

The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude,

The Procession, *please stand as able.*

Songs of Thankfulness

Hymnal 135

The Opening Sentences The Book of Common Prayer, 355

Song of Praise: The *Gloria*

Hymnal S278

BCP 355

The Collect of the Day

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31 *please be seated.*

Note: Chapters 40-55 in Isaiah is sometimes called "The Book of Consolation". It is a book of comfort which acknowledges the shortcomings of Israel and heralds the power of God to overcome all by the strength of the Almighty. Where is such comfort needed today?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

and spreads them like a tent to live in;

who brings princes to naught,

and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,

scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows upon them, and they wither,

and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,

or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,

calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength,

mighty in power,

not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,

and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD,

and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;

his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,

and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,

and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary,

they shall walk and not faint.

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c *Laudate Dominum*

Note: Psalms 146-150 end the Psalter with a refrain of Halleluia! 147 is, in particular, a psalm of delight which exults in the power of God in nature and human beings. Where do you delight in God?

1 Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! *

how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 **The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; ***

he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted *

and binds up their wounds.

4 **He counts the number of the stars ***

and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *

there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 **The LORD lifts up the lowly, ***

but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *

make music to our God upon the harp.

8 **He covers the heavens with clouds ***

and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *

and green plants to serve mankind.

10 **He provides food for flocks and herds ***

and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *

he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 **But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, ***

in those who await his gracious favor.

21 Hallelujah!

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Note: Paul's strength flows from his belief in the power of the gospel. He believes it can change lives because it has changed his life and made him an instrument of the good news. Where is Christ working in your life, flowing out into the world?

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Sequence Hymn: *Surely it is God Who Saves...*Joyful Noise Band

The Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Note: Capernaum was just a little fishing village along the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Its remains can be seen today, a tiny smudge of black basalt rock in the shape of little rooms. Nevertheless, out of this small place flowed the power of God to the whole world. Where have you seen God's power overcome a scarcity of resources to create a blessing?

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Homily

The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler, *rector*

The Prayers of the People *Kneeling or standing.*

Blessings of Special Intention.

Greetings, News, Thanksgivings, and Acknowledgements.

Closing Prayer

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Standing, as able.

BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Anthem

Still, Still, Still

The Doxology, *standing.*

Hymnal 380 v.3

The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer A

The Sursum Corda . kneeling or standing.

The Proper Preface of the Sunday

The *Sanctus*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

The People's AMEN

BCP 362 S130

BCP 363

The Preparation for the Distribution

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Choir Anthem

The Word Whom Earth...

Hymnal 264

The Invitation: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please come and share in the Communion of Christ..

Post Communion Hymn

Thank You Lord

Joyful Noise Band

Postcommunion Prayer

kneeling or standing

BCP 365

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.*

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

The Angel Gabriel

Hymnal 265

The Dismissal Response

BCP 366

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

WE PRAY FOR...

Our Parish Family, especially

✠ IMMKE FAMILY, JOAN, TONY, WAYNE, DALE, BOBBY, AL, JEAN, JULIA, HUBIE, MABRY FAMILY, EMILY, 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. & ADRIAN.

Others needing Intercessory Prayer:

✠HEALING: HILARY, BONNIE, GRIFFEN, JOHN, JIM, COURTNEY, SHONDA, DIANE, SANDRA, BEVERLY, DAN, DON, MARTHA, PAM, CHUCK, MICHELLE, TROY, MICHELLE, KATHLEEN, JAN, ANDY, ORSON, SHI SHI, PAPA RED, MAX, GILL, TERRY, PATTI , PATTY, JUSTIN, ADRIAN, MICHAEL, ANN, TED, ROBIN, DEVENA, MARY, TOM, THE PEOPLE OF MAUI, ELIOT, ELVIE, AMY, BETTY, HEATHER, WANDA, PAIGE, GAYLE, AMANDA, MARK, CHRIS, ELIZABETH, ROB, BILL, ANDREW, BRITTANY, SONJA, TOM, FRANK, MOLLY & MAUREEN.

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

✠ ARBORS: PHYLLIS, MELANIE, MICHELLE & CAROLINE

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.

Strength in Prayer

Where does our real strength come from? Certainly, we must take care of the body God gave us to keep our strength. Nutritious eating, proper sleep, exercise as we can, and availing ourselves of the healing arts are important toward this resolve.

