

## The Third Sunday in Lent

MARCH 3, 2024

### The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### *Prelude,*

**The Procession,** *please stand as able.*

*Eternal Lord of Love*

Hymnal 149

**The Opening Sentences** The Book of Common Prayer, 355

Song of Praise: The *Kyrie*

Hymnal S591 BCP 355

##### **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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: Exodus 20:1-17** *please be seated.*

*Note: The Ten Commandments are here and repeated in Deuteronomy 5 in a slightly different form. They are more than just rules, there is a spirit in them that shapes human life, and which is reiterated by Jesus in his Summary of the Law (Mark 12), taken from Deuteronomy and Leviticus (love God and neighbor). They are all meant to shape our lives by and for the presence of God: "you shall be a kingdom of priests and holy nation" (Exodus 19:6)*

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

##### **Psalm 19**

*Note: This psalm begins with the daily pattern and ritual of life and incorporates that pattern in the shaping of our understanding a reverence of God. Each day reinforces the presence of God if we open our eyes and ears to the work of his hands.*

##### ***Caeli enarrant***

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*

and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 **One day tells its tale to another, \***  
**and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,

4 **Their sound has gone out into all lands, \***  
**and their message to the ends of the world.**

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens**  
**and runs about to the end of it again; \***  
**nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

7 The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 **The statutes of the LORD are just**  
**and rejoice the heart; \***  
**the commandment of the LORD is clear**  
**and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.

10 **More to be desired are they than gold,**  
**more than much fine gold, \***  
**sweeter far than honey,**  
**than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 **Who can tell how often he offends? \***  
**cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

14 **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my**  
**heart be acceptable in your sight, \***  
**O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

##### **The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

*Note: The church in Corinth was beset by divisions of class, wealth, pride, and, above all, spiritual snobbery. Paul cuts right through this by basically saying we are all fools for Christ. We are all in this together in a world that thinks we are crazy, silly, and maybe even slightly dangerous. Only the fool for Christ can become the child of God.*

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

##### **Sequence Hymn:**

*The Glory of These Forty Days*

Hymnal 143

##### **The Gospel: John 2:13-22**

*Note: The temple was the second to occupy the spot, replacing the first one built by Solomon and destroyed by the Babylonians. This second one was built about 500 years later with the return from Babylon and was expanded and greatly enhanced by Herod the Great in the beginning of the Christian era. It was an ancient wonder of the world, the center of the Hebrew people, and the pride of the priests and the aristocracy. A threat against it was a threat to the whole order.*

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

##### **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

*The Call*

**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**

*Now the Silence*

Hymnal 333

*Day by Day*

Hymnal 654

**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**

*Immortal, Invisible*

Hymnal 423

###### **The Dismissal Response**

BCP 366

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

***Thanks be to God***

**WE PRAY FOR...**

**Our Parish Family, especially**

✠ MIKE, WAYNE, JOAN IMMKE & FAMILY, JOAN C., TONY, DALE, BOBBY, AL, JEAN, JULIA, HUBIE, MABRY FAMILY, 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, STEVE, JAN, ANDY, ORSON, SHI SHI, PAPA RED, MAX, 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, BRITTANY, SONJA, TOM, FRANK, MOLLY, MAUREEN, PARENTS OF CHAD MORGAN, LOU, TRAVIS, BRUCE & KRISTI.

✠ 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.

**Urgent Love**

We often hear how important it is for us to "repent and return to the Lord". We hear how urgent it is for us. We also might consider that it is also urgent for Jesus.

During the cleansing of the temple Jesus drives out the animals brought to sell to pilgrims for sacrifice and turns over the tables of the moneychangers. It is sometimes thought of as the quintessential example of the anger of Jesus, giving us a good excuse to be righteously indignant when the urge comes upon us.

But what if is not anger (he does not, after all, attack anyone) so much as urgency. The disciples remember it as "zeal" (a quote from Psalm 69:10). He is passionate not in his opposition to the people, but in his love for them.

The temple is the sign of the presence of the living God in their lives, the God who has promised to be with them unconditionally (the promise/covenant to Noah and his family) and abundantly (the promise/covenant to Abraham and Sarah). The biggest problem is them. The biggest problem is us.

