

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9AM Family Holy Eucharist,

The words of the liturgy and music are projected on the east wall.

Processional Song

Opening Sentences,

Book of Common Prayer 355

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect of the Day

A Reading / Psalm

Song

The Gospel

Sharing the Good News

The Creed

The Prayers

The Confession & Absolution

The Peace BCP 360

Welcome & Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord's Prayer BCP364

The Breaking of the Bread

The Administration

Communion Song

Postcommunion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing

Song for the Procession Out

The Dismissal BCP366

11:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Procession In Welcome, Happy Morning Hymnal 179 vs.1,2,4,5
The Opening Sentences The Book of Common Prayer 355

Song of Praise The Gloria Hymnal S278 BCP 355

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

Note: The controversy over the healing of the lame man has reached the formal leaders of Jerusalem and they, predictably, have Peter and the disciples arrested to threaten and silence them. But the disciples display a different kind of leadership style, that of honesty, and boldness, and servanthood.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is
'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Psalm 23

Note: This classic description of the shepherd reveals him as a guide, a protector, and a provisioner. The Good Shepherd provides not only material but spiritual needs. The Good Shepherd leads us into all peace even in the midst of the difficulties and challenges of this world.

Dominus regit me

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of
my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

The Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24

Note: The life and death of Jesus is the model of the disciple. Love comes at a cost. It could be just an inconvenience, a moment of time or it could be more, much more. But love is also not a finite matter, it is infinite, and we pray we pray what acts of mercy and love we exercise will be multiplied.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Sequence Hymn Thine Arm, O Lord Hymnal 567

The Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

Note: A passage from John 10 is always read on this Sunday in the church calendar. It reminds us that the risen Christ remains in constant and intimate with humanity as the guide of God's love in the world.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Homily The Rev. James B. Sutler
Followed by silence for reflection

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
The Offertory Ave Verum Choir
The Doxology standing Hymnal 380 v.3

The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer B BCP 367
The Sursum Corda
The Sanctus Hymnal S125
The Canon kneeling or standing.
THE GREAT AMEN, BCP 368
The Lord's Prayer BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread BCP 364
Choir Anthem Ubi Caritas Choir
Post Communion Prayer kneeling or standing BCP 365

Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors

Priest: 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.

Processional Hymn: The Strife is O'er Hymnal 208
The Dismissal Response BCP 366

Thanks be to God.

PRAY FOR...

Our Parish Family, especially

✠ **HAMMONT FAMILY, MISSY, CAROLE, JUDITH, JOHN, ANN, JOAN C., SUSAN, DAVID, JAMIE, MIKE S., WAYNE, 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, JIM, COURTNEY, SHONDA, DIANE, SANDRA, BEVERLY, DAN, DON, MARTHA, PAM, CHUCK, MICHELLE, TROY, MICHELLE, KATHLEEN, STEVE, JAN, ANDY, ORSON, SHI SHI, PAPA RED, MAX, PATTI , PATTY, JUSTIN, ADRIAN, MICHAEL, ANN, TED, ROBIN, DEVENA, MARY, TOM, THE PEOPLE OF MAUI, ELVIE, AMY, BETTY, HEATHER, WANDA, PAIGE, GAYLE, AMANDA, MARK, CHRIS, ELIZABETH, ROB, BILL, BRITTANY, SONJA, TOM, FRANK, MOLLY, MAUREEN, LOU, TRAVIS, BRUCE, KRISTI, RAYMOND, GRACE, ED, LESLIE, BILL, LIZ, GARY, GABBY, PAUL, ASTON, SANDY & MARK.**

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

✠ **ARBORS: PHYLLIS, MELANIE, DONNA, FRAN, LIZ, MARIAN, LOIS, OLGA, BETTY, CAROLINE, MARK, MELANIE, MARY, KATHRINE, ROSE, BOBBY & LESLIE.**

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.

What is a Good Shepherd?

If Jesus is the good shepherd, our first response seems to be, "in opposition to bad shepherds" and then we immediately embark on all kinds of allegorical fancy to determine the identity of these bad shepherds so as to avoid them, pit Jesus against them, or make sure we aren't one of them.

Jesus is the good shepherd because he the source of abundant life, first to the man born blind, giving him a new existence, new life — he is a new creation, a child of God (1:1; 12-13). Jesus is the good shepherd because he *finds* the man born blind after the blind man has been thrown out (9:35) which the disciples need to hear because they too will be thrown out (12:42; 16:1-2) and which they need to remember because Jesus found them (1:43).

