

The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

AUGUST 4, 2024

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude,

The Procession, *please stand as able.*

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Joyful Noise Band

The Opening Sentences The Book of Common Prayer, 355

The Collect of the Day

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 16:2-4,9-15 *please be seated.*

Note: There are many feeding miracles in the bible, but this one has special significance. God sustains these complaining people even as he saves them. One emphasis here is its daily nature. We are sustained by God one day at a time, trusting that as we make it through this day, we will be preserved through the next by God's grace.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

Psalm 78:23-29 *Attendite, popule*

Note: A song to reflect the feeding of the people in the wilderness. The doors of heaven open to a hungry people.

23 So he commanded the clouds above *
and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He rained down manna upon them to eat *
and gave them grain from heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; *
he provided for them food enough.

26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens *
and led out the south wind by his might.

27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust *
and winged birds like the sand of the sea.

28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp *
and round about their dwellings.

29 So they ate and were well filled, *
for he gave them what they craved.

The Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-16

Note: This was considered a prison letter of Paul, when enduring one of his captivities. However, the text defies human captivity and display God's freedom as he exhorts his readers to "speak the truth in love".

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Gospel: John 6:24-35

Note: This is the beginning of Jesus' conversational commentary, or discourse, of the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000. It begins with a implicit question to us, as he speaks to the crowd: "what are you looking for?"

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works

of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The Homily

Rev. James B. Stutler D. Min.

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

Let Us Break Bread Together

JNB

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*

BCP 362 S130

The People's AMEN

BCP 363

The Preparation for the Distribution

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Choir Anthem

Alleluia, Alleluia...

JNB

The Invitation: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please come and share in the Communion of Christ.

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

How Lovely, How Lovely

JNB

The Dismissal Response

BCP 366

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

Thanks be to God

WE PRAY FOR...

Our Parish Family, especially

✠ SOLOMON, VICTOR, SHARON, WANDA STEPHANIE, MISSY, CAROLE, JUDITH, JOHN T. ANN, JAMIE, JOAN IMMKE & FAMILY, 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 & JO ANN.

✠ 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.

Others needing Intercessory Prayer:

✠HEALING: HILARY, JOHN, 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, MARY, TOM, THE PEOPLE OF MAUI, ELVIE, AMY, BETTY, HEATHER, WANDA, PAIGE, GAYLE, AMANDA, MARK, CHRIS, ELIZABETH, ROB, BILL, BRITTANY, TOM, SONJA, FRANK, MOLLY, MAUREEN, LOU, TRAVIS, BRUCE, KRISTI, RAYMOND, GRACE, ED, LESLIE, LIZ, GARY, GABBY, PAUL, ASTON, SANDY, MARK, LIZ, NEYOMI, JOHN, MARILU, ANDY, SUE, LYNN, KENNETH, JOE, MISTY, DAVID'S PARENTS, LORI, PORCHA, MIKE, PAT, STACY, REBECCA & BLAKE.

✠ COMFORT: RYAN, PEGGY & FAMILY & KENDRICK & FAMILY.

✠ ARBORS: PHYLLIS, DONNA, FRAN, LIZ, MARIAN, LOIS, BETTY, MARY, ROSE, BOBBY, LESLIE, ANN, ART, BOB & KEIRSEY.

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.

Sacramental Eating

Most of the time when someone asks you over for dinner, they aren't concerned that you might be starving to death. There are plenty of places in the world where that is the case, of course. Nevertheless, dinner invitations have a deeper meaning.

It is an opportunity to get better acquainted. It holds the possibility of doing something essential to what it means to be human: building up a relationship.

In this way every meal can hold a deeper meaning and a deeper potential. Meals can be considered "sacramental" in the classical definition: "an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace" (St. Augustine).

It is no coincidence that "the principal act of Christian worship on the Lord's Day and other major feasts" is the Holy Eucharist, a ritual meal (The Book of Common Prayer, p. 13). We instinctively know something deeper is going on here in the liturgy. Something is being fed outside of bodily requirements.

In the same way the feeding of the 5,000, while very definitely satisfying hunger, is also a sign. The people follow him because of the feeding, but they are also following after him because they are looking for something, something they might not even be aware of.

Jesus points them, and us, to a deeper truth represented by this sign. He points us to what is durable and lasting in life rather than what is passing: the "inward and spiritual grace" of life.

This Sunday Jesus points to our longing for meaning and offers us a direction to explore that meaning. Hint: it has to do with the love of God.

Jamie✠

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us immediately following the service for a potluck across the parking lot in Davis Hall.

