

October 18, 2026

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9AM FAMILY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

Featuring the Joyful Noise Band

<i>Processional Song</i> Opening Sentences, Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 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 PeaceBCP 360	Welcome & Announcements The Holy Communion <i>Offertory</i> The Great Thanksgiving: The Lord's PrayerBCP 364 The Breaking of the Bread The Administration <i>Communion Song</i> Post Communion PrayerBCP 365 The Blessing <i>Song for the Procession Out</i> The DismissalBCP 366
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11AM CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

Procession In , <i>standing</i>	<i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i>	Hymnal 616 v 1-3,5
The Opening Sentences	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355	
Song of Praise	<i>The Gloria</i>	Hymnal S278
The Collect		

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Isaiah 45:1-7

Note: This remarkable passage identifies Cyrus, the Persian king, as "anointed" or mashiach from which we derive the word "Messiah". Here a non-Jew becomes the savior of the Jews in captivity in Babylon and returned to Israel. Saviors sent by God can come from unexpected places.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped

to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,

to open doors before him--
and the gates shall not be closed:

I will go before you and level the mountains,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,

I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,

so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,

so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

Psalm 96:1-13 Cantate Domino

Note: This psalm was sung by Asaph and his choir when David brought the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem (I Chronicles 16: 23-33). It is also the appointed psalm for Christmas I for all three years of the liturgical cycle. It is a confident song of high evangelical praise that God's rule means all is well.

1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

2 **Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples

**4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.**

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

**6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

**8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.**

9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

**10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity;"**

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

**12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.**

13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.]

The Epistle: Thessalonians 1:1-10

Note: This is the first reading of a sequence of readings from this letter to last the next four Sundays. Scholars tend to agree that this correspondence is probably the earliest of Paul's writings and, therefore, the earliest writing in the New Testament. This traditional opening greeting tells us much about the warm feelings Paul has for this church.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution

you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Sequence Hymn, *standing**In the Cross*Hymnal 441 v 1-2,4

The Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Note: The question presented to Jesus could have led him into a real dilemma. To agree to the paying of Ceasar's taxes would have offended nationalistic Jews and to disagree with paying taxes would get him into trouble with the Romans. In the end Jesus reveals that he is presented with a false choice. Jesus provides us with a faithful one.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Homily**The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler, D. Min**
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 SinBCP 359

The Peace, *standing*BCP 360

The Holy Communion

Rite II, Prayer B

The Offertory*Planted Wheat*Choir

The Doxology, *standing*Hymnal 380, v3

The Great Thanksgiving
The Sursum CordaBCP 367
The SanctusHymnal S114
The Canon, *kneeling or standing*

THE GREAT AMENBCP 368

The Lord's PrayerBCP 364

Breaking of the Bread
Fraction AnthemBCP 364
Communion*Father We Thank Thee*Hymnal S169
Hymnal 302

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.

Recessional Hymn:*I Am the Bread of Life*Hymnal 335

The Blessing

The Dismissal ResponseBCP 366
Thanks be to God.

WE PRAY FOR:

Our Parish Family, especially

- ✚ CLAUDE, LINDA, MARK, MISSY, LESLIE, BILL, AMANDA, CAROLE, JUDITH, ANN, AL, HUBIE, ROBIN, TED, DAKOTA, CARL, JEAN, MARY, WAYNE, KAREN, JOAN, 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

- ✚ TY. NICK, BRANDON, MAGGIE, STEPHEN, ELIJAH, BRIAN, ALEXANDRA, DAVID, & LAUREN.
- ✚ Others needing Intercessory Prayer:
 - ✚ BOB, RACHEL, MARY, EZRA, ROWEN, CHRIS, PATTI, BOB, MICHAEL, KIRSI, DIANE, ROB, LUPINA, JOY, BRUCE, CHRISTOPHER, JANICE, BAILEY, ROBERTO, SARAH, MICHELLE, BARBARA, SANTOS, KAJIAH, MAKEIGHLA, DOMINIC, BARBARA, KIM, AJ, MIMI, LEYLA, & HELEN.

- ✚ COMFORT: 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.

The Gift Exchange

This Sunday brings us the well-known moment when the Pharisees confront Jesus with the potentially explosive question about whether it is lawful for a faithful Jew to pay taxes to the occupying Romans.

Jesus answers the question by directing people to "render unto Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's". So, it sounds like a both/and rather than an either/or. But there is more to this.

One historian has suggested that we relate to one another in three ways: the coercive mode, the sales mode, and the gift mode. The coercive mode is basically theft, the sales mode is buying and selling, and the gift mode is unconditional generosity.

When Jesus makes his famous response, he is doing more than just identifying the recipient (Caesar or God), he is also identifying the nature of the relationship as well as the nature of the giver. Rendering to Caesar is certainly no gift, it is, at best, a sales transaction and at its worst, outright theft. Rendering to God, on the other hand, must always be a pure gift.

This gift to God says something about the giver. To give generously is to live into a life mindful that life is a gift. That is what Paul essentially says the Thessalonians have discovered through the gift of his ministry to them.

