

March 23, 2025

The Third Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:00AM 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</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 <i>Communion Song</i> Post Communion Prayer BCP 365 The Blessing <i>Song for the Procession Out</i> The DismissalBCP 366
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11:00AM CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

Procession In, *standing**In the Cross of Christ I Glory*Hymnal 441

The Opening SentencesThe Book of Common Prayer 355

Song of Praise*The Trisasion*Hymnal S100BCP 356

The Collect

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 3:1-15

Note: Just about every prophet resists the call of God, and Moses is no exception. But the pattern also holds that when God calls, God will equip and stand by the person called.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come

to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': "This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Psalm 63:1-8*Deus, Deus meus*

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.

4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast..

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Note: The main issue Paul addresses here is idolatry. He sees it as a problem during the time of Moses as much as in the church at Corinth. The problem with elevating things or people above God is that we lose our ability to discern what is most important from what is of lesser importance. Once that happens we live apart from God, in a smaller and more dangerous world .

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Sequence Hymn, *standing**All Glory Be To God on High*Hymnal 490

The Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Note: This passage has two parts: one a commentary on two disasters, one human made and one an accident both raising implicitly the question of why bad things happen. Jesus follows this with the parable of the fig tree and the urgency to bear fruit now.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The HomilyThe Rev. James B. Stutler, D. Min

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 SinBCP 359

The Peace, *standing*BCP 360
THE HOLY COMMUNION
RITE II, PRAYER B

The Offertory*He was Despised*Solo: Valerie Brumbelow
The Doxology, *standing*Hymnal 380, v3
The Sursum CordaBCP 367, S128
The SanctusHymnal S114
The Canon, *kneeling or standing.*

THE GREAT AMENBCP 368

The Lord's PrayerBCP 364

Breaking of the BreadBCP 364
Fraction AnthemHymnal S169
Choir Meditation*My Flesh is Food Indeed*
*Deep River*Choir

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.

Recessional Hymn:*Now Let Us All*Hymnal 479

The Blessing

The Dismissal ResponseBCP 366
Thanks be to God.

WE PRAY FOR:

Our Parish Family, especially

- ✚ SUSANNA, CLYDE, JOAN, PAIGE, CLAIRE, EVELYN, MARGE & ALAN, JOAN, SOLOMON, VICTOR, MISSY, CAROLE, JUDITH, JOHN T, ANN, AL, JEAN, HUBIE, AMANDA, ROBIN, KIM, TED, FRED, REBA, FRAN, DAKOTA, MARGARET C, JOSEPH, 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.

Others needing Intercessory Prayer:

- ✚ HEALING: HILARY, DIANE, SANDRA, RYAN, DAN, MARTHA, PAM, PEGGY & FAMILY, KATHLEEN, STEVE, ANDY, PATTI, JUSTIN, ADRIAN, MICHAEL, ANN, ROBIN, THE PEOPLE OF MAUI, ELVIE, ELIZABETH, ROB, SONJA, FRANK, MOLLY, BRUCE, KRISTI, RAYMOND, GRACE, LESLIE, PAUL, LIZ, JOHN, KENNETH, JOE, MISTY, LORI, PAT, CATHY, JEFF, EMORY, BEAU, JOANN, KASEY, CAROL, GORDAN, BEVERLY, LUPINA, LORA, ERIC, LEELANO, MADISON, TYLER, KENNY, COLT, ANDREW, PHIL, DONALD, LORELLA, KATHY, URSLA, PRISCILLA & LARRY, LIZ, DAVID, & JINNY.
- ✚ COMFORT: RYAN & THE BARRE FAMILY.
- ✚ ARBOR: PHYLLIS, FRAN, LIZ, BETTY, MARY, ROSE, BOBBY, LESLIE, ANN & ART, BOB, KEIRSEY & OLGA.

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.

Holy Curiosity:
A Lenten Discipline

Lent is as much a time for a lively curiosity as it is for repentance. In fact, one might not discover the new path of life of change offered by God if we don’t exercise our own God-given curiosity. It may be our biggest clue which we ignore at our own peril.

Albert Einstein coined the term “holy curiosity” when he described the very pattern of scientific learning and scientific discovery. In his view, it had a quality of deep humility as one faces the grand design of eternity.

This Sunday’s reading from Exodus begins in curiosity: Moses giving a side-long glance to the bush on fire and yet not consumed. “What can this mean?”, we can imagine him saying to himself. For him it means both a new life and a new way of looking at life, a discovery of gifts he did not realize he had and a place to exercise them for the blessing of other people.

