

## Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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

**11:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Song of Praise**                      The *Gloria*                      Hymnal S278 BCP 355  
**The Collect of the Day**

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Note: The prophet issues the invitation to God to a people desperate to hear it. To a people under threat, surrounded by death, and in urgent need of a safe place this invitation to an abundant life is the only way of life. To such people this invitation is not a matter of casual theory or part of a religious hobby. Where do we see this in the world? Where do we see it in ourselves?*

O LORD, you are my God;  
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.  
For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;  
the palace of aliens is a city no more,  
it will never be rebuilt.  
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.  
For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.  
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,  
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,  
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;  
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.  
And he will destroy on this mountain

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so  
that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Note: In this familiar psalm we see another call of God which is anything but otherworldly. God calls us to follow him through the world, confident in his provision. Where have you felt such provision? Where do we need such provision?*

- 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.**

*Note: These closing passages from the letter encourages the people in their walk with God. Paul not only seeks to dissuade their worry about the dangers of the world around them but reveals to them that their life in God changes them from the inside, to embody the excellency of God, and that is entirely connected to the confident love with which they are able to live in the world. The call of God saves us from worry and saves us to a life of love.*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Choir Anthem *What Gift Can We Bring*  
**Post Communion Prayer** *kneeling or standing* BCP 365

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.*

**Processional Hymn:** *At The Name of Jesus* Hymnal 435  
**The Dismissal Response** BCP 366  
 Thanks be to God.

WE PRAY FOR...

Our Parish Family, especially

✚ LINDA, HUBIE, MABRY FAMILY, ANNIE, KAREN, JOSEPH, EMILY, ANNA MARIE, AMANDA, ROBIN, 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, MICHELLE, TROY, MICHELLE, KIMBERLY, DALE, KATHLEEN, STEVE, JAN, ANDY, 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, TIMOTHY, DEBBIE, MARINA, DAVENA, WILLS, MARY, TOM, NICOLE, NORM, THE PEOPLE OF MAUI, IVY, ROBIN, KAY, HENRY, ELLIOT, ELVIE, AMY, BURT, BETTY, HEATHER, EMILY & FAMILY & STELLA.

✚ COMFORT: 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.

Responding to God's Call

The word “woke” has developed all sorts of social and political meanings in our culture. I would appeal to a more fundamental, biblical meaning and avoiding the spectacle of going into the weeds of culture conflict.

The prophets constantly are trying to awaken the people from their indifference or their ignorance or their disobedience toward God and God's loving covenant with them. Being awakened prophetically is precisely the mission of Jesus who startles us as the very presence of the living God.

Being awakened in this sense is being delivered from being spiritually comatose and living our lives as functional atheists regardless of what we profess formally. We are always subject to this condition, as the poet says “the world is too much with us”. We are always tempted to live as if God does not exist in what we say and do and think.

But God does not give up on us. God keeps calling us to the fuller awareness of his presence. More than that he calls us forward to join him in the work of the Spirit.

But a call is just a call, even from God, if it goes unanswered. The call of God calls for a response from us. Being awakened to God's world is only the beginning of the journey, often picked up again and again throughout our lives.

Come to my banquet, God calls us, let me feed you with my abundance and let me lead you into the world nourished by the Spirit. I love you, God says, now love me.

Where has God awakened you in your life? How will you respond? How might you and the world around you look different?

Jamie+

UPCOMING EVENTS

ECW

10/16 7 p.m. via Zoom. Contact Wanda Carr (404) 861-5011 or wanda-kiddcarr@gmail.com

Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival

10/21 10:00am until 2:00pm. Cars are needed for Trunk or Treat. Register online. We will also have face painting, crafts and serving pizza and drinks!

Red Cross Blood Drive

10/23 2:45pm until 7:45pm in Davis Hall. Donors will receive a \$10 gift card and are entered to win a \$5000 gift card. Register online at RedCrossBlood.org or contact Larry Ellis (770) 735-3714

Daughters of the King

11/12 1 p.m. Davis Hall to continue Faith Moves Mountains by Harris Faulkner. Trish Cole trishcole4@gmail.com.

Book Club

11/13 1:30 p.m. Davis Hall to discuss **Handle with Care** by Jody Picoult. New books will be chosen in November and the book club would love to have new members. Contact: Sallee Macknik sal-lee\_m@yahoo.com or (770) 714-6340

Women's Group/Inbetweeners:

11/14 11: a.m. J. Christopher's, 1437 River-stone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is lead-ing contact: hickoryfarms@comcast.net

**Renewal of the Lay Eucharist Visitor (LEV) Ministry.** Our canons state that a LEV is a lay person, authorized/licensed by the Bishop, to take the Consecrated Elements in a timely manner following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration. If either you or someone you know in the parish is unable to receive the Eucharist at any Celebra-tion, and would like to schedule a LEV visit, please either call or text Janelle Walker at (423) 661-6964 (cell phone).

