

March 30, 2025
The Fourth 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 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> Post Communion Prayer BCP 365 The Blessing <i>Song for the Procession Out</i> The Dismissal BCP 366
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11:00AM CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

Procession In, standing The Opening Sentences	<i>Faith of Our Fathers</i> Hymnal 558 The Book of Common Prayer 355
Song of Praise	<i>The Trisagion</i> Hymnal S100 BCP 356

The Collect

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Joshua 5:9-12

Note: Joshua, as Moses' successor, leads the people of Israel into the land promised by God after the long journey through the wilderness from their slavery in Egypt. It is, in essence, a return to the place of the ancient ancestors, of Abraham and Sarah and their children and grandchildren.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Psalm 32 *Beati quorum*

Note: This psalm celebrates a God that welcomes back those that have gone astray. It contrasts the bitter reality of being separated from God with the supreme joy of finding oneself renewed again in God's presence.

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said," I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Note: Paul often talks about being "in" Christ. It carries the sense of deep personal connection with the larger life of God. Here he speaks of the practical implications of this orientation, that one not only sees Christ differently, but sees the world differently. Being in Christ changes the world from a place of inevitable conflict and despair into a place full of the possibility of love and reconciliation. How we ordinarily see the world could be a clue to just how much we are "in" Christ and how much more there may be to discover.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Sequence Hymn, standing He Who Would Valiant Be Hymnal 565

The Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Note: Keep in mind that the parable of the Prodigal Son is the third parable about finding the lost that Jesus tells in response to the Pharisees' complaint about who he was eating with: tax collectors and sinners. What does this parable tell us about ordinary hospitality? About outsiders and insiders? About the radical nature of Jesus' invitation?

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

""There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the

pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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	Solo: Judy Reardon
The Doxology, standing	Hymnal 380, v3
The Sursum Corda	BCP 367, S128
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	My Flesh is Food Indeed
Choir Meditation	Sing My Tongue the Glorious Battle
	Hymnal S169
	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: Jesus Shall Reign Hymnal 544

The Blessing

The Dismissal Response BCP 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, JOANN, KASEY, CAROL, GORDAN, BEVERLY, LUPINA, LORA, MADISON, TYLER, KENNY, COLT, ANDREW, PHIL, DONALD, LORELLA, KATHY, URSULA, PRISCILLA & LARRY, LIZ, DAVID, JINNY, KAREN, JASON, & LAURIE..
- ✚ 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.

A Dysfunctional Lenten Feast

This Sunday is Laetare Sunday. It marks a slightly different approach to the solemn season of Lent by bringing into focus an element of rejoicing in anticipation of the end of the fast and inevitable beginning of a feast.

The gospel lesson offers a glimmer of this rejoicing. Here we have one of Jesus’ parables that leads to a famous, if somewhat complicated, feast. The parable goes by many names but is probably best known as the parable of the Prodigal Son. It has also been called the parable of the Forgiving Father or the parable of the Resentful Older Brother. It all depends on how you want to explain the story.

The feast in question is complicated because it celebrates the return of the person who has caused all the problems in the family. Further, it is given by a father that doesn’t seem to care about the misbehavior and imposes no consequences for it. Finally, the feast is given in the face of an angry older brother who sees himself as the only responsible person in the household.

Now *that* is some substantive Lenten rejoicing, full of a dysfunctional brew of open enmity, questionable motives, and unconditional joy.

It is a story we are drawn into because it speaks to us all on some personal level. It may make us rage against the unfairness of it all. It may remind us of our own irresponsible seasons. It may make us wonder about the limits of our own capacity for forgiveness.

And, like many of the parables of Jesus, we don’t know how it ends. The whole situation seems unresolved. Only we can complete the story.

Jamie ✚

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
3/7– 4/11 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 12:00 noon 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: Amanda Cerniglia
Crucifer: Brad Vaughan
Epistle Torch: Doug Blackburn
Gospel Torch: Michael Schirk
LEM: Dell Lyons
Reader: Diane Hodgins
Teller: Al Irvine

 **Birthdays this week:**
Sallee Macknik 3/31
Cliff Morrison 3/31
Tracy Barre 4/4

 **Anniversaries this week:**
Chris & Rebecca Thomas 4/3.

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



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Laetare Sunday

Happy are they whose
transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away.

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 // 12:30pm
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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