Our Parish Cares for You

At our parish, we offer a variety of Parish Care Ministries to provide support in times of need. These ministries are led by both our clergy and a dedicated team of lay volunteers. Our offerings include:

- **Community of Hope International:** Provides confidential emotional and spiritual care.
- **Daughters of the King:** Offers prayer and sends cards of encouragement.
- **GriefShare:** Hosts support groups for those grieving the loss of loved ones.
- **Lay Eucharist Visitors:** Distributes communion to those who are unable to attend services.
- **St. Martha's Ministry:** Organizes funeral receptions to support families during their time of loss.

For more information and contact details, please pick up a brochure from the narthex of the church.

Join Education for Ministry (EfM)

Through study, prayer, and reflection, trained mentors facilitate small group discussions and guide participants to examine life through an increasingly informed and inspired theological lens. More than Bible study, EfM participants read and discuss the Old Testament (year 1), the New Testament (year 2), Church history (year 3), and theology (year 4). You neither must commit to all four program years nor complete it in four years.

St. Claire's Episcopal Church in Blairsville, GA offers an on-line group. Questions? Locally, please contact either Fr. Jamie (770-324-2035) or Diane Hodgins (850-339-8540 - a recent graduate of the program). If interested in joining EFM, please contact either of the mentors, Jim Morton 770-265-2717 jimorton2000@comcast.net or Ken Alexander 706-633-0210 kbalex119@gmail.com

Pollinator Census

8/24 10am until 12pm Cherokee Senior Center and other locations hosted by Cherokee Master Gardeners. This allows everyone to participate in counting insects and is a STEM activity for youth.

Centering Prayer:

Centering Prayer has moved to a **new day** and time! We now meet every **Friday at 12:30 p.m.** in the church. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend. No experience is required. Information regarding the program can be found in the brochures in the narthex. If interested, please contact Fr. Jamie (770) 324-2035 or Diane Hodgins (850) 338-8540.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

8/6 10:30 am. Davis Hall. Only those serving at the Arbor need to attend. We will be discussing our plans for the one year anniversary celebration scheduled on Friday September 5, 2024 at 10:30am.

Book Club

8/12 1:30 p.m. Davis Hall to discuss **The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post** by Alison Pataki. Contact: Sallee Macknik sallee_m@yahoo.com or (770) 714-6340

Women's Group/Inbetweeners:

8/13 11:00 a.m. J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone

The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler, *rector*
770-324-2035

email

frjamie@stclements canton.org

Carlotta Ford, *administrator*
770-345-6722

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Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is leading contact: hickoryfarms@comcast.net

Episcopal Church Women

8/19 7pm in Davis Hall. Regular meetings are the third Monday of the month. Contact Wanda Carr wandakiddcarr@gmail.com.

Daughters of the King

9/8 1:00 pm Davis Hall to discuss Faith Moves Mountains by Harris Faulkner. Contact Trish Cole trishcole4@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: stclements mensgroup@gmail.com.

Rector's Bible Study

Every Wednesday at noon via Zoom. We are studying The Book of the Revelation. Contact the office for the link.

Tuesday Bible Study

1:30-2:30pm in Davis Hall: "The Lord's Prayer"

Online Giving available through our website www.stclements canton.org or by the Vanco app on your smart phone.

Scan to visit our website for more information.



Serving Today:

VPOD: Mike Woltering

Crucifer: Jeff Pawlik

Gospel Torch: Tim Hodgins

Epistle Torch: Brad Vaughan

LEM: Janelle Walker

Reader: Al Irvine

Teller: Carlotta Ford

Birthdays this week

Joseph Ford 8/6

Cathy Hasz 8/6

Luke Cain 8/9

Matt Cain 8/9

Fr. Jamie Stutler 8/10

Tom Carlson 8/12

Sophia Cerniglia 8/12



TREASURER'S SUMMARY

as of June 2024

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| Pledges YTD | \$123,856.43 |
| Total Income | \$185,025.68 |
| Total Expenses | \$177,056.68 |



**The 11th Sunday After Pentecost
August 4th, 2024**

So they ate and were well filled,
for he gave them what they craved.

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.
Nar A Non // 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

Canton Al-Anon // 7 p.m.
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 10:30 a.m.
Women's AA // 12 noon
Centering Prayer // 12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Morning Prayer online // 9 a.m.
Bible Study // 12 p.m.
Women's AA // 12 p.m.
Holy Eucharist // 6:15 p.m.

The Altar Flowers today are given by

the Morgan family to the Glory of God & in Loving Memory of Virginia "Ginny" Morgan for her July birthday. David & Carlotta Ford to the Glory of God & in honor of their son Joseph's 23rd birthday.

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