immeasurable love**

**in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;**

**for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,**

**that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,**

**not only with our lips, but in our lives,**

**by giving up our selves to your service,**

**and by walking before you**

**in holiness and righteousness all our days;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,**

**be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

**Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors**

Officiant: On behalf of this congregation, I give you these holy gifts, that  
those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of  
Christ's body and blood.

**People: We send you forth with the body and blood of Christ.**

**The Dismissal**

**Hymn** *Song at 9am/ 11am* Guide me O thou great Jehovah Hymnal 690

**Officiant:** The Grace

**WE PRAY FOR...**

**Our Parish Family, especially**

✠ SOLOMON, VICTOR, SHARON N., WANDA, STEPHANIE, SHARON M., MISSY, CAROLE, JUDITH, JOHN T. ANN, DAVID, JAMIE, MIKE, JOAN IMMKE & FAMILY, TONY, DALE, BOBBY, AL, JEAN, JULIA, HUBIE, MABRY FAMILY, ANNA MARIE, AMANDA, ROBIN, KIM, TED, FRED, REBA, JOHN D., SCOTT, MARTI, FRAN, DAKOTA, DEACON JUDITH, MARGARET C. & JOSEPH.

✠ FR. JAMIE.

✠ THE MINISTRIES OF ST. CLEMENT'S.

✠ HEIDI AND RUSS, missionaries to Chile.

**Those in the Armed Forces, especially**

✠ MARNYCE, JERRY, NICK, BRANDON, MAGGIE, STEPHEN, JAKE, ROSE, DAVID, NOAH, KEVIN, NATHAN, JACKSON & NATHAN K.

**Others needing Intercessory Prayer:**

✠ HEALING: HILARY, GRIFFEN, JOHN, SHONDA, DIANE, SANDRA, BEVERLY, DAN, MARTHA, PAM, CHUCK, MICHELLE, TROY, MICHELLE, KATHLEEN, STEVE, JAN, ANDY, ORSON, SHI SHI, PAPA RED, MAX, PATTI, PATTY, JUSTIN, ADRIAN, MICHAEL, ANN, TED, ROBIN, MARY, TOM, THE PEOPLE OF MAUI, ELVIE, AMY, BETTY, HEATHER, WANDA, PAIGE, GAYLE, AMANDA, MARK, CHRIS, ELIZABETH, ROB, BILL, BRITTANY, TOM, SONJA, FRANK, MOLLY, MAUREEN, LOU, TRAVIS, BRUCE, KRISTI, RAYMOND, GRACE, ED, LESLIE, BILL, LIZ, GARY, GABBY, PAUL, ASTON, SANDY, MARK, LIZ, NEYOMI, JOHN, MARILU, ANDY, SUE, LYNN, KENNETH, JOE, MISTY, DAVID'S PARENTS, LORI, PROCHA & MIKE.

✠ COMFORT: RYAN, PEGGY & FAMILY & KENDRICK & FAMILY.

✠ ARBORS: PHYLLIS, DONNA, FRAN, LIZ, MARIAN, LOIS, BETTY, MARY, ROSE, BOBBY, LESLIE, ANNE, ART, BOB & KEIRSEY.

**WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL OUR BLESSINGS.**

Please take the bulletin home and pray for these concerns during the week.

Those from the parish family & intercessory prayer list remain on the list for two months and then are deleted unless notification is given to extend, update re condition, or delete sooner because special prayers are no longer needed. Those in the armed forces remain for one year with the same conditions as above. Notice may be given to Carlotta Ford at the Ministry Center, 770-345-6722 Prayer request cards are in the church pews, or requests can be made by calling Carlotta. Please email or call Trish Cole (770-377-4348) to update your prayer requests.

**Shoot the Messenger**

Few of us like criticism. However, we can understand something about ourselves and others by whether one chooses to react in opposition or to respond creatively to criticism when it is forthcoming. Herod and Herodias offer nuances in the former category.

People with power, whether in the context of family, business, or politics are not generally happy with being criticized. It can be seen as an affront to their power. It doesn't have to be that way. Jesus was criticized all the time and yet managed to hold onto his integrity. The power of the Spirit was strong in him.

Herodias, the queen, wants John the Baptist's head immediately but must settle for a simple arrest. Herod, the king, makes the arrest but is ambivalent toward John both because he finds him interesting and because he fears the people more than his wife. Killing popular prophets may not sit well with the Romans either. It takes another potential threat to his prestige, by way of an unwise promise, to get him to cross the line.

When powerful people fear, people get hurt.

The most courageous people in this little story are John's disciples. They hold onto their integrity through the crisis of the execution of their leader. When they ask for his body, they confess their faith. In them also, is the Spirit strong.

Jamie✠

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Volunteer Opportunities**

**Servers:** Acolytes, LEMs and readers. Each volunteer receives complete written instructions for their role(s) as well as coaching and hands-on practice before being assigned. participation to twice a month or less. Please call or text Jeff Pawlik (314.629.6183) for more information.