The health that Jesus offers combines both the physical and the spiritual and one cannot be separated from the other. This is an ancient truth that we seem to have only lately discovered again and even so not deeply enough.

We must tend to our spirit. Spiritual health is not an add-on, or icing on the cake, or a hobby we can do without, it is at the core of our lives as human beings, as spiritual creatures. We discover this from time to time when more strength is required of us than we may believe we have.

But even there, at those straining moments, Jesus leads us as an example. Throughout the gospels he steps away from the center of the storm, from the swirling crowds, and even from his earnest disciples to pray. Sometimes it is in a high place, or in a deserted place but it is always in a place apart, somewhere to place himself apart in holiness and find the strength of the Father.

How is the strength of your prayer life in the Spirit?

Jamie✠

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us after the service for a potluck across the parking lot in Davis Hall immediately following the service.

Lent Cleanout Challenge:

Each day of Lent find a gently used item in your home (clothing, shoes, books, home goods etc.) that you no longer need and set it aside to donate to those in need. Bring donations to the narthex on Sunday mornings during Lent. Volunteers will collect and sort the donated items and arrange for them to be delivered to nonprofits and mission programs such as No Longer Bound and MUST Ministries. Contact Beth Vaughan elizabeth.m.w.vaughan@gmail or see any ECW member.

Centering Prayer:

We are organizing a Centering Prayer group at St. Clement's! Centering Prayer is a receptive method of silent prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. The group will meet regularly for about half an hour once a week, the specific time TBA. For information can be found at www.comtemplativeoutreachatlanta.com. If interested contact Fr. Jamie (770) 324-2035 or Diane Hodgins (850) 339-8540

GriefShare, a Christ-centered support group seminar for people who have lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend through death. It is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, people discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, people learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way. St. Clement's Episcopal Church group meets Monday (now until April 1) from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in Davis Hall. Please join us, you do not have to attend all sessions. Contact Mary Koblasz at marykoblasz@gmail.com or 770-655-4005.

Share the Love:

This February let's turn love into action! Share the Love 2024 is a month-long social media campaign dedicated to raising critical funding for Path to Shine. You can make a positive impact with as little as \$1 a day! February is all about SHARING THE LOVE So please join with us as we continue to inspire and empower every child at Path to Shine to reach for the stars! Put a check in the plate marked for Path to Shine or donate online via the website.

LEV Ministry

2/6 10:30 a.m. in Davis Hall. Additional information provided to each member through email. Please contact Diane Hodgins at dianehodgins259@gmail.com or 850-339-8540.

Daughters of the King

2/11 1p.m. Davis Hall to watch the movie Star of Bethlehem. The study Faith Moves Mountains by Harris Faulkner will resume in March. Trish Cole trishcole4@gmail.com.

Book Club

2/12 1:30 p.m. Davis Hall to discuss **The Seed Keeper**

The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler, *rector*
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er by Diane Wilson. March book is **The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store** by James McBride, April is **The Year of Living Biblically** by AJ Jacobs, May is **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:

2/13 11:00 a.m. J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is leading contact: hickoryfarms@comcast.net

Fish Fry

Annual Fish Fry **begins 2/16** and continues through 3/22. Contact Katie McDonald to sign up.

ECW

2/19 currently meeting via Google Meet. Regular meetings are the third Monday of the month. Contact Wanda Carr wanda-kiddcarr@gmail.com

Episcopal Youth Community:

7p.m. Wednesdays. Meal is served at 6:40 with meeting afterwards.

Rector's Wednesday Zoom Noon Bible Study

studying the Book of Proverbs. 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 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.

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.



Birthdays this week

Roy Owings 2/4
Jean Rudolph 2/5
Joseph Waters 2/6

TREASURER'S SUMMARY
as of November 2023

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| Pledges YTD | \$219,833.89 |
| Total Income | \$362,500.38 |
| Total Expenses | \$358,828.34 |



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

First Sunday of Month Combined Service// 10 a.m.

MONDAY

Morning Prayer (online) // 9 a.m.
Grief Share//3:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Canton AL-Anon // 7 p.m.
Path to Shine // 1:40 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Morning Prayer online // 9 a.m.
Bible Study // 12 p.m.
Women's AA // 12 p.m.
Holy Eucharist // 6:15 p.m.
Meal // 6:40 p.m.
Youth // 7 p.m.
Bible study // 7 p.m.

The Altar Flowers today are given by

David & Carlotta Ford to the Glory of God & in celebration of their son's Bennett's 31st birthday

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