

August 10, 2025

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:00AM FAMILY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

<i>Processional Song</i> Opening Sentences, <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> 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 PrayerBCP364 The Breaking of the Bread The Administration Communion Song Post Communion PrayerBCP 365 The Blessing Song for the Procession Out The DismissalBCP 366
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11:00AM CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

Procession In, standingO Praise Ye the LordHymnal 432

The Opening SentencesThe Book of Common Prayer 355

Song of PraiseThe GloriaHymnal S278

The Collect

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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: Genesis 15:1-6

Note: Abram struggles with his faith in God. He stands unbelieving in the promise of descendants given his and Sarai's circumstances. God does not argue with him, God reveals to him and it is upon this revelation that Abram trusts that God is God. This faith makes him in right relationship with God.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Psalm 33:12-22 Exultate, just!

Note: The proper response to God is to "wait" upon him. This is not a passive posture of blind faith, but an active expectation of the presence of the living God.

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The Lord looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the Lord; *
he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

The Epistle: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Note: A definition of faith is here followed by the example of faith in action in the person of Abraham and, next week, followed by others in this "roll call" of Old Testament heroes. Faith is never relegated to a mere mental affirmation, but is demonstrated in concrete, and often risky, action.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Sequence Hymn, standingO Spirit of LifeHymnal 505

The Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

Note: Continuing from last week's gospel reading, the context is a teaching first against materialism and then the anxiety which such an attitude brings. Here Jesus leads the discussion away from fear to the promise of the Kingdom, an infinitely more valuable way of life, which is entirely a gift.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make

purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The HomilyThe Rev. James B. Stutler, D. Min
Followed by silence for reflection

The Nicene Creed, standingBCP 358

The Prayers of the People, kneeling or standing
Greetings and Announcements

The Confession of SinBCP 359

The Peace, standingBCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

RITE II, PRAYER B

The OffertoryMy Faith Looks up to Thee

The Doxology, standing

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 Anthem

Choir MeditationNow My TongueHymnal 329, v. 1-3. 6

Post Communion Prayer, kneeling or standingBCP 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: Guide Me, O Thou Great JehovahHymnal 690

The Blessing

The Dismissal ResponseBCP 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.
- ✚ 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.

The Orientation of the Heart

Have you ever looked back at something you did in the past and wondered how you managed to accomplish it? Or, on the other hand, how many times have you considered your present situation or something that was just about to happen and wondered, how am I going to get through this?

Aelred of Rievaulx, a twelfth century British abbot wrote a wonderful prayer where he lists out all the reasons, all the personal failings, that should have disqualified him to be the leader of a large abbey of monks in the north of England. He is said to have used it as a regular devotion.

At one point, there is the familiar exclamation of a person who has gotten themselves over their head in assuming responsibilities: “What was I thinking!”. Then, without missing a beat, he turns the question to our Lord and Savior: “What were You thinking!”.

Jesus was thinking that, for all of our failings and imperfections, we can do immeasurably more than we can hope or desire by him who is at work in us (Ephesians 3:20). To trust in this is the very meaning of faith. It is, therefore, a question not of intellect or willpower, but of the faithful orientation of our heart.

Jamie ✚

UPCOMING 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*

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 gam on Combined Service Sunday.

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.

Utility Assistance Program
The Utility Assistance Program branch of the Outreach Committee is looking for a few more members who would be willing to man the phones once every other month. For more information, please contact Fran Lepore at 770.842.9108.

Altar Guild
The Altar Guild is also looking for new members. Your commitment is one weekend per month, and Trish Cole will train you and answer all your questions! Please contact her at (770) 377-4348 or trishcole4@gmail.com.

Book Club will be held on Monday 8/11 at 1:30 in Davis Hall. The August selection is Small Mercies by Dennis LeHane. Contact: Sallee Macknik at sallee_m@yahoo.com or (770) 714-6340.

Tuesdays
Women's Group/Inbetweeners
8/12 11:00a.m. J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is the lead contact at hickoryfarms@comcast.net

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

Email
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Liz Bouis, Parish Administrator
Gloria Blackburn, Parish Assistant
770-345-6722
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The Men's Group 11:30am at IHOP, 3010 Northside Parkway, Canton
Contact: stclementsmens-group@gmail.com

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 www.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: Margaret Garwatoski
Crucifer/1st Server: Tim Hodgins
Epistle Torch: Thomas Cerniglia
Gospel Torch/Bells: Jeff Pawlik
LEM: Janelle Walker
Reader: Diane Hodgins
Teller: Jamie Lyons

Birthdays this week:
 Father Jamie Stutler 8/10
Tom Carlson 8/12
Sophia Cerniglia 8/12
Mary Koblasz 8/15
Stephanie Timm 8/16

 **Anniversaries this week:**
Brad and Beth Vaughan 8/15

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



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

MONDAY
Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am
Al-Anon//12:00pm

TUESDAY
COHI //10:00am
Men's Group, IHOP//11:30am
Bible Study: The Way//1:30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous//8:00pm

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

THURSDAY
Al-Anon//7:00pm
Al-Ateen//7:00pm

FRIDAY
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 Sandy and Tim Woltering in Loving Memory of their son, Nick.

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