

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 28, 2024

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9AM Family Holy Eucharist,

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

<i>Processional Song</i> Opening Sentences, <i>Book of Common Prayer 355</i> 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 <i>Offertory</i> The Great Thanksgiving: The Lord's Prayer BCP364 The Breaking of the Bread The Administration <i>Communion Song</i> Postcommunion Prayer BCP 365 The Blessing <i>Song for the Procession Out</i> The Dismissal BCP366
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11:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Procession In *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Hymnal 427

The Opening Sentences The Book of Common Prayer, 355

Song of Praise *The Gloria* Hymnal S278 BCP 355

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Note: This book, the 5th and final book of the Torah, continues the story of the Exodus as the people of Israel are camped in the wilderness and Moses gives them a series of teachings about the life ahead of them in the promised land. Here he speaks of a prophet who is to come, who will speak with the authority of God.

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

The Psalm 111

Note: This psalm is what Walter Brueggemann might call a "psalm of orientation". It is a celebration of the world as well-ordered by God to which the only proper response is praise. This psalm rejoices that we are intimately and wholly a part of this gracious order. When do you feel this way?

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 **Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.**

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 **He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.**

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 **He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

8 **They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.**

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.**

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Note: The eating of food sacrificed to idols was controversial stuff in the early church. It could bring the allegation of a Christian being implicated in pagan worship. Paul reminds the church in Corinth that an idol is simply a block of wood or stone. A sacrifice to an inanimate object means nothing. But he adds a postscript of grace. For the sake of others, it would be loving to refrain. What might we refrain from for the sake of others?

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if

food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Sequence Hymn

I Want To Walk...

Hymnal 490

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Note: Once Jesus gathers his disciples, he begins his ministry of teaching and healing beginning in the local synagogue at Capernaum where Peter and Andrew lived on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Synagogues at this time were centers for prayer and Torah study where adult males were free to speak. Jesus surprises the gathering with not only a healing but with the authority of his teaching.

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

How Lovely Are The Messengers

Choir

The Doxology

standing

Hymnal 380 v.3

The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer B

BCP 367

The Sursum Corda

The Sanctus

Hymnal S125

The Canon

kneeling or standing.

THE GREAT AMEN,

BCP 368

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Breaking of the Bread

Choir Anthem

Go Forth With God

Hymnal 347

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 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:

Lift High The Cross

Hymnal 473

The Dismissal Response

Thanks be to God.

BCP 366

WE PRAY FOR...

Our Parish Family, especially

✠ **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, ELLIOT, ELVIE, AMY, BETTY, HEATHER, WANDA, PAIGE, GAYLE, AMANDA, MARK, CHRIS, ELIZABETH, ROB, BILL, ANDREW, BRIT-TANY, 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.

Jesus and Healing

Some time ago I was speaking to a friend of mine who is a physician running a long COVID clinic about the distinction between curing and healing. Doctors, she reminded me, treat. With their skills and resources, they guide their patients toward the best outcome they can reasonably project.

Absolute cures are rare and probably more figurative than literal. The occurrence of an illness or injury cannot be erased from a person's history. Perhaps a better, more biblical, and wholistic approach is to think in terms of healing.

The man in the synagogue who is possessed by a demon has far more wrong than a straightforward possession, he is in a state of alienation. He is separated from his community, his own self, from God, and ultimately from hope itself. Illness and injury of any kind alienates us from the life God gives us.

Healing addresses all these things. It isn't limited to physical treatment, as important as that is. It speaks of restoration to a larger life which overcomes the alienation of the present, the wounds of the past, and opens hope for the future.

The healing ministry of Jesus is not simply a proof of his divinity or a demonstration of his power but is, most importantly, an expression of his authority as the manifestation of the Creator and Redeemer of the world. Healing is who Jesus is.

The world in all its brokenness is the subject of the healing touch of Christ. This means we are all his subjects, beloved of him. It also means we are all agents of his healing.

Where are we called to bring healing today?

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Blood Drive

1/29 2:45 pm until 7:45 pm Davis Hall. **The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage.** Visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 800-733-2767 to sign up to donate.

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.

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** 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 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 wandakidcarr@gmail.com

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.

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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.

