

August 17, 2025

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:00AM FAMILY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE		
WITH THE JOYFUL NOISE BAND		
<div><div><div>Processional Song</div><div>Opening Sentences,</div><div>Book of Common Prayer 355</div><div>The Liturgy of the Word</div><div>The Collect of the Day</div><div>A Reading / Psalm</div><div>Song</div><div>The Gospel</div><div>Sharing the Good News</div><div>The Creed</div><div>The Prayers</div><div>The Confession &amp; Absolution</div><div>The Peace</div><div>BCP 360</div></div><div><div>Welcome &amp; Announcements</div><div>The Holy Communion</div><div>Offertory</div><div>The Great Thanksgiving:</div><div>The Lord's PrayerBCP364</div><div>The Breaking of the Bread</div><div>The Administration</div><div>Communion Song</div><div>Post Communion Prayer</div><div>BCP 365</div><div>The Blessing</div><div>Song for the Procession Out</div><div>The Dismissal</div><div>BCP 366</div></div></div>		

11:00AM CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE		
Procession In, standing	Lead on, O King Eternal	Hymnal 555
The Opening Sentences	The Book of Common Prayer	355
Song of Praise	The Gloria	Hymnal S278

The Collect

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 First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Note: This passage criticizes false prophets who want to domesticate God as the dream-like puppet of their institutional imaginations. God is asserted here as free and substantial as a hammer with a word that is purifying fire.

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Psalm 82 Deus stetit

Note: This psalm is a condemnation of injustice offered in the name of God. The powers think that they are untouchable but are reminded here that they are also mortal and subject to the will and judgement of God.

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

2 "How long will you judge unjustly, \*  
and show favor to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
defend the humble and needy;

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness; \*  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*  
and all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
and fall like any prince."

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*  
for you shall take all nations for your own.

The Epistle: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Note: The "roll call" of the Old Testament faithful continues this week. The main point of this passage is that all these who were faithful before Christ will also be included in the benefits of the resurrection.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Sequence Hymn, standing	How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place	Hymnal 517 Vs 1,2,4
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The Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

Note: Jesus here balances his consoling words of comfort with the reality of the persecution and division which will come when a world which is structured in prejudice and injustice is confronted with the truth of its unrighteousness and challenged with power of God's love.

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until

it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Homily	The Rev. James B. Stutler, D. Min Followed by silence for reflection
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The Nicene Creed, standing	BCP 358
The Prayers of the People , kneeling or standing	
Greetings and Announcements	
The Confession of Sin	BCP 359
The Peace, standing	BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION		
RITE II, PRAYER B		
The Offertory		
I Come With Joy		
The Doxology, standing		
The Great Thanksgiving		
The Sursum Corda		
The Sanctus		
The Canon, kneeling or standing.		
THE GREAT AMEN		
The Lord's Prayer		
BCP 368		
BCP 364		
Breaking of the Bread		
Fraction Anthem		
Choir Meditation		
Humbly I Adore Thee		
Hymnal 314		
Post Communion Prayer, kneeling or standing		
BCP 337		

Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors  
Priest: On behalf of this congregation, I give you these holy gifts, that those in 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.

Recessional Hymn:	All Hail the Power of Jesus Name	Hymnal 450
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The Blessing	
The Dismissal Response	BCP 366
Thanks be to God.	



WE PRAY FOR:

Our Parish Family, especially

- ✚ GLORIA, BILL, MARY & ART, STEPHANIE, AMANDA, WANDA, DOTTIE, SUSAN, LINDA, PAIGE, CLAIRE, MARGE & ALAN, JOAN, VICTOR, CAROLE, JUDITH, JOHN T, ANN, AL, JEAN, HUBIE, AMANDA, ROBIN, KIM, TED, REBA, FRAN, DAKOTA, MARGARET, JOANN, and DEACON JUDITH.
- ✚ FR . JAMIE.
- ✚ THE MINISTRIES OF ST. CLEMENT’S.
- ✚ HEIDI AND RUSS, missionaries to Chile and for the variety of ministries & lives they impact.

