

October 5, 2025

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:15AM CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

COMBINED SERVICE

Procession In, standing	Jesus Shall Reign	Hymnal 544 vs. 1-3,5
The Opening Sentences	The Book of Common Prayer 355	
Song of Praise	The Gloria	Hymnal S278

The Collect
Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Note: This prophet of the 7th century BC was desperately concerned about the moral and political conditions of his time. He is looking for a sign. God’s response is hopeful: there remains a vision of God even in the worst of times. The faithful are those who wait for it. What might it look like to wait for a sign from God?

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.
O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?
Why do you make me see wrong-doing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous--
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.
Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

Psalm 37:1-10 Noli aemulari

Note: Patiently waiting for the Lord is the posture of the faithful. The alternative is to live a life distracted by the uncertainties around us. Even in a chaotic time there is a richness in the living presence of God. The psalm implies not merely an occasional openness to God’s presence, but a sustained posture. What is your posture toward God?

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart’s desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

The Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Note: Paul writes to a disciple who was raised in the faith by his mother and grandmother. He encourages him to hold fast to that faith and not to be concerned that, even as he writes, Paul is suffering for that very same faith. Even now, Paul writes, his faith is sustaining him through the present hard time. What are the difficulties of prayer in a hard season? How can we navigate them?

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Sequence Hymn, standing	Christ is the World's True Light	Hymnal 542
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The Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Note: The apostles’ cry “increase our faith!” is a response to the warning of Jesus that there will be “occasions for stumbling” and the Lord’s mandate to forgive even the most

recalcitrant of sin against you. The mustard seed implies that just a scant sliver of faith is enough. Is it?

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

The Homily	The 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 Sin	BCP 359
The Peace, standing	BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

RITE II, PRAYER B

The Offertory	Psalm 23 (Vicar of Dilby) Ubi Caritas	Choir
The Doxology, standing		

The Great Thanksgiving		
The Sursum Corda		BCP 367
The Sanctus		Hymnal S114
The Canon, kneeling or standing.		
THE GREAT AMEN		BCP 368
The Lord’s Prayer		BCP 364

Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364
Fraction Anthem		
Choir Meditation	Deck Thyself in Gladness	Hymnal 339

Post Communion Prayer, kneeling or standing	BCP 365
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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:	God Who Stretched the Spangled Heaven	Hymnal 580
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The Blessing		
The Dismissal Response	Thanks be to God.	BCP 366



WE PRAY FOR:

Our Parish Family, especially

- ✚ FRAN & VICTOR, BILL, STEPHANIE, AMANDA, DOTTIE, SUSAN, LINDA, PAIGE, CLAIRE, MARGE & ALAN, JOAN, VICTOR, CAROLE, JUDITH, JOHN T, ANN, AL, JEAN, HUBIE, AMANDA, ROBIN, KIM, TED, REBA, FRAN, DAKOTA, MARGARET, 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, NICK, BRANDON, MAGGIE, STEPHEN, DAVID, NOAH, KEVIN, NATHAN, LAUREN, & GAVIN.

Others needing Intercessory Prayer:

- ✚ HEALING: HILARY, DIANE, SANDRA, RYAN, DAN, MARTHA, PAM, PEGGY & FAMILY, KATHLEEN, STEVE, PATTI, JUSTIN, ADRIAN, MICHAEL, THE PEOPLE OF MAUI, ELVIE, ELIZABETH, ROB, SONJA, MOLLY, BRUCE, KRISTI, RAYMOND, GRACE, LESLIE, PAUL, LIZ, JOE, MISTY, LORI, CATHY, JEFF, JOANN, KASEY, CAROL, GORDAN, BEVERLY, LUPINA, LORA, MADISON, KENNY, COLT, ANDREW, DONALD, LORELLA, KATHY, PRISCILLA & LARRY, LIZ, DAVID, KAREN, JASON, LAURIE, JAN, MARKHAM, MARTIN, TOMMY, GEORGE, RUBY, RICH, TOBY, BECKY, LINDA, LIBBY, BETH, GISELA, DONNA, JOY, JAN, PERRY & CHRISTY, KATHY, ROBIN, ANALISA, CHAD, CATHY, MICHELLE, KAY, CURTIS, SCOTTY, YA YA, KIRSI ANN, BONNIE, LEO, SCOTT, RICHARD, AND JOY.
- ✚ COMFORT: THE LOEFFLER FAMILY & THE BARRE FAMILY.
- ✚ ARBOR: The Congregants at The Arbor.

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.

Amazing Things

The Victoria Cross is the highest honor a British soldier can receive. In 1879, after the Battle of Rourke’s Drift in South Africa where 150 British soldiers held off thousands of Zulu warriors, several ordinary soldiers received the award, but not one officer. Why? Because it was considered that the officers were simply doing their job.