The cleansing of the temple is a sign that in Christ the meaning of the temple and the idea of sacrifice is about to change radically for the followers of Jesus. It is no coincidence that this action leads directly to the cross and the resurrection. Jesus rises to become the new temple, the dwelling place of God.

In this new temple there will be no buying or selling, no transacting for the presence of God for God will be freely present to everyone, always. The only problem is us. Will we accept the free gift of God, as a free gift, and pass it along to seal the bargain?

Jesus' urgency is his love for all of us, without exception. He urges us to share that urgency for the sake of the world.

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:**

Meets every Thursday 1:00pm until 1:45pm in the church. Informational brochures are in the narthex to learn more. If interested contact Fr. Jamie (770) 324-2035 or Diane Hodgins (850) 339-8540

**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 made out to St. Clement's marked for Path to Shine or donate online via the website or at pathtoshine.org.

**Fish Fry**

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

**Hospitality:**

Hospitality is a way to socialize and welcome newcomers to our church. We are now gathering after both the 9:00 o'clock and the 11:00 o'clock services. Join us! All you would need to serve is simple items such as bagels or donuts.

**Lay Eucharistic Visitor Ministry**

**3/5** 10:30am Davis Hall. LEVs extend the hospitality of the Sunday Eucharist to those who, because of illness or other limitations, are unable to be present for community worship. Since the beginning of the church, the bringing of Holy Communion to the homebound has been a sacred duty. We continue in this ministry seeking to bring Christ to all people who desire Him. If you or someone you know would like to use this service, please contact either Fr. Jamie (770) 234-2035 or Diane Hodgins (850) 339-8540/

**Cherokee Chorale:**

**3/10** 4:00 pm Reinhardt University Falaney Auditorium, 199 Fine Arts Drive, Waleska, GA 30183. Please contact either Al Irvine (anairvine@earthlink.net, (225) 937-9811) or Valerie Brumbelow (Vbrumbelow@yahoo.com, (678) 895-7327).

**Book Club**

**3/11** 1:30 p.m. Davis Hall to discuss **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**

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**Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post** by Alison Pataki. Contact: Sallee Macknik sallee\_m@yahoo.com or (770) 714-6340

**Women's Group/Inbetweeners:**

**3/11** 11:00 a.m. J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is leading contact: hickoryfarms@comcast.net

**Daughters of the King Quiet Day**

**3/16** 9am until 2p.m. a retreat held in Davis Hall. We invite you to join Confessing Joy: Living the good life by letting go.

**Episcopal Church Women**

**3/19** currently meeting via Google Meet. Regular meetings are the third Monday of the month. April meeting will be held 4/22. Contact Wanda Carr wandakiddcarr@gmail.com

**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 \$50.. Please contact Trish Cole (770)-377-4348 or trishcole4@gmail.com

**The Men's Group**

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

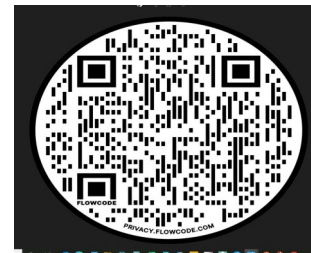
**Rector's Bible Study**

Every Wednesday at noon via Zoom currently studying Proverbs. Contact the office for the link.

**Online Giving** available through our website www.stclements canton.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.

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Serving Today:  
VPOD: Margaret Garwatoski  
Crucifer: Bruce Allen  
Gospel Torch: Tim Hodgins  
Epistle Torch: Solomon Osazenaye  
LEM: Diane Hodgins  
Reader: Robin Miller  
Teller: Al Irvine



**Birthdays this week**  
Bobby Burson 3/3  
Dottie Leffingwell 3/4  
Lynn Burson 3/6

**TREASURER'S SUMMARY**  
as of January 2024

Pledges YTD	\$12,978.56
Total Income	\$34,628.51
Total Expenses	\$34,628.51



**The 3rd Sunday in Lent**  
**March 3rd, 2024**

We give you thanks, O God, for the place you have given us, your faithful body, to worship in spirit and in truth.

**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.  
Centering Prayer // 1pm  
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.

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