Those in the Armed Forces, especially

- ✚ DAVID, AMANDA, JERRY, NICK, BRANDON, MAGGIE, STEPHEN, DAVID, NOAH, KEVIN, NATHAN, LAUREN, & GAVIN.

Others needing Intercessory Prayer:

- ✚ HEALING: HILARY, DIANE, SANDRA, RYAN, DAN, MARTHA, PAM, PEGGY & FAMILY, KATHLEEN, STEVE, PATTI, JUSTIN, ADRIAN, MICHAEL, ANN, THE PEOPLE OF MAUI, ELVIE, ELIZABETH, ROB, SONJA, FRANK, MOLLY, BRUCE, KRISTI, RAYMOND, GRACE, LESLIE, PAUL, LIZ, JOHN, JOE, MISTY, LORI, PAT, CATHY, JEFF, EMORY, JOANN, KASEY, CAROL, GORDAN, BEVERLY, LUPINA, LORA, MADISON, TYLER, KENNY, COLT, ANDREW, PHIL, DONALD, LORELLA, KATHY, URSLA, PRISCILLA & LARRY, LIZ, DAVID, JINNY, KAREN, JASON, LAURIE, JAN, MARKHAM, MARTIN, TOMMY, GEORGE, RUBY, JERRY, RICH, TOBY, BECKY, LINDA, LIBBY, BETH, GISELLA, DONNA, JOY, JAN, PERRY & CHRISTY, KATHY, ROBIN, ANALISA, CHAD, CATHY, MICHELLE, KAY, CURTIS, & SCOTTY.
- ✚ COMFORT: THE LOEFFLER FAMILY & THE BARRE FAMILY.
- ✚ ARBOR: The Congregants at The Arbor.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL OUR BLESSINGS.

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

Parish family & intercessory prayer requests stay on the list for two months unless extended, updated, or deleted sooner. Armed forces requests stay for one year. Notify the church office at 770-345-6722 or Trish Cole at 770-377-4348 to update requests. Prayer request cards are in church pews or call the church office.

I Come Not to Bring Peace

From the beginning of his ministry, Jesus proved inconvenient to the powers that be. The temple authorities saw him threatening the Temple institution and Jewish tradition. The Romans, in the end, worried he would threaten the peace of Jerusalem and Judea. This all led to his crucifixion.

Therefore, we should not be surprised when Jesus predicts that his coming would cause further division and violence. In the early years, this mostly translated into violence mostly directed against Christians. The reason for this violence, the reason for much of our societal violence, is because of human fear of the change in the status quo.

We generally like the way things are (or, nostalgically “were”) as long as we perceive ourselves as the group that holds power. Threats to the “way things always have been” are met with hostility. Indeed, people in power find their unity in identifying certain people or groups as threats or scapegoats. Pilate and Herod became friends over the death of Jesus.

Jesus presents us with an alternative sense of unity in the cross. His innocence and his obedience reveal to us the durable power of unconditional love. His sacrifice guarantees forgiveness. These are God’s foundations for our binding unity as human beings.

It often proves inconvenient. It is inconvenient to the principalities and the powers. It is inconvenient to us personally. It draws us away from our natural inclinations to prejudice, violence of word and deed, and our temptation to blame. So we are divided. We simply pray that out of this challenge we will heed the voice of Christ’s healing power.

Where do we need this healing most of all today?

Jamie ✚

U PCOMING EVENTS

Please join us immediately after the service today for **Hospitality** across the parking lot in Davis Hall!

- NEW MAILING ADDRESS:**  
**St Clement’s Episcopal Church**  
**PO Box 36**  
**Holly Springs, GA 30142-0001**
- Update *address book*
  - Update *Bill Pay*
  - Update *Banks*

**Welcome to our new Deacon, Peter Waggoner!** We are delighted to welcome Peter who will be with us as transitional deacon for three Sundays per month.