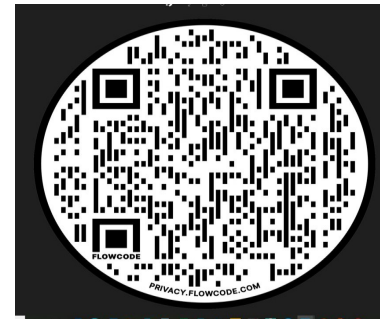
The Men's Group

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.



Serving Today:

VPOD: Tim Woltering
Crucifer: Doug Blackburn
Gospel Torch: Jeff Pawlik
Epistle Torch: Wayne Smoak
LEM: Janelle Walker
Reader: Michael Schirk
Teller: Bill McArthur



Anniversaries this week:
Al & Alice Irvine 1/25

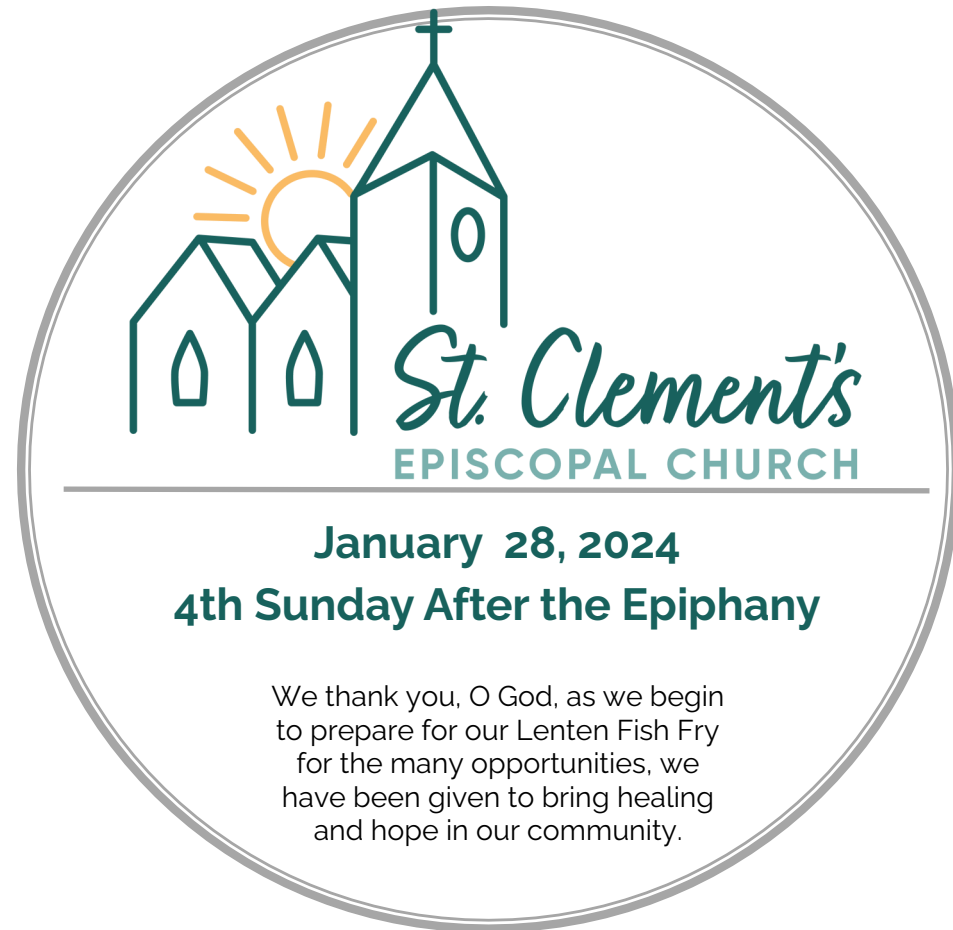


Birthdays this week:
Kelly Burleson 2/1
Susan Gensel 2/3

TREASURER'S SUMMARY

as of November 2023

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



January 28, 2024
4th Sunday After the Epiphany

We thank you, O God, as we begin to prepare for our Lenten Fish Fry for the many opportunities, we have been given to bring healing and hope in our community.

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.
Rector's Zoom Bible Study // 12:00pm
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 honor of her parents Olive & Robert Jupp dear parents, grandparents & great grandparents.

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