So, the giver to God says something about the posture of their heart. They know that they are a pool into which God has given all sorts of blessings to enrich their hearts. But they also know they are a channel towards others, enriching the lives of our fellow human beings.

All givers are recipients. The church is a kind of gift exchange where there is giving and receiving according to each of our blessings.

What is your gift from God that you can pay forward?

Jamie ✚

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us immediately after the services for **HOSPITALITY** across the parking lot in Davis Hall!

AED Machines have been installed in the Church and Davis Hall.

10/19 Blood Drive 2:45pm-7:45pm Davis Hall To schedule your appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code stclemec. Save a life!

10/19 Episcopal Church Women (ECW) 7:00pm Join us at Katie McDonald's home for our last in-person meeting of the year. Katie will have her house decorated for Halloween, so come join the fun! Bring a snack to share. Katie's address is 364 Woodbrook Crest, Canton, GA in Bridgemill.

10/20 Senior Seminars begin! 10:00am In Davis Hall This first meeting will cover Fire & Emergency Services during this Fire Prevention Month and is the first of seminars dealing with issues common to our seniors and others. Future seminars will include Medicare Fraud Prevention, Aging, Wellness, and Community Care, and a visit to the Emergency Management & 911 Center.

10/24 Trunk or Treat 11:00am to 2:00pm Sign up to host a Trunk of candy for our parishioners and those invited from our community! Contact Tim or Sandy Woltering at tjwoltering@gmail.com.

10/25 Blessing of the Halloween Costumes 9am and 11am Wear your costume to church and be blessed.

11/15 Annual Meeting 10:00am-11:00am Between the services in the church. Everyone should attend to learn about the state of the church and have a voice in the election of three new Vestry Members. Candidate to be announced!

Tuesday The Men's Group 11:30am at IHOP, 3010 Northside Parkway, Canton
Contact: stclementsmensgroup@gmail.com

Bible Study: The Way 1:00-3:00pm in The Vestry Room The group studies the previous Sunday's Readings found in your bulletins. For information contact Anna Marie Smith at 717-713-5819

Wednesday Rector's Bible Study 12:00 noon via Zoom.

Holy Eucharist 6:15pm Hear a homily about a Saint each week. 10/21 St. James of Jerusalem
—On the 1st & 3rd Wed., there are:

- 6:45 meal
- 7:00 EYC
- 7:00 Bible Study

The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler, *rector*
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Catherine Bergman, Parish Administrator
Gloria Blackburn, Parish Coordinator
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Thursday Grief Support Group 10:30 am Davis Hall in the Hearth Room

Path to Shine 2:00-5:00pm This mentoring program for under-served children and youth teaching arts, crafts, and sports is held in Davis Hall.

Friday 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 (850.339.8540)

Liberty Elementary School has an ongoing need for peanut-free snacks for its under-privileged children, nearly 25% of its Student Body. There is a box in the Narthex for collecting your donations.

Online Giving available through our website www.stclementscanton.org. Use the dropdown button by Pledged Giving to choose another ministry. Or, you can give online on the Realm app, with the same options.

Want to Get Involved? But not sure where to start? Contact Brad Vaughan— he'll help you find your fit! 931-265- 6087 or bradford.vaughan25@gmail.com.

Office Hours
Tuesday and Thursday: 9am-2pm
Please call before coming by to make sure someone is in the office.

New Bookkeeper Hours:
Tuesday and Thursday 5:30–7:30pm. Please email carrie@stclementscanton.org to make an appointment.



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Serving Today:

VPOD: Tim Hodgins
Crucifer: Brad Vaughan
Gospel Torch: Dell Lyons
Epistle Torch: Tori Vaughan
LEM: Dell Lyons
Reader: Gloria Blackburn
Teller: Gary Dorminey

 **Birthdays this week:**

Lee Stone 10/20

 **Anniversaries this week:**

Glenn & Anna Marie Smith 10/24

TREASURER'S SUMMARY as of September 2026	
Pledges YTD	\$184,330
Total Income	\$255,530
Total Expense	\$275,370



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 // 9:00am Contemporary // 11:00am Traditional
First Sunday of each month // 10:00am Combined Service
Wednesday Holy Eucharist // 6:15pm

MONDAY
Al-Anon // 12:00pm

TUESDAY
Men's Group, IHOP // 11:30am
Bible Study: The Way // 1:00–3:00pm
Alcoholics Anonymous // 8:00pm

THURSDAY
Grief Support // 10:30am
Path-to-Shine // 2:00-5:00pm
Canton Al-Anon & Alateen // 7:00pm

FRIDAY
Morning Prayer (online) // 9:00am
Service @ the Arbor // 10:30am
Women's AA // 12:00pm
Centering Prayer // 12:30pm

WEDNESDAY
Morning Prayer (online) // 9:00am
Rector's Zoom Bible Study // 12:00pm
Women's AA // 12:00pm
1st and 3rd weeks:
Meal // 6:45pm
Bible Study & EYC // 7:00pm

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Dell & Jamie Lyons in celebration of their 17th wedding anniversary,
Trish Cole & family in Loving Memory of Mick Cole on the anniversary of his passing,
and Wanda & Jim Carr in celebration of their Granddaughter Ava's 2nd birthday.

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