One theme throughout all the readings this Sunday is the keeping of faith in times when faith is hard to keep. In a sense that is our job. We don’t get a medal for doing our job. This is the ordinary life of a follower of Jesus Christ.

St. Teresa of Lisieux was a young nun who spent her time in prayer and in doing good things for people without them knowing it. She wanted to express her love for others as the natural overflowing of her faith without the complicating factor of the need of acknowledgment of the action. She did her job.

When we realize that our faith is not only a gift to us but a gift to the world around us, we might find it strange to think we can in any way take credit for it. Because faith is a gift, it gives us a job to do, a vocation. It becomes a grounding for our life upon which, indeed, amazing things can happen. By God’s continuing grace.

Jamie ✚

UPCOMING E VENTS

Please join us immediately after the services today for **Potluck Meal** across the parking lot in Davis Hall!

Realm is Here!
We’ve launched this new tool to help us stay connected, engaged, and informed. It’s simple, secure, and made for churches just like ours. Some of you have already received Invitations by email! There will be computers set up in Davis Hall to help people set up their portal accounts and, upload pictures of themselves to earn their St. Clement’s car magnet! Stay tuned!

Adult Education:
10/5 9:15am Episcopalian 101 continues featured by Fr. Jamie.

LEV Ministry Meeting
10/7 10:30am-noon in the Vestry Room in Davis Hall. Contact: Diane Hodgins at dianehodgins259@gmail.com

COHI Adult Education Series
10/12 10:15am Community of Hope International (COHI) is offering an 8-class adult education series. The second class, Interfaith: All God’s Children Worship, is Sunday, October 12, 2025, at 10:15 a.m. in Davis Hall. The guest speaker is Jon Collins. Join us in a journey in learning how to do extraordinary things!

10/13 Book Club
1:30pm Discussing The Wide, Wide Sea by Hampton Sides. Contact: Sallee Macknik Sallee_m@yahoo.com or (770) 714-6340

Happening (EYC HS Retreat)
10/17-19 High School retreat at Camp Mikell.

Trunk or Treat
10/25 Come see kids of all ages enjoy Halloween! Sign up to host a Trunk!

EYC Lock-in
11/7-8 Youth lock-in at The Cathedral in Atlanta.

New Beginnings (EYC MS Retreat)
11//14-16 Middle School retreat at Camp Mikell.

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

The Way Bible Study 1:00-3:00pm in Davis Hall. We study the previous Sunday’s readings. For more information, please contact Susan Gensel at 706.273.9187.

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Wednesdays
Rector’s Bible Study this week 12:00 noon via Zoom. We are studying the Psalms.

- Holy Eucharist** 6:15pm
- **Meal** 6:45pm
 - **EYC** 7:00pm
 - **Bible Study** 7:00pm Continuing the study of Twelve Extraordinary Women exploring the lives and faith of women who changed the world through God’s grace. In the Vestry Room.

Thursdays
Grief Share 10:30am In the Vestry Room

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

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

Online Giving is available through our website www.stclementscanton.org or by the Vanco app.

Office Hours
Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10am—2pm
Wednesdays: 9am-11am
Please call before coming to make sure someone is in the office.

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Serving Today:
VPOD: Tim Hodgins
Crucifer/1st Server: Brad Vaughan
Epistle Torch: Jack Ferraro
Gospel Torch/Bells: Tori Vaughan
LEM: Doug Blackburn
Reader: Gloria Blackburn
Teller: Bill McArthur

 **Birthdays this week:**
Cory DeBord 10/5
Henry Morgan 10/7
Kay Morrison 10/8
Fred Halcomb 10/11
John Thompson 10/11

 **Anniversaries this week:**
Dan and Danette Schilling 10/6
Robert and Lynn Burson 10/11

TREASURER’S SUMMARY as of August 2025	
Pledges YTD	\$ 153,860
Total Income	\$ 202,710
Total Expenses	\$ 207,710



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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 Al-Anon//12:00pm	THURSDAY Grief Share//10:30am Path to Shine// 2:00pm Al-Anon//7:00pm Alateen//7:00pm
TUESDAY COHI //10:00am Men’s Group, IHOP//11:30am Bible Study: The Way//1:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous//8:00pm	FRIDAY Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am Service @ the Arbor//10:30am Women’s AA//12:00pm Centering Prayer//12:30pm
WEDNESDAY Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am Rector’s Zoom Bible Study//12:00pm Women’s AA//12:00pm Holy Eucharist//6:15am Bible Study//7:00pm (1st & 3rd weeks) EYC//7:00 pm (1st & 3rd weeks)	

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God
By Karen & Tom Bommelje in Loving Memory of her brother & best friend James Full & in Thanksgiving for his grandson James Hudson Full.

By Jen & Chad Morgan in Celebration of the 18th Birthday of High School senior, Audiovisual member, Joyful Noise Band Lead Drummer, and St Clement’s Chimes enthusiast, Henry David Morgan.

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