

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 20, 2023

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

Prelude *Guide Me...*

Hymnal 690

The Opening Sentences

The Book of Common Prayer, 355

Song of Praise *The Gloria*

Hymnal S278 BCP 355

The Collect of the Day

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: Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Note: We sometimes think that it was Jesus who opened up God's grace to all the world beyond Israel. What does it mean for us when God speaks through this Old Testament prophet saying, "for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples"?

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,

for soon my salvation will come,

and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,

to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,

and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,

and hold fast my covenant--

these I will bring to my holy mountain,

and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices

will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer

for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,

who gathers the outcasts of Israel,

I will gather others to them

besides those already gathered.

The Psalm 67

Note: This psalm of praise holds the hope that all the world may praise God. It breaks the bounds of our sometimes-restricted religious geography. Can we imagine simply dwelling in the sheer joy of experiencing God not only for our sakes but for the sake of the larger world whom God also loves?

Deus misereatur

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 **Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.**

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

4 **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.**

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

6 **The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

The Epistle: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Note: God promises faithfulness to Israel and, in Christ, to the world. That is more than a hand-shake, that is the nature of God. Our faithlessness, intermittent or long term, doesn't deter God's love for us. This is often the usual way we discover the love and healing of God. To own our own faults is to be embraced by God.

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.

Sequence Hymn *Breathe On Me Breath of God* Hymnal 508

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 15: 10-28

Note: Geography plays an important role here. In the first part, speaking to the Pharisees who have come up from Jerusalem, he is in Jewish Galilee, his own home turf. In the second part, speaking to the Canaanite woman, he is in gentile territory. In the first part he is teaching, in the second he is acting. It raises the question of our consistency: do we walk our talk once we go "out there" in the world?

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.

The Homily The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler
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 *On Eagles' Wings*
The Doxology *standing* Hymnal 380 v.3

The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer B BCP 367
The Sursum Corda
The Sanctus Hymnal S130
The Canon *kneeling or standing.*
THE GREAT AMEN, BCP 368
The Lord's Prayer BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread BCP 364
Choir Anthem *And now O Father* Hymnal 337

Post Communion Prayer *kneeling or standing* BCP 365

Processional Hymn: *All Hail the Power...* Hymnal 450 vs.1-3, 5
The Dismissal Response BCP 366

Thanks be to God.

WE PRAY FOR...

Our Parish Family, especially

✚ MARGIE, SHARON, MABRY FAMILY, SHARON, ANNIE, KAREN,, JOSEPH, SARAH, EMILY, PAT, ANNA MARIE, AMANDA, WANDA, ROBIN, BILL W., MARK, KIM, TED, FRED, REBA, JOHN D., SCOTT, MARTI, FRAN, DAKOTA. DEACON JUDITH & MARGARET C.

✚ 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, BONNIE, GRIFFEN, JESS, JOHN, JIM, SHONDA,, DIANE, SANDRA, BEVERLY, DAN, LARAMIE, DON, MARTHA, PAM, CHUCK, THOMAS, TIM, PINKIE, MICHELLE, TROY, MICHELLE, KIMBERLY, DALE, KATHLEEN, STEVE, JAN, ANDY, JOHN, ORSON, SHI SHI, PAPA RED, MAX, GILL, TERRY, PATTI , PATTY, JUSTIN, MR. B, CHRIS, BRANDON, ANN, DAVID, ADRIAN, MAN AT KROGER, HEIDI, MICHAEL, LIZ, ANN, TED, CHRISTINE, BILL, PETE, ROBIN, MARY, ALEX, SANDY, TIMOTHY, DEBBIE, SAM, JIM, MARINA, DAVENA, WILLS, MARY, TOM, NICOLE, NORM & THE PEOPLE OF MAUI.

✚ COMFORT: PAT, RYAN & PEGGY & FAMILY.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL OUR BLESSINGS.

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

Prayer request cards are available on the back of the pews.

Politically Incorrect Jesus

"Whoever says 'you fool' shall be liable to the hell of fire", says Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:22). Name calling appears to be inconsistent with the Kingdom of God.

And yet Jesus, this Sunday, appears to do just that when he refers to a Gentile woman as a dog, just about the worst things you could say in that time and place.

But why should that be such a big deal? If that's the way I really feel, why shouldn't I use disparaging remarks towards others?

Manners and polite discourse are hardly a good reason to stifle myself where honest feelings are in jeopardy of not being fully expressed. People are too sensitive about such things. "In my day" people didn't worry about a little name-calling or some playful "colorful" language. I am, after all, just telling it like it is. I am, in effect, telling the "truth of the matter".

Truth is, of course, a bold claim for anyone to make about anyone else. Name-calling reduces a human being to an inarticulate stereotype. It is an evasion of a deeper conversation and a deeper examination, saying more about the name caller than the other person. Or at least that is what my elementary school principal told us when we were little bitty name callers.

Name-calling also says something about the God one believes in. If I believe I have the right to call someone names then I must believe in a God that affirms that right, that God agrees in my prejudice, my anger, my truth. That would not be an unusual view in the course of human events.