**Episcopalian 101! Adult Forum**  
**Continues Sundays 10:15am** Come learn more about what it means to be an Episcopalian! Led by Fr. Jamie Stutler. Please note: The time is 9am on Combined Service Sunday.

**Episcopal Church Women (ECW)** will meet Monday, **8/18** IN PERSON at 7:00pm in Davis Hall.

**Welcome Team!**  
Do you have a warm smile and a heart for hospitality? We’re looking for friendly face to join our Welcome Team! Contact the office at 770.345.6722 for more information.

**Realm is coming in September!**  
We’re launching a new tool to help us stay connected, engaged, and informed. It’s simple, secure, and made for churches just like ours. Stay tuned!

Mark you Calendar for **Wine & Cheese Night** Saturday, September 6th from 4-6pm in Davis Hall.

**Want to get involved?**  
Not sure where to start? Contact Brad Vaughan, and he will help you find out. Email Brad at bradford.vaughan.25@gmail.com, or call 931.265.6087

**Women’s Group/Inbetweeners**  
**9/9** 11:00a.m. J. Christopher’s, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is the lead contact at hickoryfarms@comcast.net

**Tuesdays**  
**The Men’s Group** 11:30am at IHOP, 3010

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**The Way Bible Study** 1:00-3:00pm in Davis Hall. We study the previous Sunday’s readings. For more information, please contact Anna Marie Smith at (717.713.5879)

**Wednesdays**  
**Rector’s Bible Study** 12:00 noon via Zoom . We are studying the Psalms.

**Holy Eucharist** 6:15pm  
**Bible Study** 7:00pm Continuing the study of Twelve Extraordinary Women exploring the lives and faith of women who changed the world through God’s grace. In the Vestry Room.

**Fridays**  
**Centering Prayer** 12:30pm in the Ministry Center. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. If interested, please contact Fr. Jamie (770.324.2035) or Diane Hodgins (850.338.8540).


**Online Giving** is available through our website w.stclementscanton.org or by the Vanco app.


**Office Hours**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays:  
10am—2pm  
Wednesdays: 9am-11am  
Please call before coming to make sure someone is in the office.



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**Serving Today:**  
VPOD: Brad Vaughan  
Crucifer/1st Server: Brad Vaughan  
Epistle Torch: Tori Vaughan  
Gospel Torch/Bells: Brad Vaughan  
LEM: Janelle Walker  
Reader: Jeff Pawlik  
Teller: Al Irvine

 **Birthdays this week:**  
Al Irvine 8/20  
Ashlee Waters 8/21  
Scott Burleson 8/22

 **Anniversaries this week:**  
Joseph & Marleen Burford 8/21  
Richard & Patricia Krupp 8/21

TREASURER’S SUMMARY	
as of June 2025	
Pledges YTD	\$ 121,340
Total Income	\$ 205,030
Total Expenses	\$ 194,430



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Arise, O God, and rule the earth,  
For you shall take all nations  
For your own.

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** //9am Contemporary //11am Traditional  
**First Sunday of each month**// 10am Combined Service

<b>MONDAY</b> Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am Al-Anon//12:00pm	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am Rector’s Zoom Bible Study//12:00pm Women’s AA//12:00pm Holy Eucharist//6:15am Bible Study//7:00pm EYC//7:00 pm (1st & 3rd weeks)
<b>TUESDAY</b> COHI //10:00am Men’s Group, IHOP//11:30am Bible Study: The Way//1:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous//8:00pm	<b>THURSDAY</b> Al-Anon//7:00pm Al-Ateen//7:00pm
<b>FRIDAY</b> Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am Service @ the Arbor//10:30am Women’s AA//12:00pm Centering Prayer//12:30pm	

**The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God**  
By Margie Doiron & family in loving memory of John Doiron on the anniversary of his passing 8/18.  
By Glenn & Anna Marie Smith in celebration of their granddaughter Iona’s 21st birthday.  
By Alice Irvine in celebration of Al Irvine’s birthday.

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