**Episcopal Youth Community: 7p.m.** Wednesdays. Meal begins at 6:40 with activities following.

The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler, *rector*  
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**Rector's Wednesday Zoom Noon Bible Study** of the Gospel of John skips this week Contact the office for the Zoom link.

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

The Men's Group

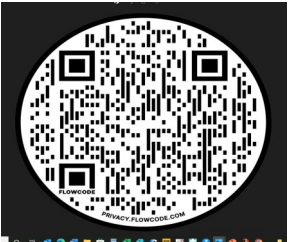
Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. (IHOP, 3010 Northside Parkway, Canton)  
Contact: stclementsmens-group@gmail.com.

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](http://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 bulle-tin, please submit it to the office no later than 2:00pm on Thursdays.

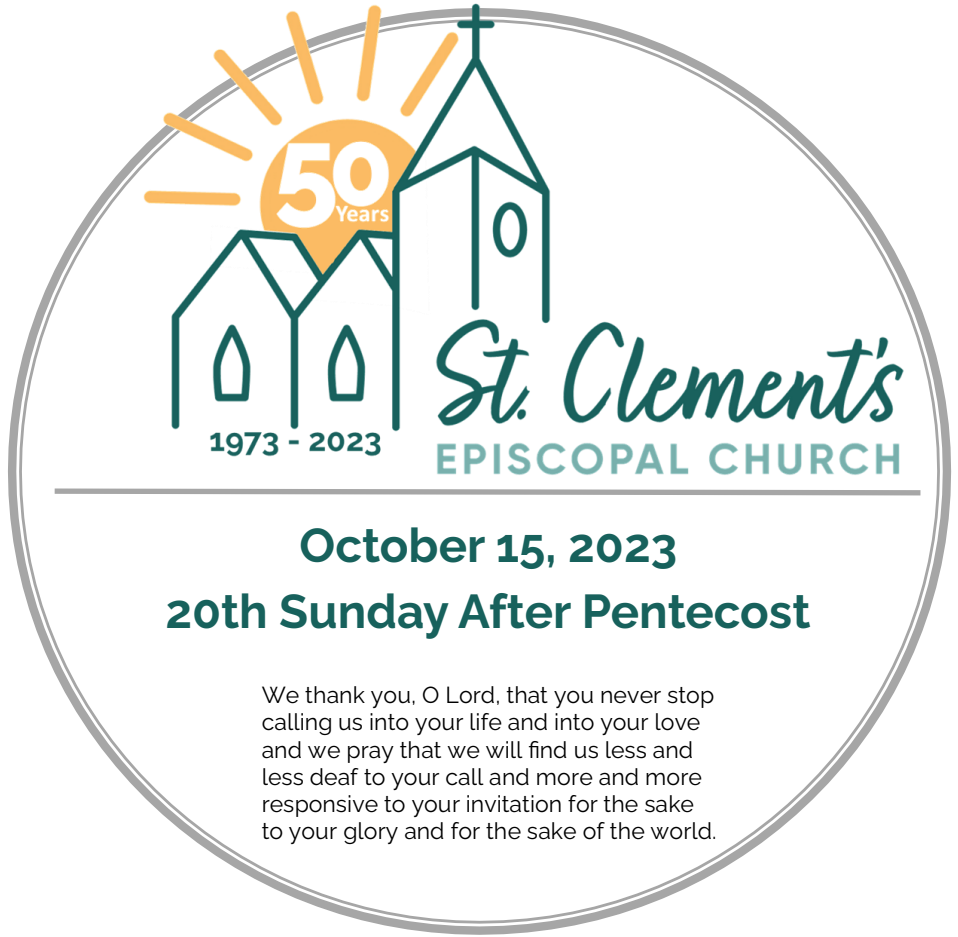
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 **Anniversaries this week:**  
Jamie & Dell Lyons  
10/17

 **Birthdays this week:**  
Lee Kendrix 10/20

TREASURER'S SUMMARY	
as of August 2023	
Pledges YTD	\$178,292.00
Total Income	\$258,278.05
Total Expenses	\$235,952.74



We thank you, O Lord, that you never stop calling us into your life and into your love and we pray that we will find us less and less deaf to your call and more and more responsive to your invitation for the sake to your glory and for the sake of the world.

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

**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.  
No Rector's Zoom Bible Study // 12:00pm  
No Holy Eucharist.// 6:15pm  
Meal // 6:40pm  
EYC // 7:00pm  
Bible Study // 7:00pm

The Altar Flowers today are given by Trish Cole & Family to The Glory of God & in Loving Memory of a dear husband, father & grandfather on the anniversary of his passing 10/16. Given by Dell & Jamie Lyons to The Glory of God & in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

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