But when Jesus stoops down to do it, it doesn't seem to sit well. It doesn't seem becoming. It seems inconsistent. It is a little embarrassing.

I hope so. It is shameful. But it is not the shame of Jesus. It is ours. And, seeing that and feeling that, is one of the ways home to the Kingdom of God, here and now.

Jamie

Fr. Jamie will be out of town 8/21-29

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cherokee Family Violence Center

Through 8/27. Lilah Schilling is collecting donations for Girl Scouts. The requested items are cleaning and household needs and toiletries. A detailed list and a box to drop off your donations is in the narthex.

ECW

8/21 7 p.m. Davis Hall. Contact Wanda Carr (404) 861-5011 or wandakiddcarr@gmail.com

Clement's Creatives:

8/26 2 pm Davis Hall. If you are an artist or crafts-person looking to practice your art in a social setting, please join Clement's Creatives on Saturday, August 26 at 2pm. Bring your supplies and join us for some fun, fellowship, and learning in a relaxed setting. This month, we're collecting artwork to be displayed at the upcoming Wine, jazz, and Cheese Night on September 9th. If you'd like to loan us your arts or crafts, please bring them to Clement's Creatives or to the church any Sunday by August 27. Questions? Call Melissa Stutler at 770-296-5856.

Wine 'n Cheese 'n Jazz

9/9 4-6 p.m. Davis Hall. An evening celebrating us! Register online

Daughters of the King

9/10 1 p.m. Davis Hall to begin Faith Moves Mountains by Harris Faulkner. There will be no meeting in July or August Contact: Trish Cole trishcole4@gmail.com.

Women's Group/Inbetweeners:

9/12 11: a.m. J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is leading contact: hickoryfarms@comcast.net

Episcopal Youth Community:

7p.m. Wednesdays. Meal begins at 6:40 with activities following.

Wednesday Bible Study:

7 p.m. We will be begin our study of Galatians, using the book St. Francis and the Christian Life by April Love-Fordham. This book teaches Galatians the way Jesus taught: through parables. In this case, the parables are about Saint Francis. Each section ends with a spiritual practice designed to help readers discover their own unique way of living the Christian life. The book is available on Amazon. Join us!

Book Club

9/11 1:30 p.m. to discuss **The House in the Pines** by Ana Reyes. The Book Club will not meet in August. Contact: Sallee Macknik sallee_m@yahoo.com.

Rector's Wednesday Zoom Noon Bible Study

Study of the Gospel of John continues. Contact the office for the Zoom link.

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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 now \$50. Please contact Trish Cole (770)-377-4348 or trishcole4@gmail.com to join the team.

The Men's Group

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

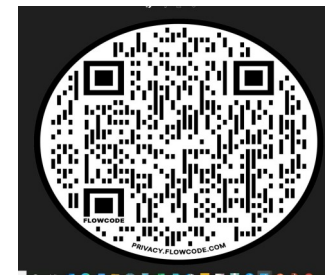
St. Clement's music ensemble is the **Joyful Noise Band**. If you play a musical instrument, we'd love to have you join us! The band plays 9 a.m. every 3rd Sunday. Contact Judy Reardon -judy.reardon@icloud.com.

Online Giving available through our website www.stclementscanton.org or by the Vanco app on your smart phone.

Parish Directory:

We are currently updating the parish directory. If you have your information in the previous directory AND the information is correct, there is no need to fill out a form. If you have moved and/or would like to add birthdays and anniversaries, please fill out a form in the narthex. If you would like to take it home and fill it out, there are addressed stamped envelopes in the narthex along with the forms for you to fill out and mail back. Contact the office with any questions. **Deadline 8/31.**

Scan to visit our website for more information.



Birthdays this week:

Al Irvine 8/20
Ashlee Waters 8/21
Victor Lepore 8/25



Anniversaries this week:

Joseph & Marleen Burford
8/21
Richard & Patricia Krupp
8/21
Peter & Judith Kalom 8/26

TREASURER'S SUMMARY as of June 2023

Pledges YTD	\$145,405.90
Total Income	\$195,939.39
Total Expenses	\$162,775.06



August 20, 2023 12th Sunday after Pentecost

We thank you, O God, for bringing together in your house people from all backgrounds and points of view, may you nourish us with our diversity while we pray for even more and various brothers and sisters among us, knowing that your Holy Spirit thrives in the chorus of all creation.

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

No Morning Prayer (online).

THURSDAY

Canton Al-Anon // 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

FRIDAY

No Morning Prayer (online)
Women's AA// 12 noon

WEDNESDAY

No Morning Prayer (online)
Women's AA // 12 p.m.
No Rector's Zoom Bible Study.
No Holy Eucharist.
EYC // 7pm
Bible Study // 7 pm

The Altar Flowers today are given by Trish Cole & Family to the Glory of God & in Loving Memory of her father Robert Jupp on the anniversary of his birth today.

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