**Outreach line:** Respond to callers asking for assistance on our outreach line. Training is provided and the commitment is 3 days every 8-10 weeks. Contact Fran Lepore mwjcl@yahoo.com

**Tellers:** This requires counting money after the 11am Holy Eucharist and commitment would be one Sunday a month or less. Training is provided. Contact the office if interested.

**Episcopal Church Women**

**7/15** 7pm in Davis Hall. Regular meetings are the third Monday of the month. Contact Wanda Carr wandakiddcarr@gmail.com.

**Centering Prayer:**

Information regarding the program can be found in the brochures in the narthex. If interested contact Fr. Jamie (770) 324-2035 or Diane Hodgins (850) 339-8540

**Book Club**

**8/12** 1:30 p.m. Davis Hall to discuss **The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post** by Alison Pataki. Contact: Sallee Macknik sallee\_m@yahoo.com or (770) 714-6340

**Women's Group/Inbetweeners:**

**8/13** 11:00 a.m. J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is leading contact: hickoryfarms@comcast.net

**Lay Eucharistic Visitors**

**8/6** 10:30 am. Davis Hall. There will be no meeting in July.

**Daughters of the King**

**9/8** 1:00 pm Davis Hall to discuss Faith Moves Mountains by Harris Faulkner. Contact Trish Cole trishcole4@gmail.com

**The Altar Guild** has dates available on the flower chart if you have someone or something special you would like to commemorate. The chart is in the notebook in the narthex and cost is \$50. Please contact Trish Cole (770)-377-4348 or trishcole4@gmail.com

**The Men's Group**

Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. (IHOP, 3010 Northside Parkway, Canton) Contact: stclementsmensgroup@gmail.com.

The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler, *rector*  
770-324-2035

**email**

frjamie@stclementscanton.org

Carlotta Ford, *administrator*  
770-345-6722

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**Rector's Bible Study**

Every Wednesday at noon via Zoom. We will be a study of Book of the Revelation. Contact the office for the link.

**Tuesday Bible Study**

1:30-2:30pm in Davis Hall: "The Lord's Prayer"

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study**

7pm, after the Supper in Davis Hall. Will resume in August.

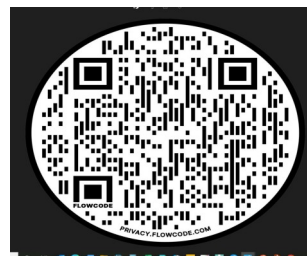
**Episcopal Youth Community**

7pm Wednesdays when school is in session. Meal is served prior to meeting.

**Online Giving** available through our website [www.stclementscanton.org](http://www.stclementscanton.org) or by the Vanco app on your smart phone.

If you have an item you would like included in the newsletter or bulletin, please submit it to the office no later than 2:00pm on Thursdays.

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**Serving Today:**

VPOD: Katie McDonald

Crucifer: Dell Lyons

Gospel Torch: Wayne Smoak

Epistle Torch: Solomon Osazenaye

LEM: Doug Blackburn

Reader: Larry Ellis

Teller: Jamie Lyons



**Anniversaries this week:**

Scott & Kelly Burleson 7/15

Mike & Margie Woltering

7/18



**Birthdays this week**

Neil Hindman 7/14

Pat Krupp 7/15

Jim Carr 7/17

Tony Miller 7/19

**TREASURER'S SUMMARY**

as of May 2024

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| Pledges YTD    | \$107,635.10 |
| Total Income   | \$163,256.03 |
| Total Expenses | \$154,848.37 |



**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 14, 2024  
Morning Prayer  
Rite II**

Mercy and truth have met together;  
righteousness and peace have  
kissed each other.

**Welcome Visitors!**

If you are visiting for the first time, let us know you are here by filling out a visitor's card and ask an usher about a gift we have for you in the narthex (foyer).

**WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS**

**Regular SUNDAY SERVICES** //9 a.m. Contemporary //11 a.m. Traditional

**First Sunday of Month Combined Service**// 10 a.m.

**MONDAY**

Morning Prayer (online) // 9 a.m.

**THURSDAY**

Canton AL-Anon // 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY**

Men's Group, IHOP // 11:30 a.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous // 8 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

Morning Prayer (online) // 9 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist @ The Arbors 10:30 a.m.  
Women's AA // 12 noon  
Centering Prayer // 12:30pm

**WEDNESDAY**

Morning Prayer online // 9 a.m.  
Bible Study // 12 p.m.  
Women's AA // 12 p.m.  
Holy Eucharist // 6:15 p.m.

**The Altar Flowers today are given by**  
Katie & Rob McDonald to the Glory of God and in  
memory of Pat Hensley & Martha & Bob McDonald.

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