

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 14, 2023

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

### 9AM Family Holy Eucharist,

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

#### Processional Song

Opening Sentences,

*Book of Common Prayer 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

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### The Holy Communion

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord's Prayer BCP364

The Breaking of the Bread

The Administration

Communion Song

Postcommunion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing

*Song for the Procession Out*

The Dismissal BCP366

### 11:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### Prelude

#### The Procession

*Lift High the Cross.* Hymnal 473

#### The Opening Sentences

The Book of Common Prayer, 355

#### Song of Praise *The Gloria*

Hymnal S278 BCP 355

#### The Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding; Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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:

*seated*

#### Acts 17:22-31

*Note: The Areopagus was either a location, a rock outcrop near the Acropolis in Athens, or a formal council who may have met anciently in that location. This is Paul's opportunity to engage with Greek philosophers who are curious about what he has to say. He doesn't dismiss them out of hand. He builds his point on their own understanding. There is listening here as well as speaking. Isn't that refreshing? Does this say something about the Spirit?*

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of

us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

#### The Psalm:

#### Psalm 66:7-18

*Note: A psalm worth reading from the beginning: "Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands." Be joyful because, despite misfortune, God has not abandoned us. Knowing this demands a response of praise. How do you praise God?*

#### Jubilate Deo

7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*

make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 **Who holds our souls in life, \***

**and will not allow our feet to slip.**

9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 **You brought us into the snare; \***

**you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;

we went through fire and water; \*

but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 **I will enter your house with burnt-offerings**

**and will pay you my vows, \***

**which I promised with my lips**

**and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts

with the smoke of rams; \*

I will give you oxen and goats.

14 **Come and listen, all you who fear God, \***

**and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*

and his praise was on my tongue.

16 **If I had found evil in my heart, \***

**the Lord would not have heard me;**

17 But in truth God has heard me; \*

he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 **Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \***

**nor withheld his love from me.**

#### The Epistle:

#### 1 Peter 3:13-22

*Note: How should we respond faithfully when we meet opposition, harassment, or threats? We embody Christ. We do not mirror the fear which is the source of all violence. Where can we practice this in our lives?*

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is bet-

ter to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

#### Sequence Hymn

*Day by Day*

Hymnal 654

#### Holy Gospel:

#### John 14:15-21

*Note: In this going-away speech which Jesus give to his disciples he comforts them in the knowledge that they will not be left alone but will receive the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is not a substitution for Jesus' presence, but the way God makes Jesus, the image of the Father, more present. The Spirit makes God in Christ real in our everyday lives. How have you felt this presence?*

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

#### The Homily

The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler

Silence for Reflection

#### The Nicene Creed

*standing*

BCP 358

#### The Prayers of the People

*kneeling or standing*

*Greetings and Announcements*

#### The Peace

*standing*

BCP 360

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem

*I Have Been Given Much*

#### The Doxology

*standing*

Hymnal 380 v.3

#### The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer B

*The Sursum Corda*

BCP 367

The Sanctus

Hymnal S112

The Canon

*kneeling or standing.*

Hymnal S130

THE GREAT AMEN,

BCP 368

#### The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

#### Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Choir Anthem:

*Oh, Happy Day*

#### Post Communion Prayer

*kneeling or standing*

BCP 365

#### Processional Hymn:

*Crown Him with...*

Hymnal 494

#### The Dismissal Response

BCP 366

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia.

**WE PRAY FOR...**

**Our Parish Family, especially**

✚ ALEX, PAT, ANNA MARIE, AMANDA, RITA, WANDA, ROBIN, DONOVAN, JIM B., JERRY, CHUCK, BILL W., MARK, KIM, TED, SHARON, FRED, REBA, DEBORAH, JOHN D., SCOTT, MARTI, FRAN, DAKOTA. DEACON JUDITH & MARGARET C.

✚ FR . JAMIE.

✚ THE MINISTRIES OF ST. CLEMENT'S.

✚ HEIDI AND RUSS, missionaries to Chile.

✚ For those who mourn especially MARY ELIZABETH DAVIS and the DAVIS FAMILY on the death of WALTON DAVIS.

**Those in the Armed Forces, especially**

✚ MARNYCE, JERRY, NICK, JOYCE, BRANDON, MAGGIE, STEPHEN, JAKE, ROSE, GAVIN, DAVID & NOAH.

**Others needing Intercessory Prayer:**

✚ HEALING: HILARY, BONNIE, GRIFFEN, BECKY, JESS, JOHN, JIM, DANA, SHONDA, DIANE, SANDRA, WESTON, DIANE, BEVERLY, DAN, LARAMIE, DON, RANDALL, GARY, MARTHA, PAM, CHUCK, CLARISSA, THOMAS, BECKY, JUDY, TIM, PINKIE, MELODYE, ROBIN, MICHELLE, TROY, MICHELLE, LOGAN, KIMBERLY, DALE, REBECCA, KATHLEEN, STEVE, JAN, ANDY, JOHN, IVY, MAEGAN, ORSON, JOANNE, SHI SHI, PAPA RED, MAX, JANE, GILL, TERRY, PATTI , PATTY, KATHLEEN, JUSTIN, MR. B., CHRIS, BRANDON, SHAWN & ANN.

✚ COMFORT: PAT, RYAN & PEGGY & FAMILY.

**WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL OUR BLESSINGS.**

Please take the bulletin home and pray for these concerns during the week. Please contact Trish Cole to update your prayer requests at

770-377-4348 or trishcole4@gmail.com

Prayer request cards are available on the back of the pews.

**Looking for the Holy Spirit**

Have you ever seen the Holy Spirit? No, of course not. The best we get in the Bible are descriptions of tongues of flame (Acts 2) or a freely blowing breeze (John 3).. We don't know what the Spirit looks like.

Except...

Except that in this week's reading we get two insanely helpful clues that, together, offer a pretty good picture of just what the Holy Spirit looks like.

Clue #1: the Holy Spirit looks like an Advocate –the one who stands up for you when you need it; the one who speaks on your behalf; the one who lends you a helping hand, takes your side, and won't leave you while you're down.

Clue #2: the Holy Spirit looks like Jesus. The Spirit is "another advocate" because Jesus is the first. The Spirit, Jesus goes on to say, will abide with us just as Jesus the Word made flesh has abided with us. The Spirit is sent in Jesus' name and reminds us of what he taught (14:25). In a very real way, the Spirit mediates Jesus' presence and helps to keep his promise that he will not leave us orphaned and will come to us.

In summary, then: *the Holy Spirit is an advocate that looks a whole lot like Jesus.* Which means that we've actually seen the Spirit lots of times. Anytime, in fact, someone stands up for another... Anytime someone acts like Jesus... Anytime someone bears the love of Christ to another... we've seen the Holy Spirit. No wonder, then, that Jesus says, "you know him."

Because, as it turns out, the Holy Spirit at one time or another has probably looked a lot like you, even a lot like me, and definitely a lot like each and all of us when we do these things.

David Lose

*Jamie*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Happy Mother's Day!**  
Visit our photo booth to get your picture taken.

**Adult Forum**  
Today 10:15 a.m. Fr. Jamie will lead a discussion **Tokens & Trust** by Rowan Williams.

**Senior Sunday:**  
5/21 we will be honoring our graduating seniors during the 9 a.m. service.

**Daughters of the King**  
5/21 1 p.m. Davis Hall to continue the study of where Jesus prayed. Contact: Trish Cole trishcole4@gmail.com.

**Parish Picnic**  
5/20 Saturday 12-4 p.m. Food, fun and fellowship for all! Please bring either an appetizer or a dessert to share. St. Clement's will provide hamburgers, chips, baked beans and drinks.

**Combined service**  
6/4 10 a.m. with potluck after the service. Please pull a ticket on the bulletin board so we don't get all of one category of food..

**Red Cross Blood Drive:**  
6/5 2:45-7:45 p.m. in Davis Hall. Go to the website and click on events to register.

**Fiesta! Vacation Bible School**  
6/12-16 9-12 Monday through Friday. Registration available on website.

**Book Club**  
6/12 1:30 p.m. Davis Hall to discuss **Ship of Fools** by Katherine Anne Porter and July is **When I'm Gone** by Emily Bleeker. Contact: Sallee Macknik at sallee\_m@yahoo.com.

**Women's Group/Inbetweeners**  
6/13 11: a.m. J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is leading contact: hickoryfarms@comcast.net

**ECW**  
6/19 7 p.m. Davis Hall. There will be no meeting in May due to retreat. Contact Wanda Carr (404) 861-5011 or wandakiddcarr@gmail.com

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**Rector's Wednesday Zoom Noon Bible Study**

Study of the Gospel of John continues. 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. **The Altar Guild is also looking for talented flower arrangers.** 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.

St. Clement's newest music ensemble is the **Joyful Noise Band**. If you play a musical instrument, we'd love to have you join us! The band plays 9 a.m. every 3rd Sunday. Contact Judy Reardon -judy.reardon@icloud.com.

**Wednesday Night:**  
Wednesday evening Holy Eucharist begins at 6:15 with a meal at 6:45 and youth and bible study following at 7 p.m.

**Online Giving** available through our website [www.stclementscanton.org](http://www.stclementscanton.org) or by the Vanco app on your smart phone.

Scan to visit our website for more information.



**Birthdays this week:**  
Jake Cain 5/14  
Jennifer Morgan 5/19



**Anniversaries this week:**  
Chad & Jennifer Morgan 5/20

**TREASURER'S SUMMARY**  
as of March 2023

Pledges YTD	\$81,021.48
Total Income	\$120,458.96
Total Expenses	\$83,763.70



**May 14, 2023**  
**6th Sunday of Easter**  
**Mother's Day**

Jesus said to the disciple (the one he loved), behold your mother!  
John 19:27

**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 a.m.

**THURSDAY**  
Path to Shine 2:45-4:45 p.m.  
Canton AL-Anon // 8 p.m.

**TUESDAY**  
Men's Group, IHOP // 11:30 a.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous // 8 p.m.

**FRIDAY**  
Morning Prayer (online) // 9 a.m.  
Women's AA// 12 noon

**WEDNESDAY**  
Morning Prayer (online) // 9 a.m.  
Women's AA // 12 p.m.  
Rector's Zoom Bible Study // 12 p.m.  
Holy Eucharist // 6:15 p.m.  
EYC // 7 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study // 7 p.m.

The Altar Flowers today are given by Marge Loeffler to the Glory of God & in honor of Father Jamie & the Vestry.

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