The parables of Jesus urge us to be curious. They make us wonder more: more information, more explanation, more certainty. It is as if Jesus whets our appetite for all these things and then places them squarely in our own lap. Now, he seems to say, “what are you going to do with that?”

Whether it is Einstein’s phrase, or the revelation to Moses, or the parable of a fruitless fig tree in need of some help, these are all calls to a larger world and a larger hope. They draw us forward toward an indistinct new world, and the leading edge is our curiosity, our wonder of what God has on offer beyond.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us immediately after each service for fellowship 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*

Fish Fry
3/28 5:00—7:00pm Davis Hall
This continues on Fridays during Lent. Tickets are \$12.00

Easter Basket Campaign
3/14-4/13 Donate wrapped Easter Baskets, either purchased or homemade, to Must Ministries for children in need in Cherokee County. Alternatively, you can contribute by placing a check marked for Easter Baskets in the collection plate or donating online through the website. All donations are welcome!

Lent Clean Out Challenge: 40 Days, 40 Items
Bring gently used items (clothing, shoes, books, home goods, etc.) to the Narthex on Sundays for donation to local non-profits. Sponsored by the ECW.

Lenten Series: Journey of Discernment
3/9—4/13 10:15 to 10:45am
Community of Hope International’s six-week course is being offered during Lent for adults. Learn how to listen to the call on your journey with God. Classes will be held on Sundays between services and after the combined service potluck on April 6th. For more information, please contact either Diane Hodgins at (850) 339-8540 or Fr. Jamie at (770) 324-2035.

LEV Ministry Meeting
4/8 10:00am Vestry Room

Spring Exterior Planting
4/12 1:00pm Join us for a community effort to refresh the church’s exterior for Palm Sunday. Feel comfortable bringing your own tools. All are welcome!

Palm Sunday
4/13 9:00am, 11:00am The Sunday of the Passion

Tenebrae
4/16 6:15pm The Liturgy of the Day

Maundy Thursday
4/17 7:00pm The Liturgy of the Day followed by Morning Watch until midnight.

Good Friday
4/18 12:00-3:00pm The Three Hours

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7:00pm The Liturgy of the Day

Holy Saturday
4/19 9:00am The Liturgy of the Day

Easter Sunday
4/20 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00am Holy Eucharist
10:15am Easter Egg Hunt

Mondays
Grief Share 10:30 am in Davis Hall

Tuesdays
The Men’s Group 11:30am at IHOP, 3010 Northside Parkway, Canton
Contact: stclementsmensgroup@gmail.com

Bible Study 1:30-2:30 in Davis Hall. “The Lord’s Prayer”

Wednesdays
Rector’s Bible Study 12:00pm via Zoom
We are studying the Psalms. Contact the office for the link.

Holy Eucharist 6:15pm followed by
• 6:45 meal
• 7:00 EYC 1st and 3rd Wednesday
• 7:00 Bible Study


Thursday
Path to Shine 2:00—5:00 pm in Davis Hall.
This is a school children’s mentoring group.


Friday
Centering Prayer 12:30 pm in church.. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. If interested, please contact Fr. Jamie (770.324.2035) or Diane Hodgins (850.338.8540).

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Serving Today:
VPOD: Tim Woltering/Kay Morrison
Crucifer: Jeff Pawlik
Epistle Torch: Solomon Osaenaye
Gospel Torch: Wayne Smoak
LEM: Janelle Walker
Reader: Janelle Walker
Teller: Scott Burleson

Birthdays this week:
 Deborah Cainto 3/23
Amanda Cerniglia 3/25
Barbara Dominey 3/25
Lilah Schilling 3/26
Delena Mabry 3/27
Eddie Hobby 3/28

 Anniversaries this week:
No known anniversaries.

TREASURER’S SUMMARY as of January 2025	
Pledges YTD	\$36,120
Total Income	\$59,010
Total Expenses	\$20,600



O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,

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
No Morning Prayer (online) // 9:00am
Grief Share // 10:30am

THURSDAY
Canton AL-Anon // 7:00pm
Path to Shine // 2:00pm to 5:00pm

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

FRIDAY
Morning Prayer (online) // 9:00am.
Service @ The Arbor // 10:30a.m
Women’s AA // 12:00 noon
Centering Prayer // 12:30 noon

WEDNESDAY
Morning Prayer (online) // 9:00am.
Women’s AA // 12:00pm.
Rector’s Zoom Bible Study // 12:00 noon
Holy Eucharist // 6:15pm
Meal // 6:45pm
EYC // 7:00pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
Bible Study // 7:00pm

There will be no Altar Flowers during the Lenten Season.

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