Jesus is the good shepherd because he *knows* his sheep and he calls them by name (Lazarus, 11:43; Mary Magdalene, 20:16). Jesus is the good shepherd because before he goes to the cross, he lays down his life by coming out of the garden, the fold, leaving his sheep protected and safe in the garden, giving himself up (no kiss from Judas) for the sake of his disciples, his sheep (18:4).

Jesus is the good shepherd because he will take up his life again in the resurrection AND the ascension, the resurrection being our promise of life here and now (11:25) and the promise of life in our future; the ascension being the abiding place that Jesus prepares for the ones he loves (1:18; 13:23; 14:2).

Karoline Lewis

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday Bible Study

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

Servers Needed

Volunteers are urgently needed in order to fully staff our 11:00am service with 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. Every effort is made to make it a comfortable and fulfilling worship experience, and to limit participation to twice a month or less. Please call or text Jeff Pawlik (314.629.6183) for more information.

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

Episcopal Church Women

4/22 7pm in Davis Hall. Regular meetings are the third Monday of the month. The annual retreat at Camp Mikell will be May 3-5. Contact Wanda Carr wandakiddcarr@gmail.com.

Cherokee County Master Gardener Plant Sale

5/4 9am-12pm. Cherokee County Senior Center, 1001 Univeter Rd, Canton, Ga. 30115

Lay Eucharistic Visitors Ministry:

5/7 meeting scheduled at 10:30 a.m. in Davis Hall. We will complete our discussion of the book, "Crucial Conversations." If you or someone you know would like to use this service, please contact either Fr. Jamie (770-324-2035) or Diane Hodgins (850-339-8540).. The next meeintg

Daughters of the King

5/12 1:00 pm Davis Hall to discuss Faith Moves Mountains by Harris Faulkner. Contact Trish Cole trishcole4@gmail.com

Book Club

5/13 1:30 p.m. Davis Hall to discuss **The Villa** by Rachel Hawkins., June is **The Things We Cannot Say** by Kelly Rimmer, July is **The Personal Librarian** by Marie Benedict and is August **The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post** by Alison Pataki. Contact: Sallee Macknik sallee_m@yahoo.com or (770) 714-6340

Women's Group/Inbetweeners:

5/14 11:00 a.m. J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is leading contact: hickoryfarms@comcast.net

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

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The Men's Group

Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. (IHOP, 3010 Northside Parkway, Canton)

Contact: stclementsmensgroup@gmail.com.

Rector's Bible Study

Every Wednesday at noon via Zoom currently studying Stories of the Resurrection. Contact the office for the link.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

7pm, after the Supper in Davis Hall. We are currently using the book Pew Sisters for our study. It's not too late to join!

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 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.

Scan to visit our website for more information.



Serving Today:
VPOD: Doug Blackburn
Crucifer: Doug Blackburn
LEM: Wanda Carr
Reader: Larry Ellis
Teller: Al Irvine



Anniversaries this week:

Tim & Sandy Woltering 4/23
Clyde & Sharon Mackenzie 4/24
Rob & Katie McDonald 4/27



Birthdays this week:

Diane Hodgins 4/21
Tom Bommelje 4/25
John Kendrix 4/25
Van Leffingwell 4/23
Carole Myers 4/27
Kay Nelson 4/27

TREASURER'S SUMMARY

as of February 2024

Pledges YTD	\$44,893.56
Total Income	\$80,603.11
Total Expenses	\$72,148.47



April 21, 2024

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday**

I am the Good Shepherd.

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

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

MONDAY

Morning Prayer (online) // 9:00am

THURSDAY

Centering Prayer // 1:00pm
Path to Shine // 1:40pm
Canton AL-Anon // 7:00pm.

TUESDAY

Men's Group, IHOP // 11:30am
Alcoholics Anonymous // 8:00pm.

FRIDAY

Morning Prayer (online) // 9:00am.
Holy Eucharist @ The Arbors // 10:00am
Women's AA// 12:00 noon

WEDNESDAY

Morning Prayer (online) // 9:00am.
Women's AA // 12:00pm.
Rector's Zoom Bible Study // 12:00pm
Holy Eucharist// 6:15pm
Meal // 6:40pm
EYC // 7:00pm
Bible Study // 7:00pm

**The Altar Flowers today are given by
The Altar Guild to the Glory of Gd.**

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